

MONTESSORI SCHOOL OF PEORIA

MSP At A Glance – 2021-2022

Our School:	Montessori School of Peoria		
Founded:	1977		
Affiliation:	Non-profit Coeducational Day School		
Grade Levels:	Age 3 through Grade 6		
Vision:	Our graduates are enlightened, confident, empathetic citizens of the world who make a positive impact on their communities and the future.		
Mission:	We educate the human potential by providing a safe, inclusive Montessori environment that stimulates a lifelong love of learning.		
Core Values:	Cooperation Peace Responsibility	Diversity Respect Community	Individuality Compassion Enrichment
Educational Philosophy:	The Montessori curriculum is centered on promoting the child's innate love of learning in an environment that fosters independence, curiosity, and concentration. Mixed-age classrooms allow children to learn from one another as they use specially designed materials, with the guidance of specially trained teachers, to meet traditional educational standards while also pursuing their own interests. A positive outlook on life emerges as children are given the opportunity to reach their fullest potential academically, socially, emotionally and physically.		
Specialty Programs:	The school offers weekly classes in Spanish and music. Extra-curricular activities for older students include art class, chess club, video club, and violin lessons.		
Location:	Our school occupies the lower level of Peoria Heights Congregational Church. The building is just where Prospect Road meets Grandview Drive. The campus includes access to an enclosed playground area, beautiful nearby parks, a gym, a kitchen, and a stage.		
Geographic Representation:	~56% of students are from Peoria ~44% are from area communities [Bartonville, Dunlap, East Peoria, Edwards, Morton, Washington]		
Diversity:	~24% of the student body [ethnic minority or multiracial]		

Faculty:	New Lead Teachers are certified by an accredited Montessori training Program (AMS, MACTE). Faculty averages 13+ years teaching experience at this school.
Student/Faculty Ratio:	Primary program – maximum of 10 students per 1 faculty member Elementary program – maximum of 14 students per 1 faculty member
Accreditation:	The School is registered with the Illinois State Board of Education and is a member of the American Montessori Society and Association of Illinois Montessori Schools.
Governance:	A Board of Trustees comprised of community members, former parents and students, and one current parent governs the School. The Board meets once per quarter.
Funding:	Tuition and fees are currently the primary source of funding for the School's operating budget.
Academic Calendar:	The School has a 9-month school year, with holiday breaks during the fall, winter and spring.
School Hours:	The School day begins at 8:30 and ends at 3:00 each day for all regular programs.
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