



Enrollment Invitation for 2017-2018

Dear Parents,

It is my pleasure to invite you to exercise your right to school choice. Montessori Academy is on the path to become a model school and has been among the highest performing schools in Arizona. We are a strong school community committed to our Vision and Mission:

Vision: *Montessori Academy will guide children on their journey into a continually evolving, dynamic world that engages their minds and enlivens their imaginations. Each component of the educational journey will instill a love of learning, high self-esteem, and positive values resulting in high academic achievement.*

Mission: *We will use the principles of Maria Montessori as the foundation of our educational philosophy in a manner that fosters and elicits learning. We will create evolving environments, making each day a productive step in the journey to the ultimate goal: a child who is motivated, independent, and has a love of learning.*

This is why so many parents choose Montessori Academy for their children's education through Middle School. Our High School is in the process of being approved by the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools.

Our reputation and unique facility has piqued the interest of many new families and I encourage you to return your completed enrollment packets early. Spaces will be limited to accommodate our low student-to-teacher ratio. Current students and siblings have secured their enrollment for 2017-2018. We are now accepting open enrollment applications. It will be first-come, first-served, and then switch immediately to lottery selection.

Enclosed, you will find your enrollment materials. To have your child attend Montessori Academy in Fall 2017, please return all registration materials to the school office. All packets must be complete in order to be accepted. Our enrollment process is governed by our charter documents. If space is not available, your child will be placed on the waiting list and we will contact you as soon as space is available. Our waiting list is a lottery system. When a space becomes available within a particular program level, we will randomly select an applicant. Siblings do have priority.

This year we will have an academic placement exam for students in 1st thru 8th grades. New students must take the exam prior to attendance, on a specific day during the spring or summer, in order for us to agree on academic placement. As you make your decision to enroll your child, please affirm that you agree with the philosophy of the school, the rules of the school, and that you will be an active member of the school's community. One way to do this is by familiarizing yourself with the Parent-Student Handbook available on our website here: www.montessoriacademyaz.org/enrollment.html

On a personal note, I want to thank you for choosing Montessori Academy and making an informed decision to be part of a team that continues to improve the quality of education for our children. I look forward to working with all of you next school year!

Respectfully,

Juli Newman
Executive Director/Principal
Montessori Academy, Inc.