



Coulee Montessori offers preschool through eighth-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.

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 or guardians interested in enrolling their child at Coulee Montessori should complete the district's Choice and Charter Application during the February 1st - April 30th enrollment window.

Applications can be found online (www.lacrosseschools.org/parents/intradistrict-transfers/), or you may fill out an application at your current school or the Hogan Administrative Center.

If you live outside of the School District of La Crosse boundary, you must also complete the Wisconsin Open Enrollment Program form (dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment.)

If requests exceed available spots, the district will conduct a controlled lottery.

Every effort will be made to inform you of the status of your application by May 30.

If you have any questions about the enrollment process, please call Coulee Montessori at the number below.



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www.lacrosseschools.org/coulee-montessori

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Offering a Montessori education to School District of La Crosse students.



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

- Dr. Maria Montessori

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



Coulee Montessori
A CHARTER SCHOOL OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LA CROSSE

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 ageappropriate peers as they explore the spiraling curriculum.

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



Coulee Montessori Adolescent Program

The Coulee Montessori Adolescent Program offers 6th through 8th 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.