



Avalon Montessori

Nurturing Creative, Compassionate and Confident Children

2024-2025



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Steps to Apply

Welcome to Avalon Montessori!

At Avalon Montessori our purpose is to maintain Montessori traditions while celebrating each child's individuality. Avalon Montessori is a premier educational facility providing exceptional child centered instruction. Our school offers a safe, beautiful and joyful space for young children to enjoy the extraordinary benefits of the Montessori Method.

Our mission is to nurture creative, compassionate & confident children. We aim to provide an environment that promotes diversity, self-discovery, and a love of learning while empowering all students to reach their greatest potential. Our curriculum is an integrative approach designed to encourage a child's innate analytical, creative, emotional and social intelligence.

Please feel free to contact our Enrollment Coordinator Bridget Smith at (334) 549-1754 for further information.

We look forward to the possibility of your family becoming a part of our community.

STEP 1	<p>Contact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Request to set up an initial consultation to learn more about our program.• Consultations are available through phone call, virtually, or in person at our facility.
STEP 2	<p>Apply</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply online and submit a non-refundable registration fee of \$100.• Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until all spaces are filled.• When we reach full capacity, families are invited to join our waitlist.
STEP 3	<p>Enroll</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• After applying, families will be notified regarding admission.• Submit the enrollment fee of \$200 & biannual supply fee of \$200.• Submit all required enrollment forms before start date.



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What is Montessori?

Montessori is a **scientifically based education approach** that emphasizes independence, freedom within limits, and respect for a child's natural psychological, physical, and social development. This philosophy was developed by Italian physician and educator Dr. Maria Montessori.

Montessori education is based on the belief that all **children** are **unique individuals**, that they all have immense potential, that they want to learn and be busy. Therefore, the teacher needs to guide each child through the learning process by using materials that fit their specific needs and pace.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE

Learning and well-being are improved when children have a **sense of control over their lives**. Although Montessori programs impose definite limits on this freedom, children are free to make many more decisions than children in traditional classrooms: what to work on, how long to work on it, with whom to work with, and so on.

ORDER

Research in psychology has shown that order in the environment is very helpful in learning and development. Montessori classrooms are **prepared** and **organized**, both **physically** (in terms of lay-out) and **conceptually** (in terms of how the use of materials progresses).

INTEREST

Research has proven that when individuals learn with the goal of only doing well on a test, their learning is superficial and quickly forgotten. **Children learn better when they are interested in what they are learning.**

LEARNING FROM PEERS

Children in Montessori classrooms learn by **imitation models**, through peer tutoring and in collaboration with others. In mixed age classes, younger children learn from older ones by observing their work. Older children who are teaching younger children repeat and consolidate their knowledge and skills while obtaining social skills.

MOVEMENT

Our brains develop in a world in which we "move and do", not in a world in which we sit at desks. **Movement and cognition** are closely entwined. Montessori education, therefore, involves movement to enhance learning.

CONTEXT

Children in Montessori programs **learn largely by doing**, rather than instruction-based learning. Through hands on learning, rather than just hearing and writing, their understanding is based on the context of actions and objects.

TEACHER GUIDANCE

Montessori guides provide **freedom within limits**. They sensitively respond to children's needs, while maintaining high expectations. Guides carefully observe, assess, and encourage children to reach their highest potential.



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Tuition & Fees 2024-2025

Tuition is based on 36 instructional weeks during the academic year August 2024 to May 2025. Tuition payment options are available as **one annual payment** or **ten monthly payments**. Tuition remains the same as the academic year during our optional Summer Program 2025.

Families have the option of providing lunch from home or order catered lunches. Snack is provided by AMS.

DISCOUNTS	
Family Discount	4% off Annual Tuition
Military Discount	5% off Annual Tuition
Annual Discount	6% off Annual Tuition

YEARLY FEES	
Application Fee	\$100
Enrollment Fee	\$200
Biannual Supply Fee	\$200

INFANT TUITION: 6 WEEKS TO 12 MONTHS	
Half Day (8:00 AM – 11:30 AM)	\$6,600
Full Day (8:00 AM – 3:00 PM)	\$8,600
Extended Day (8:00 AM – 5:30 PM)	\$10,600

TODDLER TUITION: 1 YEAR TO 2 YEARS	
Half Day (8:00 AM – 11:30 AM)	\$6,200
Full Day (8:00 AM – 3:00 PM)	\$8,200
Extended Day (8:00 AM – 5:30 PM)	\$10,200

PRE-PRIMARY TUITION: 2 YEARS TO 3 YEARS	
Half Day (8:00 AM – 11:30 AM)	\$6,200
Full Day (8:00 AM – 3:00 PM)	\$8,200
Extended Day (8:00 AM – 5:30 PM)	\$10,200

PRIMARY TUITION 3 YEARS TO 6 YEARS	
Half Day (8:00 AM – 11:30 AM)	\$6,000
Full Day (8:00 AM – 3:00 PM)	\$8,000
Extended Day (8:00 AM – 5:30 PM)	\$10,000

OPTIONAL CATERED LUNCH PROGRAM	
Meal Plan 1: Entrée & Side	\$5.50 Per Day
Meal Plan 2: Entrée, Side, & Beverage	\$6.50 Per Day
Meal Plan 3: Entrée, Side, & Fruit	\$7.00 Per Day
Meal Plan 4: Entrée, Side, Fruit & Beverage	\$8.00 Per Day



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Calendar 2024-2025

We are a year-round school with an academic calendar from August through May. An optional summer program is offered in June and July. Holidays, Half Days, and Teacher In Service Days are noted below.

DATE	EVENT
August 5-7	Teacher In Service Days
August 7	Parent Orientation
August 8	First Day of Fall Semester
September 2	Labor Day (No School)
October 14	Indigenous People's Day (No School)
October 14	Parent Teacher Conferences
November 11	Veterans Day (No School)
November 25 - November 29	Thanksgiving Break
December 20	Half Day Dismissal/Teacher In Service
December 23 - January 3	Winter Break
January 6	First Day of Spring Semester
January 20	Martin Luther King Day (No School)
February 17	President's Day (No School)
March 17 - March 21	Spring Break
May 23	Last Day of School/Half Day Dismissal
May 27	Teacher In Service Day
May 28	First Day of Summer Program
June 19	Juneteenth (No School)
July 4	Independence Day (No School)
August 1	Last Day of Summer Program



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Infant Program 2024-2025

Times are flexible to meet group needs.
Milk/Snack/Naps/Diaper Changes throughout the day and as needed.
Diapers are checked every hour. Please provide 4-5 bottles or as needed.

INFANT DAILY RHYTHM: 6 WEEKS TO 12 MONTHS	
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Arrival & Self-Initiated Creative Play
8:00 AM-9:00 AM	Work Cycle
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Morning Nap Milk/Snack/Diaper Changes
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Gross Motor Skills Development
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Story Time Half Day Dismissal
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Milk/Lunch
12:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Afternoon Nap Diaper Changes
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Diaper Changes Milk/Snack
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	Story Time Full Day Dismissal
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Self-Initiated Creative Play
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Milk/Snack/Diaper Changes
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Gross Motor Skills Development Extended Day Dismissal



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Toddler Program 2024-2025

Times are flexible to meet group needs.
Diaper changes throughout the day and as needed.

TODDLER DAILY RHYTHM: 1 YEAR TO 2 YEARS	
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Arrival & Self-Initiated Creative Play
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Montessori Work Cycle Diaper Changes & Toilet Training Snack
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Circle Time (Stories, Calendar, Group Presentations)
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Diaper Changes & Toilet Training
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Outdoor Free Play Diaper Changes & Toilet Training Half Day Dismissal
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Lunch
12:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Rest Time Diaper Changes & Toilet Training
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Diaper Changes & Toilet Training Full Day Dismissal
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Snack
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Outdoor Free Play
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Self-Initiated Free Play Diaper Changes/Toilet Training Extended Day Dismissal



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Pre-Primary Program 2024-2025

Times are flexible to meet group needs.
Diaper changes/toilet training throughout the day and as needed.

PRE-PRIMARY DAILY RHYTHM: 2 YEARS TO 3 YEARS	
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Arrival & Self-Initiated Creative Play
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Montessori Work Cycle Diaper Changes & Toilet Training Snack
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Circle Time (Stories, Calendar, Group Presentations)
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Diaper Changes & Toilet Training
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Outdoor Free Play Diaper Changes & Toilet Training Half Day Dismissal
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Lunch
12:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Rest Time Diaper Changes & Toilet Training
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Diaper Changes & Toilet Training Full Day Dismissal
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Snack
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Outdoor Free Play
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Self-Initiated Free Play Diaper Changes/Toilet Training Extended Day Dismissal



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Primary Program 2024-2025

Times are flexible to meet group needs.
Toilet breaks throughout the day and as needed.

PRIMARY DAILY RHYTHM: 3 YEARS TO 6 YEARS	
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Arrival & Self-Initiated Creative Play
8:00 AM-11:00 AM	Montessori Work Cycle (Individual/Group Lessons) Café Style Snack
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Outdoor Free Play & Half Day Dismissal
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Lunch
12:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Nap/Rest Time Kindergarten Work Cycle (Individual/Group Lessons)
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Care of Self/Environment & Full Day Dismissal
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Snack
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Outdoor Free Play
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Self-Initiated Free Play & Extended Day Dismissal