

Meher Montessori Schools founded in



**we spark
motivation,
interest, desire**



A Montessori Education

The Montessori Method evolved from decades of careful, scientific observation of children by the great physician and educator, Dr. Maria Montessori. Her focus on the individual child, the peaceful unfolding of self, and the prepared classroom environment offer opportunity for renewal in the appreciation of family life.

A Montessori education fosters independent, free-thinking children. A Montessori education also greatly encourages self-discipline, self-confidence and high academic standards.

Freedom of speech, freedom of movement and freedom of association is a normal part of Montessori school life. Your child will want to do what is right because it feels good, not because they are fearful of the results of doing wrong.

and energy to create enthusiastic learners.

Our goal is to help your child...

- Develop academic excellence
- Become an enthusiastic learner
- Develop self-confidence and self-esteem
- Develop social skills and social awareness in groups
- Progress at their own pace
- Develop independence and initiative
- Develop a well-rounded personality

We serve...

- Children from 2 1/2 to 12 years
- Hours 8:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. for Preschool / Kindergarten
- Hours 8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for Elementary
- Extended day-care is available from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Accredited by the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI)

Why take second best?

The Association Montessori Internationale (AMI), with its headquarters in Holland, was founded by Dr. Maria Montessori in 1929 to train teachers in her Method. It also serves as an accreditation agency for schools that come up to the highest standards set by Dr. Maria Montessori. However, of the thousands of schools in the United States that call themselves "Montessori Schools" only a small percentage – are legitimate AMI accredited Montessori Schools. Dr. Maria Montessori founded AMI to keep the integrity of her Method pure and authentic. To gain AMI's "Certificate of Recognition," a School must staff only teachers who have received an AMI Montessori Teaching Credential. Schools must also have thoroughly equipped classrooms with all the specialized teaching materials Dr. Montessori insisted upon. Most of these materials are imported from Europe and are very expensive. So why take second best? You and your child deserve to have an authentic Montessori Education at Meher Montessori Schools.



"Our aim is not merely to make children understand, and still less to force them to memorize. Our aim is to touch their imagination in such a way as to enthuse them to their innermost core..."

— Dr. Maria Montessori

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Authentic Montessori



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Our Staff...

Our teachers hold the Association Montessori internationale (AMI) diploma in addition to their undergraduate degrees. The AMI diploma is earned after a full year of study at an AMI Teacher Training Center. The teachers have studied child development, the Montessori Method and philosophy, and the use of the Montessori materials. They have shown their full understanding of the Method by passing rigorous written and oral examinations.

Primary...

Children of mixed ages (2 1/2–6) are in each classroom. Each child is free to learn at his own level, pace and degree of interest. Younger and older children learn from each other. Each one is both a student and a teacher. Each classroom has a complete set of specialized Montessori teaching materials. Each of the materials has a specific skill to develop, quality to demonstrate or fact to reveal. The children are very active learners in such a strong and exciting learning atmosphere.

Elementary...

The elementary program continues the development of the child through age 12. The child will now use his basic reading and writing skills to research and explore all areas of Science, Language, Math, History, Geography, Music & Art, and will greatly expand his study of Mathematics.

Meher Montessori Enrollment

- **Admission** – Complete and submit the Application for Enrollment with the non-refundable Application Fee. If, after an evaluation by the School, your child is accepted and given a starting date, there is a non-refundable deposit required which is credited to the annual tuition.
- **Tuition and Fees** – For information on tuition and payment plans see enclosure, or download from our website.
- **Enrollment** – Meher Montessori welcomes children between the ages of two and a half and twelve years of age. Admission to the Montessori program is determined on an individual basis. Parents are encouraged to enroll their children early on; but we feel the benefits of a Montessori education may be gained at any age.
- **School Calendar** – The School observes the same school calendar as the public school system for the ten-month academic year, from mid-September to mid-June. The School is open for a summer session of continuing education. Children may enter the School at any time during the year as openings occur.
- **Lunches, Food, Naps** – The School provides fresh fruit and vegetable snacks during the day. Children bring their own lunch; milk is provided for those children who do not bring a beverage. Children may also participate in our hot-lunch program (Monterey Park Only). Contact the School for current availability. The School provides facilities for any child who may want or need a nap.
- **Classroom Observation** – Observers are always welcome and encouraged. Please call ahead for an appointment.
- **License and Accreditation** – The School is licensed by the State of California (Monterey Park #191571193; Altadena #191202454). Meher Montessori Schools are recognized by the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI). AMI is the recognized international authority on Montessori education. Very few Montessori Schools come up to the AMI's rigorous standards, achieving the coveted AMI "Certificate of Recognition."
- **Health Requirements** – To enroll, a child must have received all state required immunizations.
- **Non-Discriminatory** – The School is operated on a non-discriminatory basis, according equal treatment and access to services without regard to race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry.
- **Non-Political and Non-Religious** – The School is not affiliated with any religious or political organization. Religion and partisan politics are not taught in the classroom.



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