



Coulee Montessori offers preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade instruction using the Montessori educational philosophy. The school's curriculum is based on Montessori founder Dr. Maria Montessori's belief that children will learn best in an atmosphere where learning first occurs on a concrete level. Students work at their own pace, following their own innate learning path.

*"Education is a natural process carried out by the human individual, and is acquired not by listening to words, but by experiences in the environment."*

-Maria Montessori

#### Our curriculum:

- Promotes child-centered, hands-on learning
- Encourages independence and personal responsibility
- Fosters a desire for lifelong learning
- Provides a learning environment where respect for self, others and the environment is of primary importance
- Emphasizes the interrelatedness of all learning



## Enrollment

Parents interested in enrolling their child at Coulee Montessori should complete the district's online Choice and Charter Application. In-district students (those living in or already attending La Crosse Schools) with applications submitted by the December deadline will be given priority placement. See district website for this year's deadlines.

Applications can be found at [www.lacrosseschools.org](http://www.lacrosseschools.org) or can be completed over the phone for those without internet access by calling 608-789-7654.

Those living outside the School District of La Crosse must also complete the Wisconsin Open Enrollment Program forms found at <http://oe.dpi.wi.gov>.

If requests exceed spots available, a controlled lottery will be conducted.

In-district families should receive notification in early February. Open enrolled students and those submitting applications after the December deadline will be notified in June.

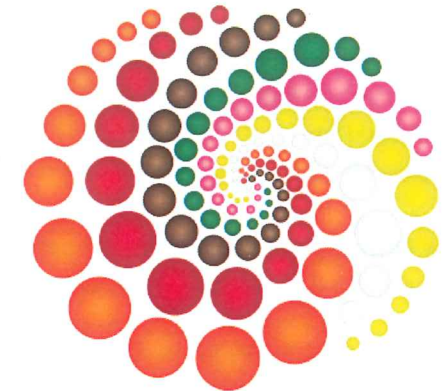


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# Coulee Montessori



Offering Students in the  
School District of La Crosse  
a Montessori Education

*"The child, making use of all that he finds around him, shapes himself for the future."*

- Maria Montessori

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## The Montessori Curriculum

The Montessori curriculum is based on the philosophy that children have an innate desire to learn.

They learn best in an atmosphere where they are allowed to participate actively and work at their individual pace after receiving a lesson.



The spiraling curriculum is supported by specifically designed Montessori materials:

**Practical Life:** care of self, the environment and responsibility to others through grace and courtesy

**Sensorial:** refinement of the senses including but not limited to: dimension, size, shape, grading, texture, sound, and weight

**Words:** writing, reading, grammar, speech, oral expressions and research skills

**Life:** botany and zoology studies

**Time:** the study of cultures, history and the five Great Lessons

**Numbers:** understanding numbers, numerical operations and problem solving

**Shapes:** study of size, form and dimension



## The Montessori Classroom

The calm, peaceful environment of each classroom is prepared so that children develop self-discipline, positive social interactions, independence, concentration, coordination and responsibility. Lessons are presented both individually and in small groups, depending on the needs, abilities and age level of the students.



## Multi-Age Classrooms

Coulee Montessori students are placed in multi-age classrooms based on Dr. Montessori's planes of development. This allows students to learn from one another and remain grouped with their age-appropriate peers as they explore the spiraling curriculum.

- Children's House: Preschool/Kindergarten
- Elementary I (E1) – Grades 1– 3
- Elementary II (E2) – Grades 4-5
- Adolescent Program – Grades 6-8

*"The multi-age classroom allows students to interact and learn with students of different ages and abilities. Students learn to be great leaders."*

-Laura Huber  
Principal, Coulee Montessori

## Coulee Montessori Adolescent Program

The Coulee Montessori Adolescent Program offers 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade instruction using the Montessori educational philosophy. This philosophy is brought to a new level with independent and group learning opportunities, philosophy and Socratic Seminar discussions and a strong focus on educating the whole child.

A focus within the curriculum is a connection to the community, called "Pedagogy of Place." Students learn and interact with the greater community, including both human and environmental connections.



## Transportation

The School District of La Crosse provides busing to Coulee Montessori from designated district schools and the Hogan Administrative Center. When busing is needed, parents are responsible for making the arrangements with the bus company and getting their child to the pick-up locations at the designated time.

Bus routes are announced prior to the start of school each year.

