

Montessori Program Frequently Asked Questions

Program

What grade levels are offered? Beginning in the 18-19 school-year, there will be 3 multi-graded classrooms in the following grade level spans: Kindergarten-1st, 2nd-3rd, and 4th-6th.

What happens after 6th grade? Students will attend one of our four (4) middle school campuses for grades 7 and 8.

How many students will be in the class? Classroom student capacity is governed by class size must meet state requirements. K-1 and 2-3 class size is on average 24 students; 4-6 class size maximum is 32 students.

Where is the program located? The MCSD Program is at the Ada Givens Elementary school.

Is the Montessori Program separate from the Givens Elementary school? No. The MCSD Montessori Program is a part of the Ada Givens school community. Families participate in all school activities and abide by school functions as an Ada Givens family.

What curriculum is used and do Montessori Students take the same tests? The curriculum follows the Ca. Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards aligned to the developmental guidelines of Montessori. Students are given the same District and State assessments.

Enrollment

How do I enroll my child?

All families wishing their child be considered for or continuing in the MCSD Montessori Program are required to complete the **Program of Choice Application** annually. This information will assist the District with short and long-term planning and support.

Where can I get the application? The application is available at the MCSD Web page and at the Pupil Services office located at 601 Mercy Avenue.

Are there special tests or qualifications my child must meet? No special qualifications are required beyond the submission of the Program of Choice application.

Do siblings of MCSD Montessori students have priority? Yes. Siblings of students concurrently enrolled will receive priority placement. This means that the children are at grade levels K-6 in the same school-year.