

MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

QUICK FACTS 2018-19

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Program Overview

- Flint Community Schools offers a free, full-day Montessori Early 5/Kindergarten through 3rd grade program. Future plans including adding a grade level upward each year.
- To be eligible for Early 5/kindergarten, students must be at least 5 years old by December 1. This is an application-based program. The application window is February 26 to May 15. (Applications received after May 15 will be considered based on remaining availability.)
- Prior Montessori experience and Flint residency are not required, but they are factors in weighing the application (along with having a sibling in the program and the ability of the program to meet a student's needs).
- The class size is capped at up to 25 students with a paraprofessional. The teacher is state-certified and has additional training in Montessori education.

School Building Information and Services

- The Montessori program is based at Durant Tuuri Mott (DTM), located at 1518 University Ave. (next to the Flint Children's Museum). The principal is Shelly Umphrey.
- As a student at DTM, Montessori children will have access to all the services that DTM offers. This includes community education with before and after school programs, free breakfast and lunch, and supportive community services.
- DTM starts the day at 8:45 am (doors open at 8:40) and ends at 3:35 pm. (This may be adjusted slightly for the 2018-19 school year.)
- Bus transportation is provided to children living in DTM's service area. Families are responsible for transporting children that live outside of that service area.
- All K-8 students must wear uniforms. At DTM, shirts/blouses may be any solid color as long as they have a collar and are not sleeveless. Pants/skirts/shorts may be black, khaki or navy.

Is Montessori Right for My Family?

- Montessori is most appropriate for children who are independent, self-directed, and able to honor expectations. Families who support their kids in making decisions within a framework of responsibility often find Montessori programs to be a good fit.
- To request more information about the program, please visit www.flintmontessori.org/learn-more.html or call Pam Mosher, Supervisor of Early Literacy and Numeracy at (810) 760-5260.
- The application is posted online to download at www.flintmontessori.org and hard copies are at the FCS Centralized Enrollment Office at 923 E. Kearsley St. Flint, MI 48503 and at DTM's office.