

James N. Gamble Montessori High School

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PREPARING STUDENTS
FOR LIFE

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3036 Werk Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45211
School Hours: 9:15 am - 4:15 pm



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Academics



Montessori Program Advantage ~ 21st Century Skills

Our Montessori program encourages the development of skills students need to excel in the 21st century:

- Curiosity and creativity
- Critical thinking and Problem Solving
- Work of the head, hands, and heart
- Flexibility and adaptability
- Leadership, teaming, and collaboration
- Independence, initiative, and self-direction
- Prioritization, productivity, and accountability
- Personal and social responsibility
- Commitment to living Gamble's mission, vision and core values building-wide



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Our Montessori Program

Schoolwide

- Approximately 700+ students
- College Preparatory Program at all levels
- Agriculture education program and outdoor learning
- Service learning and field experiences embedded in content
- Emphasis on social-emotional needs of adolescents

Junior High

- Experiential learning via day and overnight field experiences
- Two year academic cycle with community building focus



High School

- Core subject classes rated AA (honors level)
- Fall and Spring Interessions (community and interest-based)
- 12th-grade year-long senior project
- 95% college acceptance rate



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Programs and Opportunities



Junior High Experience

Junior High Communities

- Community of Original Learners (CoOL)
- Legacy of Learners (LoL)
- Luminous Achievers (LA)
- United Leaders (UL)
- ZenCoH (ZC)

What makes up a “community” in junior high at Gamble?

- 1 math/science teacher, 1 language arts/social studies teacher, 1 intervention specialist/co-teacher, and community paraprofessionals
- ~ 60 students, mix of both 7th and 8th-graders
 - Students and teachers loop — meaning you stay in your same community for both 7th and 8th-grade!
- Core classes, majority of field experiences, and Montessori pieces all occur with your community



High School Experience

High School Communities

- 9th and 10th-grade Communities:
 - A-Team
 - Universal Trailblazers
- 11th and 12th-grade Communities:
 - 11/12 Team

*Expansion of an additional 11/12 community is anticipated in the future.

What makes up a “community” in high school at Gamble?

- 1 Math Teacher, 1 Science Teacher, 1 Social Studies Teacher, 1 Language Arts Teacher, ~2 Intervention Specialists
- ~ 100 Students in 9/10 communities and ~160 in 11/12 community
 - Students and teachers loop- meaning you stay in your same community for both years.
- Core classes, majority of field experiences, and Montessori pieces all occur with your community



Gators Give Back Service Learning Project

About Gators Give Back:

- In the early years of Gamble Montessori, similar to other high schools there was a service requirement for graduation totaling 200 hours.
- In efforts to keep high expectations for each community member, and to implement research-based methods of best practice service learning, GGB was revamped.
- Completion of GGB is a required component of our Montessori program and is necessary for graduation

Progression of Service Experiences:

- **9th-Grade: Direct Service**
 - Participate in one non-profit organization service experience by the end of the 9th grade year and write a reflection
- **10th-Grade: Advocacy**
 - Participate in two non-profit organization service experiences throughout the year and write a letter to their state representative.
- **11th-Grade: Philanthropy**
 - Engage in a philanthropic project which ultimately awards a \$1,000 grant to a service organization in need.
- **12th-Grade: Youth for Justice Senior Project**
 - Complete a Senior Project on an academic topic of their choice, comprised of a written research paper, and a project modeled after the “Youth for Justice” curriculum.



Athletics and Extracurriculars

Athletics:

- Football
- Girls Volleyball
- Girls and Boys Basketball
- Cheerleading (Football and Basketball)
- Co-ed Track
- Baseball + Softball



Extracurriculars:

- Dance Team
- Student Council
- Jr. High Musical
- Video Gaming Club
- Soccer Club
- + MORE



School and Community Events

The members of our school celebrate and support our program and each other throughout the year with various events:

- Gamble Gathering
- Gamble Bonfire
- Meet the Seniors Night
- Thanksgiving Feast
- End of Community Building
- Fine Arts Performances
- Student v. Staff Basketball Game
- Montessori Market
- Senior Project Night
- Quarterly Student Recognition Nights



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**Student-Centered
Decision Making**



**Health and
Safety**



**Community
Engagement
and Influence**



**Optimized
Capabilities**



Growth



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