



Montessori Elementary Program Quick Facts 2017-18

Montessori Elementary Information:

- Flint Community Schools is offers free, full-day Montessori K-2 classes at Durant Tuuri Mott (DTM). To be eligible, students must be at least 5 years old by September 1 (or December 1 with a waiver). Children do not have to have prior Montessori experience or live within the district, although those living outside Flint will need to complete a Schools of Choice form.
- The class size is capped at 17 (or up to 25 students with a paraprofessional in the class). The teacher is state-certified and has additional training in Montessori education.

Montessori Education:

- Montessori is a way of teaching where students learn:
 - At their own pace and have freedom within limits.
 - From each other in a multi-age classroom (K-2).
 - With hands-on materials, moving from concrete to abstract concepts.
 - With a teacher and classroom environment that follow kids' natural curiosity.
- A Montessori classroom looks and feels different. There are no rows of desks and chairs, but lots of shelves to store the hands-on materials and mats that children carefully unroll to do their work on the floor. The environment is usually calm and focused. The teacher rarely instructs from the front of the room but often works on the floor or at a table one-on-one or with small groups of students.
- The Montessori method was developed by Dr. Maria Montessori, a physician and educator, more than 100 years ago as she worked with kids in an impoverished part of Rome. Montessori education is rooted in an understanding of children's social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development and supports those natural processes.

School Building Information and Services:

- The K-2 Montessori class is 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 after school programs, free breakfast and lunch, and any supportive services.
- DTM starts the day at 8:35 am and ends at 3:40 pm.
- 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.

Uniforms:

- 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 may be black, khaki or navy blue.

Enrollment Information:

- If you would like more information, please complete an interest form at www.flintmontessori.org or contact Michelle McQueen. Phone: (810) 760-5260 Fax: (810) 760-5070 Email: mmcqueen@flintschools.com Mail: 923 E. Kearsley St. Flint, MI 48503
- Elementary enrollment in grades K-2 is open for 2017/18 school year and spaces are limited. To complete enrollment, bring the following to the FCS Administration Building, located at 923 E. Kearsley St.: an original birth certificate, proof of residence (utility bill, driver's license, etc.), and immunization record.