



Welcome!!

**Is CMP the
right fit for my
child?**



The Mission of the California Montessori Project
is to provide a quality, tuition-free
Montessori Education that challenges our
students to reach their full potential.

Montessori Philosophy



Maria Montessori was an Italian physician, educator, and innovator, acclaimed for her educational method that builds on the way children learn naturally.

Maria Montessori believed that children are not blank slates, but that they each have inherent, individual gifts. She emphasized independence, self-directed learning, and collaboration with peers. Children are encouraged to make their own decisions and teachers are considered facilitators in the classroom.

As soon as you enter a Montessori classroom, you know that something very different is afoot. You will see children working and learning independently and in small groups. You will notice specifically designed materials and manipulatives. You will notice children deeply engaged in their work and learning to respect themselves and their surroundings.

The Montessori Method fosters rigorous, self-motivated growth for children and adolescents in all areas of their development– cognitive, emotional, social, and physical.

What is CMP?

The California Montessori Project is a tuition-free public charter school network created in 2001 that is made up of seven campuses in the Greater Sacramento area:

- American River (Fair Oaks)
- Capitol (Sacramento)
- Carmichael
- Elk Grove – Elk Grove
- Elk Grove – Bradshaw
- Orangevale
- Shingle Springs



Why a CMP Network?

- We hire own qualified staff (about 500 strong!)
- Our curriculum, policies, procedures, calendar and staffing expectations are consistent across sites.
- Our administrators, teachers, and staff collaborate as teams through regular meetings.
- We offer more robust staff Professional Development



What is a Charter School?

- **CMP is an Independent Charter authorized by four local school districts (San Juan, Sacramento City, Elk Grove, and Buckeye Union School District)**
 - Charters allow for alternate teaching methods. (Montessori Philosophy & Curriculum)
 - We are overseen by Governing Board comprised of parents and community members
 - Charters are funded directly by the state through tax dollars
 - Develops own budget
 - We are responsible for California State Common Core Standards

Educational Program and Montessori Philosophy

- Students learn through use of special manipulative Montessori materials
- Multi-age level classrooms
- Our curriculum is carefully aligned with the California Content Standards
- Students work at their own pace
- Students work independently and in small groups
- Students are empowered to manage their daily independent work
- Teachers continually assess and monitor student progress (formally and informally)



The Montessori Classroom

- Beautiful environments
- Low student/teacher ratios
- Multi-age classrooms
- Students work at tables, individual desks, or on small work rugs on the floor
- Movement & Interaction
- Collaborative work is encouraged
- Peer tutoring
- Students care for the class environment



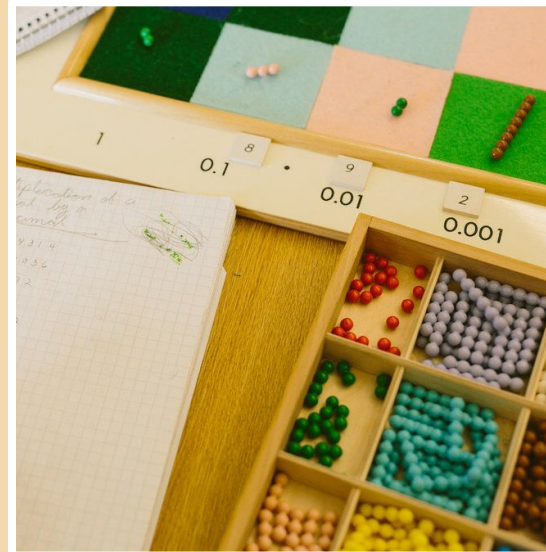
Areas of Curriculum

Core Subjects

- Math, Language, Reading and Writing
- Science (botany, zoology, chemistry & earth science)
- History and Social Studies
- Geography
- Physical Education
- Second Step SEL Curriculum

Enrichment Subjects

- Visual and Performing Arts Lessons
- Peace and Mindfulness Curriculum
- Character Development Focus
- Technology based Programs



Curriculum continued...

- ❑ Montessori Curriculum (Language, Mathematics, Geometry, Cultural Subjects)
- ❑ Zoophonics and SIPP's Reading Curriculums
- ❑ iReady Math and Reading (1st-6th grade)
- ❑ Ready Reading and Math Curriculum
- ❑ Handwriting Without Tears (1st- 5th grade)
- ❑ Keyboarding Without Tears (1st - 3rd grade)
- ❑ Instructional Level Spelling Program (1st - 6th grade)
- ❑ Teacher's Curriculum Institute (TCI): Social Studies Alive! California Promise, America's Past, and The Ancient World (4th-6th grade)
- ❑ Teacher's Curriculum Institute (TCI): Science Ecosystems and Cells and Genetics (7th-8th grade)
- ❑ Teacher's Curriculum Institute (TCI): History Alive! The United States Through Industrialism and The Medieval World and Beyond (7th-8th grade)
- ❑ Digits Math (7th-8th grade)

What Makes a Successful Montessori Student?



- Works independently
- Is self-motivated
- Takes responsibility for their actions
- Utilizes individual weekly work plans
- Makes safe, respectful & responsible choices for themselves
- Is a critical thinker and life-long learner
- Celebrates diversity
- Is an agent of change with a sense of community and social responsibility

Teachers and Staff

- ❑ Classroom Lead Teachers are Dual-certified
 - ❑ California Teaching Credential
 - ❑ Montessori Teaching Certificate
- ❑ Teaching Assistants in every classroom
- ❑ School Counselor and School Psychologist
- ❑ Visual and Performing Arts Teacher
- ❑ Intervention Staff: Reading and Math
- ❑ PE Teacher
- ❑ 4 Administrative Assistants
- ❑ Principal and Dean of Students
- ❑ Club M Staff
- ❑ Special Education Team: Speech, Occupational Therapy, Behaviorist, School Psychologist, Teachers, and Teaching Assistants



Technology at CMP

- ❑ All students 3rd-8th have an assigned chromebook
- ❑ All Upper Elementary and Middle School Classes have Smart Boards
- ❑ All Classrooms have Elmos
- ❑ Tech support on campus
- ❑ Use of Clever for single sign-on of tech programs
- ❑ Parent Square for parent communication

Parent Involvement

Parents are encouraged to volunteer for 40 hours for your first child enrolled and 70 hours for two or more children enrolled

- ☐ **Requirements**
 - ☐ **Live Scan Clearance (1 time)**
 - ☐ **TB Test (4 years)**
 - ☐ **7 Habits of Highly Effective Volunteers**
- ☐ **Additional Requirements for Driving**
 - ☐ **Copy of DL (valid)**
 - ☐ **Copy of Vehicle Registration (yearly)**
 - ☐ **Copy of Car Insurance - \$100,000 each person/\$300,000 each accident (valid)**
 - ☐ **DMV Driving Record - Form K4 (be sure to turn in within 30 days of report) (yearly)**

Parent Involvement Opportunities

- ❑ Campus Advisory Council (CAC)- like a PTA
- ❑ Field Trips- organizing, chaperoning, driving
- ❑ Classroom Support- reading, spelling, laminating, photocopying, washing job rugs, etc.
- ❑ Watching a Class Pet (typically over the breaks)
- ❑ Parent/Teacher Conferences
- ❑ Participation in one of our committees: Art, Literacy, Recess, Crosswalk, Staff Appreciation, Clothing Closet/Lost and Found, Fundraising, Gardening
- ❑ Campus event coordination and support

Campus Events

We are a small, tight-knit community with lots of family events!

- ☐ **Monthly Family Dine Out Nights**
- ☐ **Scholastic Book Fairs**
- ☐ **Montessori “Watch Me Work”**
- ☐ **Culture Fair**
- ☐ **Harvest/Gratitude Festival**
- ☐ **Classroom Performances**
- ☐ **Variety Show**
- ☐ **APEX Fundraiser Event**
- ☐ **Read-a-thon Fundraising Event**
- ☐ **Invertebrate Parade**
- ☐ **Earth Day Event**



Capitol Bell Schedule

Grade Level	Start Time	Dismissal	ERD Dismissal
TK/K	8:30 am	2:00 pm	1:00 pm
1/2/3	8:30 am	3:00 pm	1:00 pm
4/5/6	8:30 am	3:00 pm	1:00 pm
7/8	8:30 am	3:15 pm	1:15 pm

CMP-CAP has a free breakfast and lunch program sponsored through the SCUSD. The children in TK-6th grade have a 30 minute lunch time and a 30 minute recess. The Middle School Students have a 45 minute combined lunch and recess.

Capitol Student Enrollment: Approximately 360 TK-8th graders

Grade Level	Program Level	Number of Classes	Class Size
TK/K	Early Childhood	3	24
1/2/3	6-9 - Lower Elementary	5	24
4/5/6	9-12 - Upper Elementary	5	24
7/8	Secondary I - Middle School	2	24

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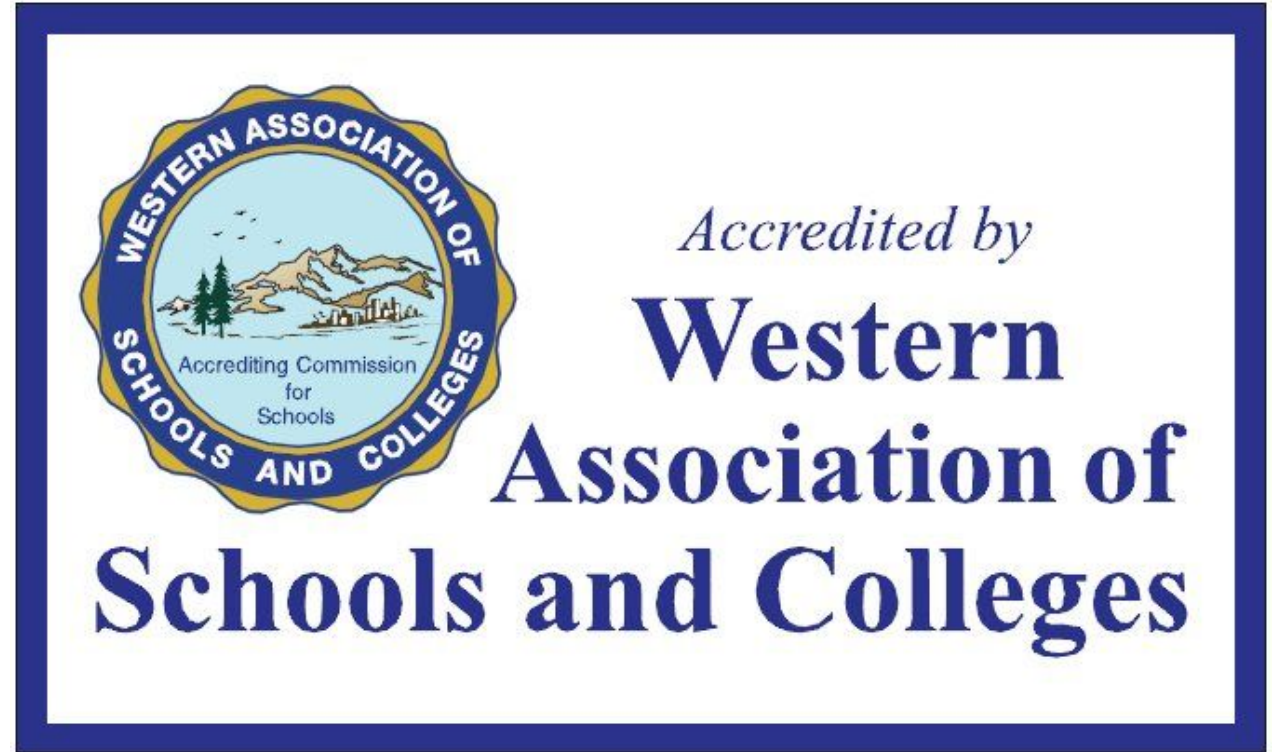
- ❑ Before and After School Childcare Program
 - ❑ 7:00-8:30 pm Before School
 - ❑ 2:00-3:00 pm Kindie Supplement Program
 - ❑ 3:00-6:00 pm After School
 - ❑ 1:00-6:00 pm Early Release Days
- ❑ Intersessions
 - ❑ Fall Break
 - ❑ Winter Break
 - ❑ Summer Break
- ❑ Fee and Scholarship-Based Program



Other Things To Know About CMP Capitol

- ❑ Afterschool enrichment options for this year include Street Soccer, Running for Rhett, and a Performing Arts Opportunity
- ❑ Dress Code
- ❑ The Montessorigram
- ❑ Capitol Cafe with Ms. Shannon
- ❑ Field Trips- buses and parent drivers
- ❑ Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) Bead Program
 - ❑ Safe
 - ❑ Offer Peace
 - ❑ Always respectful
 - ❑ Responsible
- ❑ We are accredited by WASC and AMS

Accreditations



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Age Eligibility

- ❑ **Minimum Age Eligibility for Transitional Kindergarten:**
 - ❑ **School Year: 2024-2025**
 - ❑ **Child Must Turn 5 Between: September 2, 2023 - June 2, 2024**
- ❑ **Minimum Age Eligibility for Kindergarten:**
 - ❑ **School Year: 2024-2025**
 - ❑ **Child Must Turn 5 By: September 1, 2024**
- ❑ **Minimum Age Eligibility for 1st Grade:**
 - ❑ **School Year: 2024-2025**
 - ❑ **Child Must Turn 6 By: September 1, 2024**

Lottery Process

- ❑ Go to School Mint and create an account [.https://cmp.schoolmint.net/](https://cmp.schoolmint.net/)
- ❑ If your child has at least 1 school year of previous Montessori experience, please have the Director/Principal complete the Montessori Verification Form (can be found under the Enrollment and Lottery tab on the cacmp.org website).
- ❑ All applications need to be submitted by Tuesday, March 5th
- ❑ The Lottery is held publicly via zoom. Families will receive a link and login information through School Mint prior to the day.
- ❑ TK/K Lottery will be Tuesday, March 19th.
- ❑ 1st-8th Grade Lottery will be on Tuesday, March 26th.
- ❑ Families will receive results of the lottery (pulled or wait listed) through the communication method they choose when setting up their School Mint account. (Highly recommend choosing *both* email and text.)
- ❑ Families are able to login to their School Mint account at any time to check the status of their child's waitlist spot.
- ❑ Families have 72 hours to accept or decline a placement.
- ❑ Once families have accepted a placement, they receive a message from School Mint to begin registration paperwork..

A Tour in Pictures



Amazing Front Office Staff and Book Exchange



Principal and Dean's Offices



Garden, Walkway, and Playground



The Montessori Classroom



The Montessori Middle School Classroom



The Best Team Around!







**“The greatest gifts we can
give our children are the roots
of responsibility and the wings
of independence.”**

***-Maria Montessori
1870-1952***

What Questions Do You Have??