

# SCHOOL PROFILE

2022-2023

**Middle and Upper School  
Brier Creek Campus**

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The Montessori School *of* Raleigh



## Mission Statement

*The Montessori School of Raleigh is the Triangle's modern embodiment and mindful practice of the time-proven Montessori philosophy, developing agile thinkers, poised communicators, and gracious collaborators—engineers of authentic and fulfilling lives.*

Established in 1974, the Montessori School of Raleigh added the Middle School in 1999 and the Upper School in 2016. With approximately 360 students, MSR serves students from 15 months to grade 12. Our first high school class of four students graduated in 2020.

Two campuses serve our community. The Lead Mine Campus in Raleigh houses students Toddler through Grade 6; students Grades 7 -12 attend the 40-acre Brier Creek Campus in Durham.

## Curriculum

The Montessori School of Raleigh delivers an exceptional academic curriculum that follows Montessori philosophy and pedagogy while preparing our students to be active, successful adults no matter where their academic journey takes them next. Montessori students consistently demonstrate exceptional levels of inquiry, independence, and poise.

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB DP) is a rigorous, academically challenging and balanced program of education designed to prepare students ages 16 to 19 for success at university and life beyond. Students complete six college-level courses in a diverse liberal arts curriculum, in addition to a 4,000-word research essay, Theory of Knowledge epistemology course, and a comprehensive co-curricular program and community service.

## Special Programs

### Life Skills Program | Grades 9-10

Full-year curriculum designed to prepare students for college and life readiness. Students develop leadership skills including communication, collaboration, cross-cultural intelligence, and self-awareness through participation in real-world experiences, service learning, and group work.

### IB Independent Study | Grades 11-12

Students continue to apply and develop life skills to successfully complete independent project work required by the International Baccalaureate Programme. During weekly blocks of dedicated time, students complete extended essays, service projects, and other IB assessments.

IB students receive grades from the IB ranging from 7 to 1, with 7 being the highest score. Students receive a grade for each Diploma Programme (DP) course attempted. Students are awarded the diploma with a minimum score of 24 points subject to minimum levels of performance per subject. The maximum score available for IB is 45. This score consists of points from the six subject areas and three points for Theory

## Accreditations



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education that transforms lives



## Memberships

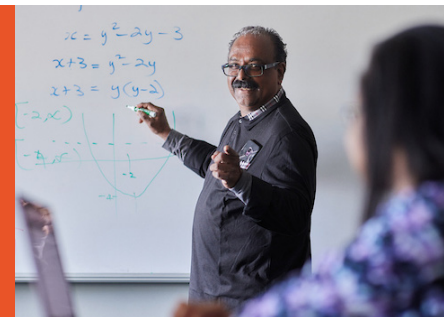


CEEB Code

**340061**

Faculty/  
Student Ratio

**1:4**



of Knowledge and Extended Essay, along with the completion of Creativity, Activity, Service.

### IB Classes Offered

IB Biology	IB English	IB Spanish AB initio
IB Global Politics	IB Music	IB Spanish B
IB Math A&I	IB Theatre	IB Theory of Knowledge

*Pamoja courses as available*

### Service Learning

MSR students participate in a program of experiential community service in both student-created and community-based projects. Students complete a minimum of 50 or more service hours each school year.

### Outdoor Education Trips | Resuming 2022-2023

Each fall students participate in a variety of adventurous challenges and outdoor activities, such as hiking, climbing, canoeing, ropes courses, and group games in scenic natural wilderness environments. Environmental studies and developing individual grit are key educational goals.

### National and International Trips | Resuming 2022-2023

As the apex of the spring semester, students design, plan, and lead curricular-focused explorations in different national and international locales.

Content Area	Credits
English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	4
Social Studies	4
World Languages	2
Health and Physical Education	1
Arts & Electives	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>

US Letter Grade	Percent Equivalent	GPA Standard Classes Grades 9-10	GPA Honors Classes Grades 9-10	GPA IB Standard Level Classes	GPA IB Higher Level Classes
A+	97-100				
A	93-96	4.0	4.4	4.8	5.2
A-	90-92				
B+	87-89				
B	83-86	3.0	3.4	3.8	4.2
B-	80-82				
C+	77-79				
C	73-76	2.0	2.4	2.8	3.2
C-	70-72				
D+	67-69				
D	63-66	1.0	1.4	1.8	2.2
D-	60-62				
F	41-59	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
F	00-40	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

## Graduation Requirements

- 200 Hours of Community Service
- Completion of one or more IB Diploma Core Requirements: Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge, Creativity, Activity, and Service
- Senior Speech

## MSR Pandemic Academic Response

### 2022-2023 School Year

- Students continue full academic schedule (six hours of instruction daily) through in-person instruction.
- Full assessments and assignments on regular MSR grading scale (No Pass/Fail)

### 2021-2022 School Year

- Students continued full academic schedule (six hours of instruction daily) through in-person instruction. Virtual option offered in the case of quarantine.
- Full assessments and assignments on regular MSR grading scale (No Pass/Fail)

Average Class Size

10





## Class of 2023 Testing Statistics & GPA

The Montessori School of Raleigh does not calculate class rank.

### Average GPA

Unweighted

**3.24**

Weighted

**3.98**

### Average IB GPA

**26.3\***

\*Class of 2022

### Average SAT Composite

**1198\***

\*Class of 2022  
Class of 2023 N/A

### Average ACT Composite

**25**

\*Class of 2022  
Class of 2023 N/A



## University Placement

### Graduates of The Montessori School of Raleigh were accepted to the following universities:

- American University
- Appalachian State University
- Berklee College of Music
- Boston College
- Brown University
- Bucknell University
- California College of the Arts
- Clemson University
- Coastal Carolina University
- College of Charleston
- Davidson College
- Duke University
- Eastern Carolina University
- Elon University
- Florida Southern College
- Georgia Tech University
- Gettysburg College
- Guilford College
- Harvard University
- High Point University
- Indiana State University
- James Madison University
- McGill University, Canada
- Muhlenberg College
- Northwestern University
- North Carolina State University
- Oberlin College
- Purdue University
- Queens University of Charlotte
- San José State University
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- The College of William & Mary
- The Culinary Institute of America
- The New School
- Tufts University
- University of Denver
- University of North Carolina at Asheville
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- University of North Carolina at Wilmington
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Virginia
- Villanova University
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- Wake Forest University
- Washington University