



*Our mission is to be a vibrant Montessori community  
that engages children to thrive in our changing world.*

*Montessori Academy's vision is that each student will become an independent, confident, motivated learner, and responsible community member as a result of the dynamic partnership between students, parents, and teachers. This partnership, within the exceptional Montessori environment, enables each student to become a life-long learner, respects the individual strengths, needs, and abilities of the student, and is a model within the educational community.*

## ***Infant Registration 2018 - 2019***

Montessori Academy is one of the leading Montessori schools in the nation. Accreditation is an important assurance of a quality education and an authentic Montessori environment. Accreditation with the American Montessori Society (AMS) and AdvancEd (formerly known as SACS CASI) is a high priority. With 1,300 member schools, the American Montessori Society includes 163 schools that are fully accredited with AMS, approximately 29 of these schools are also accredited by AdvancEd. Montessori Academy is the only Montessori school in Middle Tennessee that is accredited by the AMS and AdvancEd; it is one of two Montessori schools in Tennessee accredited by both the AMS and AdvancEd. Montessori Academy is the academic leader in the Middle Tennessee region in Montessori education and is a not-for-profit family-operated school.

Montessori Academy's historical roots began at the first Montessori school in Nashville, when the founder, Mrs. Eileen Bernstorf, assisted a neighbor in starting Montessori Centre in 1967. In 1985, she began Montessori Academy on the current 24-acre wooded campus. The first of five buildings was completed in 1986 and now with over 50,000 square feet under roof, Montessori Academy offers an excellent educational experience for Infant (3 months - 18 months), Toddler (18 months - 36 months), Primary (ages 3-6), Lower Elementary (ages 6-9), and Upper Elementary/Middle School (ages 9-15) students.

*"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."*  
William Butler Yeats

*"It is true that we cannot make a genius. We can only give to each child the chance to fulfill his potential possibilities."*

Maria Montessori

Montessori Academy's faculty and administration are committed to uncompromising standards of academic excellence, and to preparing students to be future leaders. The focus on executive functions are a natural outcome of Dr. Montessori's philosophy and passion for precision, love of order, pride in accomplishment, and respect. Teachers strive to incorporate these critical skills into each child's daily activities to become the foundation for successful living. Additionally, Montessori Academy provides students with a strong sense of belonging in a safe and protected community. Maintaining the dual accreditation demonstrates our commitment to academic excellence and our commitment to your child.

Montessori Academy is recognized by AdvancED and the AMS as an authentic Montessori school where academic excellence is a high priority and students excel in the exceptional educational environment.

Thank you for your interest in Montessori Academy. To apply, please follow the instructions listed on the following pages.

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# *Application and Enrollment Procedure*

**A Campus tour by parents is the first step of the admission process.** Application may then be made by submitting a completed application form and the application fee. Each age level has the following specific requirements before a student may enroll:

**Infant (3 months - 18 months).** The program is limited to 8 students with a ratio of 1 teacher to 4 students. Parents must complete an application. Your child will then be placed in our wait pool. Because we seek balanced classrooms in both age and gender, we have a "wait pool" rather than a conventional wait list. When a possible space opens for your child, an interview and classroom visit will be scheduled, and the parents will be interviewed by the Director. If the classroom interview goes well and the Director decides that the family is a good fit for Montessori Academy, parents will be notified by email of acceptance. Payment of the registration fee at that time will reserve your child's space. Parents must submit the Tennessee School Immunization Certificate, which may be obtained from your pediatrician.

## **Parents will need to provide the following information:**

- Health History (provided by the pediatrician or a parent)
- Immunization Record
- Proof of Physical Examination within 3 months prior to admission - must come from a pediatrician.

When a child reaches the age of 18 months, he or she can be accepted into the Toddler program. Parents will need to fill out a new application but all fees are waived for a mid-year transfer.

## **The following information is provided for your convenience:**

**Toddler (18 months - 36 months)** - Parents must complete an application and questionnaire. Your child will then be placed in our wait pool. Because we seek balanced classrooms in both age and gender, we have a "wait pool" rather than a conventional wait list. When a possible space opens for your child, an interview and classroom visit will be scheduled, and the parents will be interviewed by the Director. If the classroom interview goes well and the Director decides that the family is a good fit for Montessori Academy, parents will be notified by email of acceptance. Payment of the registration fee at that time will reserve your child's space. Parents must submit the Tennessee School Immunization Certificate, which may be obtained from your pediatrician.

## *Fees and Commitments*

### **Application Fee – \$150**

This non-refundable fee must accompany the application form prior to additional admission procedures. This fee is paid only once during the time the child attends Montessori Academy. If the child leaves and returns to Montessori Academy the fee may be waived upon re-enrollment.

### **Registration of New Students – \$300**

This non-refundable fee is due at the time the student is accepted.

### **Re-Registration of Current Students – \$150**

This non-refundable annual fee is due on or before February 16, 2018 with the current student re-registrations. Fee is \$300 after February 16, 2018. Re-registration fee is pro-rated (\$75.00) for those families who initially enrolled between January and May 2018.

### **Parent Leadership Program**

Volunteering at Montessori Academy models volunteer leadership to our children and affords parents the opportunity to be involved in the Montessori Academy Community. Parents are encouraged to work with Parent Coordinators to enhance the Montessori experience.

### **Tuition Payments**

Tuition payments are due on the first of the month beginning August 1, 2018.

## *Tuition*

### **Infant: (3 months - 18 months)**

**Full Time: Monday - Friday**

**Earliest drop off: 7:30 a.m.**

	<b>+10 Monthly payments:</b>	<b>Annual Tuition:</b>
7:30 - 3:00	\$1,540	\$15,400
7:30 - 5:00	\$1,745	\$17,450

### **Toddler: (18 months – 36 months)**

**Full Time: Monday - Friday**

	<b>+10 Monthly payments:</b>	<b>Annual Tuition:</b>
7:30 – 8:15	No Charge	No Charge
8:15 – 12:00	\$1,140	\$11,400
8:15 – 3:00	\$1,375	\$13,750
8:15 – 4:30	\$1,465	\$14,650
8:15 – 6:00	\$1,595	\$15,950

### **4 Days: Parents' Choice of 4 Consecutive Days**

	<b>+10 Monthly payments:</b>	<b>Annual Tuition:</b>
7:30 – 8:15	No Charge	No Charge
8:15 – 12:00	\$ 940	\$ 9,400
8:15 – 3:00	\$1,105	\$11,050
8:15 – 4:30	\$1,200	\$12,000
8:15 – 6:00	\$1,255	\$12,550

+Tuition is based upon the academic school year.

Summer Infant and Toddler programs are available for an additional fee.

Schoolwide Supply Fees/Lists are available at [www.montessoriacad.org](http://www.montessoriacad.org) .

Montessori Academy admits students of any race, gender, religion, or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to any student. Montessori Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, religion, national origin, or ethnic origin in administration or educational policies or in any school programs.

## Payment Instructions

- Electronic bill pay is highly recommended.
- Please bring or mail monthly tuition checks to the office.
- Please do not send your check to the classroom with your child or it may not make it to the office in time to avoid late charges.
- You will not receive a bill unless the payment is late.

## Tuition Late Fee

\$25 applied to monthly tuition payments received after the 4th of each month.

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## Parents provide the following:

- All diapers (cloth or paper)
- All wipes
- All food - formula, milk, cereal, etc.
- Comfort Items - blankets, stuffed animals, pacifiers
- Changes of clothing

*Please clearly label or mark all personal items with your child's name.*

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*The following information is provided for future planning purposes  
but does not apply as long as your child is in the Infant Program.*

## School Year Discounts apply only when the child has moved to the Toddler Program.

Families may receive a 2% discount on tuition (not After Care if the yearly tuition is paid in full by August 1).

### **The following discounts are available to families for children registered for full-time 3:00 p.m. dismissal or later:**

Families receive a \$50 per month sibling discount on the 2nd child's tuition.

Families receive a \$100 per month sibling discount on the 3rd child's tuition.

Families receive a \$150 per month sibling discount on the 4th child's tuition.

### **Additional Sibling Discounts:**

Families with 2 or more students *in Elementary* will receive a \$50 per month discount on the first child.