



CALIFORNIA

Montessori Project
Welcome!

What is CMP?

The California Montessori Project is a tuition-free public charter school network made up of six campuses in the greater Sacramento area:

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





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.

CMP's Vision

The Vision of the California Montessori Project is to provide a Montessori education that supports the intellectual, social and emotional development of every child. This will be achieved by:

Promoting independence

Teaching respect for oneself and others

Building confidence

Creating a sense of social responsibility

Empowering every student to be a global citizen.

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)**
 - Allows alternate teaching methods. (Montessori Philosophy & Curriculum) while addressing CA State Standards (CCSS)
 - Oversight by Governing Board: Comprised of parents, teachers, and community members
 - Funded directly by the state through tax dollars
 - Is a public school

Educational Program and Philosophy



- Montessori is an educational system that supports the physical, social-emotional, and cognitive development of the individual child. It bears the name of its originator, Dr. Maria Montessori.
- Characterized by an emphasis on independence, increased responsibility and freedom within limits, and respect for a child's natural development.
- The most distinct elements of Montessori educational programs are mixed age classrooms, students having a choice of activities from within a prescribed range of options, uninterrupted blocks of work time, and a "discovery" model of learning in which students learn concepts from working with hands-on materials.
- Since the early 1900's, Dr. Montessori's philosophy, materials, and practices have spread around the globe and have been implemented in a multitude of cultural settings. There are now thousands of certified, private Montessori schools and over several hundred public Montessori schools in the United States.

Educational Program and Philosophy

- Students learn through use of special manipulative Montessori materials
- Our curriculum is carefully aligned with the California Content Standards
- Supplemental curriculum and technology is integrated in accord with Montessori methodology
- Students work independently and in small groups, and students are empowered to manage their daily independent work
- Multiple years in same classroom
- 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



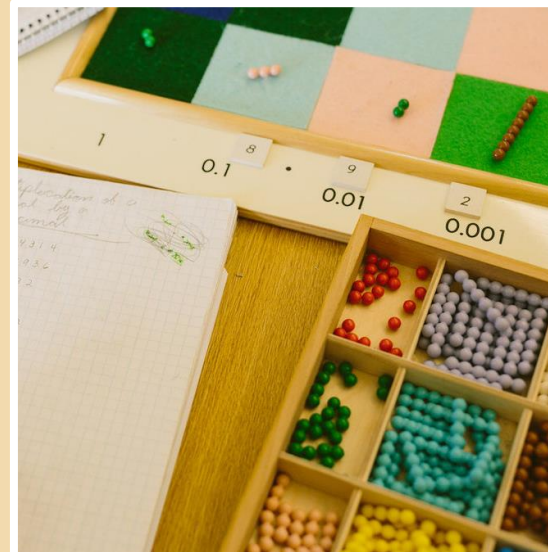
Curriculum

Core Subjects

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

Enrichment Subjects

- Art and Music
- Social Emotional Development Curriculum
- Character Development



Field Trips

- Important feature of the curriculum
- Tk-3rd: attend approximately 3-5 field trips per year
- 4th-6th: attend approximately 4-7 field trips per year, as well as a overnight Milestone trip (ex: Sly Park, Coloma)
- Middle School: Immersion trips between each 6 week cycle (6 -10 field trips per year)
- Parent participation critical for success as drivers and volunteers
- Contributions toward field trips to offset costs

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

Transitioning to a Montessori Classroom?

- **If your child is used to a traditional classroom format, in which all of the students are working on the same activity at the same time as one teacher leads them, be aware that in a Montessori classroom there is a different structure:**
 - In Montessori classrooms, students' skills are assessed, then they are given lessons and assignments based on their academic needs.
 - On a typical day, students will have 2-3 hours to complete their daily assignments. Teachers give lessons on new concepts and they, along with the Teaching Assistant, are there to support students, but students are responsible for be on-task and completing their individual work independently.

Homework Examples

- **Tk/Kindergarten through 3rd grade: nightly reading, practicing sight words and practical life homework; project based assignments (animal reports, recipe projects, etc.) that come home throughout the year**
- **4th-6th grade: reading, spelling, research projects**
- **Middle School: unfinished independent work, research projects, follow up practice from math, science, history**

Student Behavior Expectations

- **Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports:** Schoolwide common expectations. *CMP Carmichael Sharks SURF: Safe, Understanding, Responsible, Finding Solutions*
- **Positive Discipline approach:**
Classroom teachers utilize the methods of “Positive Discipline” to promote respect, responsibility, and cooperation among the students. Approach emphasizes adults being kind and firm, modeling mutual respect, teaching problem solving skills, and being solutions-focused.
- **Practicing Conflict Resolution Skills: Classroom Peace Area**
- **Ed Code applies, as public school**

Highly Qualified Instructional Staff

- Hold both California and Montessori teaching credentials
- Prepare an inviting, enriched classroom environment
- Promote and maintain the learning environment
- Respect each child as an individual
- Communicate openly with parents and partner with families
- Deliver both small and large group lessons
- Prepare individualized lessons
- Teaching Assistant in every classroom

Classroom Configurations

- 6 classrooms for Tk and Kindergarten
- 12 classrooms for 1st – 3rd grade (“lower elementary”); combination of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade
- 8 classrooms for 4th – 6th grade (“upper elementary”); combination of 4th, 5th, and 6th grade
- 3 classrooms for 7th and 8th grade; function as one class, students rotate across three teachers for subject area lessons; one homeroom

Additional Programs/Staff:

- **Intervention staff for students needing additional support in reading**
- **Special education services**
- **Teaching assistant in every classroom**
- **Art Teacher, Outdoor Education Instructor, P.E. Teacher and staff;
School Counselor**

CMP Carmichael: Campus Hours

- **Regular School Day:**
 - Tk/Kindergarten: 8:30am-2:00pm**
 - 1st – 6th grade: 8:30am-3:00pm**
 - 7th-8th grade: 8:30am-3:15pm**
- **Early Release Days (scheduled Wednesdays weekly and during conference weeks):**
 - Tk/Kindergarten: 8:30-12:45pm**
 - 1st – 6th grade: 8:30-1:00pm**
 - 7th-8th grade: 8:30-1:15pm**
- **Lunch/recess midday; school lunch & before school breakfast available**



School Library

- **The CMP Carmichael Library is a vibrant, fun, and engaging place for our community to learn and develop skills for learning and personal development.**
- **The Library is home to over 7500 books, 50 educational documentaries, 609 digital ebooks, and 100 audiobooks.**
- **Our Library website provides students with a daily read-aloud, themed activities during the school year, digital field trips, and fun stem and arts and craft activities!**

School Events

- Meet & Greet
- Back to School Nights
- Monthly Assemblies
- International Day of Peace
- Harvest Festival
- Watch-Me-Work Nights
- Jog-a -Thon
- Book Fairs
- Kindergarten Winter Program
- Read-a-Thon
- Cultural Fair/Science Expo
- Art Walk
- 8th grade graduation



After School Enrichment

- Art
- Music
- Spanish
- Dance
- Early Engineers
- Chess
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Partnerships with local parks districts to access additional sport programs



Parent Involvement

- Have regular and positive communications with teachers and administrators
- Learn about the Montessori approach – attend Montessori 101!
- Ensure your child attends school each day and on time
- Read classroom and school newsletters
- Attend parent meetings and conferences offered by classroom teacher
- Monthly Principal's Café
- Be involved in school-wide events
- Participate, get Involved and volunteer!

School Facility

- **CMP-Carmichael has resided at La Sierra since 2011-12.**
- **Student enrollment currently 670 students**
- **Large Field and Play structure**
- **Gymnasium for PE**
- **Secure, gated campus**
- **Club Montessori: Fee based before and after school program**
- **Convenient drop-off & pick-up loops**



School Facility

- Koob's Nature Center
- School Library
- Art Studio
- Science Lab
- Student gardens



Shared Facility

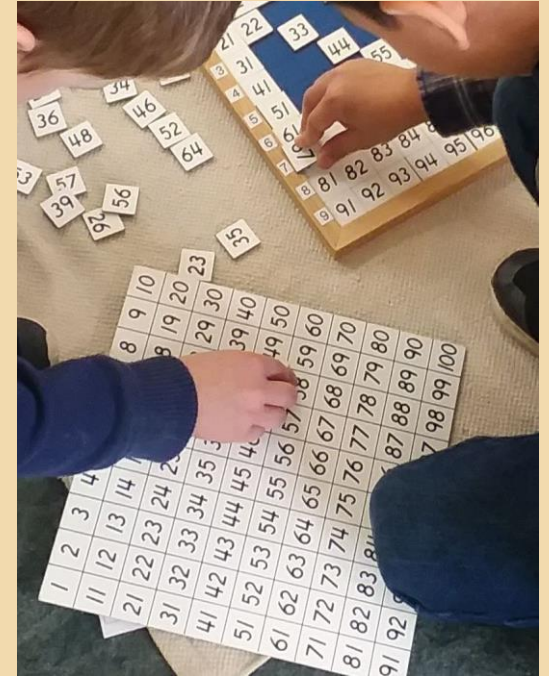
- **Property of Carmichael Recreation and Parks District**
- **La Sierra Community Center**
 - Public events on occasion
 - No public access to field or play structure during school hours
- **Montessori Preschool-privately owned**
- **Chautauqua Playhouse**
- **Fine Arts Center**

Club M

- Club M is for before and after school care each school day and during intersession periods. Activities include homework, arts and crafts, STEM activities, and outdoor activities.
- Families register their students for Before and After School Care and/or Kindergarten Supplemental.
- Before School Program: 7:00 am, Monday-Friday.
- Kindergarten Supplement 2:00-3:00pm, Monday-Friday.
- After School Program: 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm, Monday-Friday.
- Early Release Days

Outcomes

- After graduation from CMP-Carmichael, graduates move onto local district schools such Del Campo, Rio Americano, Mira Loma, & El Camino, as well as local charters such as The Met
- Alumni report ease of transition to High School and describe the Montessori emphasis on responsibility, self-motivation and working independently as serving them well. They report feeling confident as they navigate their new school.



Campus Visit

If you would like to visit our campus in person, you can sign up for a tour on one of the following dates. Visit <https://www.cacmp.org/lottery-and-enrollment/campus-lottery-tours>

- ~~Wednesday, January 10 at 10am~~
- ~~Tuesday, January 23 at 4pm~~
- ~~Wednesday, February 14 at 10am~~
- ~~Tuesday, February 27 at 4pm~~
- ~~Wednesday, March 6 at 10am~~
- ~~Wednesday, March 13 at 10am~~

Lottery and Enrollment Process

- **2024-2025 Lottery Applications Open January 9th, 2024 at 10am. *Link will be on CMP Lottery and Enrollment webpage:***
<https://www.cacmp.org/lottery-and-enrollment/lottery-and-enrollment>
- **January 9, 2024: Applications Open (a link will go live) - 10am**
- **March 5, 2024: Applications Close - 5pm**
- **March 19, 2024: TK/ K Lottery (Virtual Live Lottery)**
- **April 2, 2024: 1st-8th Lottery (Virtual Live Lottery)**
- **April 3, 2024: Applications Re-open on SchoolMint for the Waitlist- 10am**

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Further Questions?

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