

What Makes MPA Special?



“Because our students must develop responsibility for their learning and self-control in order to be able to work independently in class, they are always complimented on their behavior and their communication..”

—Ms. Jacquie,
Teacher



**MONTESSORI
PEAKS ACADEMY**
Jeffco Public School of Choice
Empowering Confident Leaders for 20 Years

At Montessori Peaks Academy, we offer child-centered, hands-on learning. We're a Jeffco Public School of choice and follow a modified Jeffco school calendar and standards. Here's what sets us apart from other schools:

Academic programming is rigorous and well-rounded

—**Students learn at their own pace**, whether that's faster, slower, or somewhere in between. Montessori uniquely adapts to each child's needs, allowing them to master content and feel empowered by their learning.

—**Montessori materials are amazing tools** for helping kids learn and build independence.

—**Art, music and P.E. are offered every week**, three times a week.

—**Each class has weekly library time.** Kids love interacting with Shelly our turtle—and of course the books too!

—**Our teachers guide student learning.** They are highly qualified with extensive training and ongoing credentialing, including Montessori certification.

MPA prepares students to successfully transition to middle school

—**Teaching leadership is part of the Montessori philosophy.** All students have opportunities for leadership, but it's in grade 6 where kids really shine. They mentor, teach and model leadership skills for younger classmates.

—**Students learn organizational and self-management skills** starting in lower elementary, so it's part of their skill set.

—**6th graders attend Outdoor Lab**, a week-long experience in teamwork and learning at 100 Elk Outdoor Center, an 1,100-acre ranch near Buena Vista. Kids discover abilities and strength they didn't know they had when they work in teams to explore and learn about the outdoors. Camp staff support and encourage students to participate in the ropes course, canoeing and horseback riding.

MPA offers many enrichment opportunities

—**Montessori focuses on a well-rounded curriculum** and includes all aspects of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math).

—**Guest programs** from the University of Colorado science team, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Butterfly Pavilion and others are incorporated.

—**Multiple after school programs and activities.**

What does care for the whole child mean at MPA?

—**Appreciation for each person's unique qualities.**

—**Respect and caring are incorporated in everything we do.** Kids learn *Responsibility Centered Discipline*, which teaches them to appreciate each other and our various strengths and challenges. Kids are taught to work out conflicts themselves, where they come up with terrific solutions and build important life skills.—**Daily breakfast and hot lunch are fresh and nutritious.** Lunch is a full 30 minutes, allowing time to relax, socialize and recharge.

—**Children have extended daily recess**, get brain breaks during class, and can move around the classroom as needed.

MPA encourages parent and community involvement

—**Involved parents make a better school!** Family volunteering is encouraged.—

MPA is governed by a parent and community board that oversees the school and works with administration to guide what is best for the kids.