



MSP At A Glance – 2015-2016

Our School:	Montessori School of Peoria		
Founded:	1977		
Affiliation:	Non-profit Coeducational Day School		
Grade Levels:	Age 3 through Grade 6		
Vision:	Our graduates are enlightened, confident, empathetic citizens of the world who make a positive impact on their communities and the future.		
Mission:	We educate the human potential by providing a safe, welcoming Montessori environment that stimulates a lifelong love of learning.		
Core Values:	Cooperation	Diversity	Individuality
	Peace	Respect	Compassion
	Responsibility	Community	Enrichment
Educational Philosophy:	The Montessori curriculum is centered on promoting the child's innate love of learning in an environment that fosters independence, curiosity, and concentration. Mixed-age classrooms allow children to learn from one another as they use specially designed materials, with the guidance of specially trained teachers, to meet traditional educational standards while also pursuing their own interests. A positive outlook on life emerges as children are given the opportunity to reach their fullest potential academically, socially, emotionally and physically.		
Specialty Programs:	The school offers weekly classes in art, tumbling, and music. Spanish instruction is integrated into the classroom environment. Extra-curricular activities for older students include mixed-media art, chess club, video club, and drama club.		
Location:	Our school occupies the south wing of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral. The building is just off of War Memorial Drive, between Knoxville and Sheridan. The campus includes access to beautiful green spaces, a gym, and a well-equipped theatrical stage.		
Geographic Representation:	~64% of students are from Peoria ~36% are from area communities [Bartonville, Dunlap, East Peoria, Edwards, Morton, Washington]		

Diversity:	~16% of the student body [ethnic minority or multiracial]
Faculty:	New Lead Teachers are certified by an accredited Montessori training Program (AMS, MACTE). Faculty averages 12+ years teaching experience at this school.
Student/Faculty Ratio:	Primary program – maximum of 10 students per 1 faculty member Elementary program – maximum of 12 students per 1 faculty member
Accreditation:	The School is registered with the Illinois State Board of Education and is a member of the American Montessori Society and Association of Illinois Montessori Schools.
Governance:	A Board of Trustees comprised of community members, former parents and students, and one current parent governs the School. The Board meets once per quarter.
Funding:	Tuition and fees are currently the primary source of funding for the School's operating budget.
Academic Calendar:	The School has a 9-month school year, generally following the Peoria District 150 schedule for holidays.
School Hours:	The School day begins at 8:30 and ends at 3:00 each day for all regular programs.
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