

Benefits of the Montessori Program

- Students work toward becoming independent learners who are deeply engaged in their learning
- Students are able to progress at a pace appropriate to their learning needs
- Students work towards developing positive social and community skills
- Students are able to make a smooth transition to regular program education.

How do the students learn in Montessori?

Students study the same curriculum as the regular program, completing the British Columbia Ministry of Education's Learning Standards. However, students learn through the Montessori methods of working with carefully selected materials that demonstrate the concepts to be learned in a concrete way before moving to more abstract learning. Students choose the activities they will work on, covering all areas over time. In the classrooms, students learn individually, from each other and from the teacher.

There are often large blocks of academic study time to explore and deepen learning.

Please note that Montessori classrooms are usually combined two or three grade classrooms. It is one of the principles of Montessori education that children learn best in multi-age groups. The multi-age groupings allow children to be both the learner and the teacher at different times, building skills and confidence in their learning.



Resources

The New Westminister Montessori Society at <http://www.newwestmontessori.ca/>

Introductory information on line is at:
Michael Olaf: The Montessori Method
<http://www.michaelolaf.net/>

Montessori FAQ's
<http://www.montessori.edu/FAQ.html>

Montessori Education
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Montessori_education

For More Information Contact:

Programs of Choice
programsofchoice@sd40.bc.ca



Welcome to the MONTESSORI PROGRAM



Montessori

**New Westminister
School District No. 40**



New Westminster School District Montessori Program

What is Montessori



Montessori education is an approach to educating children that was first developed in the early 1900s by Dr. Maria Montessori, the first female doctor in Italy. She believed that children should choose developmentally appropriate activities in a stimulating environment of carefully selected and developed materials. Montessori education features multi-age classrooms, a special set of educational materials, student-chosen work in long time blocks, collaboration, fewer tests, and individual and small group instruction in both academic and social skills. Research shows advantages for students in Montessori Programs on a variety of achievement measures and on social-emotional measures that indicate a sense of community, justice and fairness.

Students in our Montessori programs go on to learn successfully in our regular programs in the middle school years and at high school. Parental support for the program is high.

How do I apply

- 1) Parents register at the child's regular catchment school for Kindergarten for three weeks starting the second Monday of January.
- 2) Parents complete an application for Montessori available on-line for 3 weeks starting the third Monday of January (9 am).
- 3) Submit the on-line application for Montessori by the second Friday in February. An e-mail will be sent to all applicants confirming their application has been received by the third Friday of February.
- 4) For grades other than Kindergarten and grade one contact programsofchoice@sd40.bc.ca for more information.



Location of Programs

Connaught Heights
Elementary
Gr. K-5
2201 London St.

Richard McBride
Elementary
Gr. K-5
331 Richmond St.

Commonly Asked Questions

1. When can my child start?
School aged children can enter the Montessori program in the September of the year they turn 5 years old.

2. Can my child join the program in other grades? It is possible to enter Montessori at any point up to grade 5, but at later grades a conversation occurs to ensure that parents understand the program and that the children are ready for a more independent and individually responsible way of learning. We want to ensure that the program is right for the child. After grade 5, students enter the regular program at their catchment middle school or Late French Immersion at École Glenbrook Middle School.