



MONTESSORI ACADEMY  
OF NORTH HOFFMAN

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# 2022-2023 ADMISSION PACKET

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The goals of both Montessori Education and Traditional schooling are one and the same: They both seek to educate children. The method in which this education occurs, and the learning cycles are very different in both school systems. Montessori fundamentally believes that the education of the whole child is crucial in the development of citizens of our future world.

<b>MONTESSORI</b>	<b>TRADITIONAL</b>
Emphasis on cognitive, social and physical development on an individual level	Emphasis on Rote Learning, with cognitive social and physical development addressed as a whole group
Child is taken from current ability to develop to his fullest potential	Empty Vessel Model—assumes that children come in without prior knowledge
Teacher has a guiding role: assists child in auto-learning	Teacher controls classroom and is the central figure of the environment
Environment assists children in developing social responsibility and self-discipline and problem-solving abilities	Teacher is the primary enforcer of discipline and central to problem solving
Mainly individual/small group instruction	Mainly whole group instruction
Mixed age groups	Uniform age in the class
Grouping encourages children to collaborate, teach and reinforce knowledge	Teaching is done by the teacher only, collaboration is discouraged
Child chooses work with guidance from the teacher	The curriculum is decided for the child
Child discovers learning through self-corrective materials and exploration	Child is directed to concepts by the teacher
Child is given time to complete lessons/work	Child is allotted specified time for work
Motivation is fostered by a learning pace based on the interests and ability of the child	The mid-line students dictate the pace of work
Child reinforces learning by repetition of work	Learning is reinforced externally based on rewards and punishment
Child can choose where he works but must respect others work needs	Child is usually assigned a seat or placed in a designated group by the teacher
Multi-sensory materials for physical exploration encourages learning care of self, the environment and the global community at large	No organized program for learning care of self, the environment or the global community—this is left primarily to the parents
A non-competitive environment with assessment focused on learning/ discovery process	Competitive environment with report cards focused on product
Hands-on approach to learning with materials designed for specific purposes/learning goals	Focus on verbal instruction with an emphasis on rote learning
Emphasis on building a strong sense of community through meaningful social interactions	Designated social interaction time such as recess



**MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to create and sustain a diverse community of critical thinkers who use their interests and talents to better the world around them.

**VISION STATEMENT**

We believe that each child is on a path of self-discovery. We embrace each child's individual journey and value them for their diverse interests and abilities.

*"Free the child's potential, and you will transform him into the world." -- Maria Montessori*

We believe in and support the responsibility of parents as the prime educators in their child's life. We believe in the uniqueness of each child and that each child is born with certain unique potentials. We believe that education must begin at birth and that all children are born with a drive to develop, master, and perfect themselves. We view education as an aid to life. Its purpose includes the acquisition of basic skills and knowledge. We believe in accomplishing our goals through the cooperative efforts of the child, parents, and educators.

The method used at the Montessori Academy of North Hoffman follows the philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori. This method is open-ended and designed to fulfill each child's growth needs. We believe that our environment should be a place of self-discovery where everyone learns how to learn, and everyone is provided with the means and the freedom to become lifelong learners and develop to their full potential. The theories of Jean Piaget, Jerome Bruner, Erik Erikson, and other developmental psychologists support this method of education.

We have no doubt that learning must focus on the individual child. We think learning must be integrated, comprehensive, and based on the reality of the child's world.



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The Montessori School of North Hoffman began in 1989 with one primary class of eight students in a single storefront property located in a strip mall establishment. At the end of our first year, we had increased enrollment to 40 students. By 1993, we occupied the entirety of the building.

In 1996, our program had grown to the point where expansion was necessary. We constructed a full-size gymnasium and two additional classrooms, increasing from 8,500 to 13,000 square feet.

Maintaining the highest quality education and following the principles of Dr. Maria Montessori have always been the focus of our program. For this reason, we set a goal in 1997 of achieving Accreditation by the American Montessori Society (AMS). After two years of hard work and study to meet the high standards set by AMS, we became the 42<sup>nd</sup> Accredited Montessori School in the nation in 1999.

In 2004, we acquired our satellite campus, Huntington Campus. This campus added five additional classrooms to our Primary and Infant/Toddler Programs. Each class at this campus is constructed in a way that creates a connection between the classroom and the outdoor environment, which enriches our children's love of learning and nature.

In 2006, as part of our Reaccreditation process, we set out to create an authentic Montessori middle school program for students in grades 7-9. We proudly launched our Erdkinder program in 2007, and we were reaccredited by AMS becoming one of only 102 schools in the nation to reach this status.

In August 2012, the school was able to purchase the foreclosed property at 1250 Freeman directly across from the 1200 property and renovations were made in both buildings. In November 2015, 1200 Freeman again became the Main Campus with elementary classes and one primary class relocated there. This allowed for the expansion of Erdkinder through 12<sup>th</sup> grade and one primary class at the 1250 location. With all the changes came the new name of Montessori Academy of North Hoffman, with locations of Freeman East, Freeman West and Huntington.

Over the years the school has added not only additional families, but also rich traditions. Events such as our annual International Day Celebration, Peace Day, Thanksgiving Feast, Trunk or Treat and the Fall Fest have all become time-honored traditions and a social extension of our school community.

From our humble beginnings of a single classroom to our current capacity of three campuses spanning infancy through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, we have always held on to our founding principles of a high-quality, authentic Montessori education. We look forward to our future growth, and we hope that you will help us write the history of the school in the years to come.



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Thank you for your interest in our program. As an authentic Montessori school, we follow the principles set out by Maria Montessori. We find that as a result of this pedagogy, our children develop their sense of independence while maintaining a feeling of responsibility toward the world around them. Our family-friendly environment provides for a partnership between home and school to help maximize your child’s overall development.

We appreciate your patience during this process. Our admissions procedure is as follows:

1. Schedule a visit to the school through our webpage. This visit is recommended for parents only; however, we do understand that childcare may prove to be a challenge. If this is the case, you may bring your child with you but he/she will need to remain with you during the visit.
2. Submit an application on our website, <https://www.manh.org/admissions/admission-forms/> and mail in your application fee (\$75 for Infant/Toddlers and Primary. \$100 for Elementary. \$200 for Erdkinder).
3. Submit your child’s physical and immunization records.
4. Sign a release form allowing open communication between our school and your child’s former school. For Elementary & Erdkinder students. Our school may request to observe your child in his current school or home environment.
5. Schedule a visit for your child to experience our classroom environment. For Elementary and Erdkinder students it is typically 1-3 days.
6. Upon acceptance, we will send a contract along with enrollment documents to you. Return your signed contract with the registration fee and deposit. This will reserve a place for your child in one of our classrooms.
7. Prior to your child’s first day, submit all enrollment documents.
8. Bring an original birth certificate on your child’s first day. It will be copied for their file and returned.

The following is our School’s priority enrollment preference procedure:

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1) Returning students        | 3) Montessori transfer students |
| 2) Present member’s siblings | 4) Outside applicants           |

If we are unable to place your child, your application will be placed on a waiting status. We appreciate your visit and choice of Montessori approach to education. We look forward to building a fruitful partnership with you and your family. If we can answer any of your questions about our programs, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

**CONTRACT TYPES**

**Full Year Contract (12 mo.)**

This contract is renewed from year to year, and the security deposit is held from year to year. Families receive a discount on the cost of summer tuition in comparison to the academic year contract. If the contract is terminated prior to the agreed-upon terms, the security deposit will be applied to the balance of the contractual obligation. The family remains liable for the unpaid balance of any portion of the contractual obligation. Annual tuition costs are broken into 12 payments.

**Academic Year Contract (9 mo.)**

This contract is renewed from year to year, and the security deposit is held from year to year. If the contract is terminated prior to the agreed-upon terms, the security deposit will be applied to the balance of the contractual obligation. The family remains liable for the unpaid balance of any portion of the contractual obligation. The academic year goes from late August until the beginning of June. Annual tuition costs are broken into 9 payments.

**Cycle Contract**

This contract type is available for Primary, Elementary and Erdkinder. As a benefit to those committed to the Montessori program cycle, tuition is frozen over the course of the program cycle. In the event the contract is terminated prior to the completion of the program cycle, the cycle deposit will only be applied to the balance of the contractual obligation if proof of relocation further than 20 miles from school is provided.



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In addition to the following tuition, 10 adult volunteer hours are required per student. Parents will be offered many opportunities to fulfill this commitment.

**HALF DAY PROGRAM**

**9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

This program includes a morning Montessori class period. Discovery Days are not included in this program.

**KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM (KG)**

**9:00 am – 2:00 pm**

This program includes Montessori class period plus additional class time hours. Lunch is provided. This is the minimum required hours for kindergarten.

**FULL DAY PROGRAM**

**8:00 am – 4:00 pm or 7:30 am – 5:30 pm**

This program includes two Montessori class periods (morning and afternoon). Younger children will have a nap period. Lunch is provided.

**DISCOVERY DAYS**

Discovery days are days when classes are not in session but child care is provided by the school. These days are offered to full day students only (8-4 or 7:30-5:30). There are between 20 to 25 discovery days in one calendar year. Check the school calendar for more information.

**MULTIPLE SIBLING DISCOUNT**

10% off per additional student. Discount applied to older student's tuition.

**ADDITIONAL FEES (due at enrollment):**

All tuition and fees are collected per student unless otherwise specified.

<b>Annual Registration Fee (per family)</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Primary Student Deposit</b>	<b>\$ 1,000</b>
<b>Primary Classroom Supplies Fee</b>	<b>\$ 50</b>
<b>Kindergarten Field Trip Fee</b>	<b>\$ 70</b>

PROGRAM	TUITION (ACADEMIC YEAR)			TUITION (FULL YEAR)		
	5 Days	4 Days	3 Days	5 Days	4 Days	3 Days
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	\$ 7,650	\$ 6,777	\$ 5,904	\$ 9,180	\$ 8,121	\$ 7,080
9:00 am - 2:00 pm (KG)	\$ 10,908	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8:00 am - 4:00 pm	\$ 14,661	\$ 13,239	\$ 11,745	\$ 17,592	\$ 15,888	\$ 14,100
7:30 am - 5:30 pm	\$ 16,110	\$ 14,607	\$ 13,167	\$ 19,332	\$ 17,520	\$ 15,792
	Tuition may be broken into 9 installments.			Tuition may be broken into 12 installments.		



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**FULL DAY ELEMENTARY STUDENTS**

Yearly Tuition Rates include tuition and before & after school costs.

**LUNCH (Optional)**

Lunch is optional for Elementary students and it is \$700 per child to be added to tuition.

**DISCOVERY DAYS**

Discovery days are days when classes are not in session but child care is provided by the school. These days are offered to full day students only (8-4 or 7:30-5:30). There are between 20 to 25 discovery days in one calendar year. Check the school calendar for more information.

**MULTIPLE SIBLING DISCOUNT**

10% off per additional student. Discount applied to older student's tuition.

**ADDITIONAL FEES (due at enrollment):**

All tuition and fees are collected per-student unless otherwise specified.

<b>Annual Registration Fee (per family)</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Elementary Student Deposit</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>Lower Elementary Classroom Budget Fee</b>	<b>\$175</b>
<b>Upper Elementary Classroom Budget Fee</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Lower Elementary Field Trip Fee</b>	<b>\$400</b>
<b>Upper Elementary Field Trip Fee</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Classroom Supplies Fee</b>	<b>\$100</b>

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>TUITION (ACADEMIC YEAR)</b>	<b>TUITION (FULL YEAR)</b>
Lower Elementary (Grades 1-3)	8:30 am - 3:30 pm	\$ 11,466	N/A
Upper Elementary (Grades 4-6)	8:30 am - 3:30 pm	\$ 12,384	N/A
Elementary (Grades 1-6)	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	\$ 14,076	\$ 16,896
Elementary (Grades 1-6)	7:30 am – 5:30 pm	\$ 15,363	\$ 18,432

Tuition may be broken into 9 installments (academic) or 12 (full year).



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**ERDKINDER PROGRAM**

**8:00 am – 4:00 pm**

Yearly Tuition Rates include tuition and lunch. Lunch is provided.

**MULTIPLE SIBLING DISCOUNT**

10% off per additional student. Discount applied to older student’s tuition.

**DISCOVERY DAYS**

Discovery days are non-attendance days for Erdkinder. Check the school calendar for more information.

**ADDITIONAL FEES (due at enrollment):**

All tuition and fees are collected per-student unless otherwise specified.

<b>Annual Registration Fee (per family)</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Erdkinder Student Deposit</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>Classroom Budget Fee</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>Field Trip Fee</b>	<b>\$750</b>
<b>Classroom Supplies</b>	<b>\$200</b>

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>HOURS</b>	<b>TUITION (ACADEMIC YEAR)</b>	<b>TUITION (FULL YEAR)</b>
Lower Erdkinder (Grades 7-9)	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	\$ 15,759	N/A
Upper Erdkinder (Grades 10-12)	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	\$ 17,073	N/A

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## TUITION SCHEDULE INFANT/YOUNG TODDLERS (AGES 3-15 MONTHS)

2022-2023

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### HALF DAY PROGRAM

**9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

This program includes a morning Montessori class period. Discovery Days are not included in this program.

### FULL DAY PROGRAM

**8:00 am – 4:00 pm or 7:30 am – 5:30 pm**

This full day Montessori program includes a morning class period, lunch and a naptime.

### DISCOVERY DAYS

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### MULTIPLE SIBLING DISCOUNT

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### ADDITIONAL FEES (due at enrollment):

All tuition and fees are collected per-student unless otherwise specified.

<b>Annual Registration Fee (per family)</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Infant &amp; Toddler Student Deposit</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Classroom Supplies Fee</b>	<b>\$25</b>

PROGRAM	TUITION (ACADEMIC YEAR)			TUITION (FULL YEAR)		
	5 Days	4 Days	3 Days	5 Days	4 Days	3 Days
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	\$ 9,315	\$ 8,442	\$ 7,605	\$ 11,184	\$ 10,152	\$ 9,096
8:00 am - 4:00 pm	\$ 18,252	\$ 16,263	\$ 14,274	\$ 21,888	\$ 19,512	\$ 17,136
7:30 am - 5:30 pm	\$19,647	\$ 17,181	\$ 14,868	\$ 23,568	\$ 20,616	\$ 17,832
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<b>Classroom Supplies Fee</b>	<b>\$25</b>

PROGRAM	ANNUAL TUITION (ACADEMIC YEAR)			ANNUAL TUITION (FULL YEAR)		
	5 Days	4 Days	3 Days	5 Days	4 Days	3 Days
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	\$ 8,788	\$ 7,938	\$ 7,011	\$ 10,548	\$ 9,516	\$ 8,400
8:00 am - 4:00 pm	\$ 17,091	\$ 15,588	\$ 14,076	\$ 20,520	\$ 18,696	\$ 16,896
7:30 am - 5:30 pm	\$ 18,558	\$ 16,596	\$ 14,706	\$ 22,272	\$ 19,920	\$ 17,592
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