



welcome to
MMA 101



Maria Montessori Academy is built upon the educational legacy of Dr. Maria Montessori, which began 103 years ago.

Dr. Montessori was the first female physician to graduate from the University of Rome Medical School.

In 1907, Dr. Montessori discerned a fundamental premise about children - all children are uniquely intelligent. This was a unique concept for this time and continues to be innovative.



Piaget, Gardner, Goleman and many other current educational theorists validate this premise.

Dr. Montessori's focus on the whole child moves away from the traditional adult-centered classroom to an environment and methodology that is designed to facilitate the development of the child's independence and sense of personal empowerment.





Montessori classrooms are:

- Bright, warm and inviting.
- Filled with plants and animals, art, music, books and specialized hands-on materials.
- Designed to allow children to move around and work independently or in small collaborative groups.
- A true community of learners.





Montessori schools are founded on:



- Respect for oneself, respect for others, and respect for the environment.
- Intelligence is not fixed and a child's potential is limitless.
- Children need to develop a meaningful degree of independence and self-discipline.
- Children are taught to take pride in doing things for themselves carefully and well.



Montessori schools are founded on:

- The opportunity for children to think, collaborate and discover.
- Each student is treated as a unique learner.
- Teachers and students collaborate in the learning process.
- Students are encouraged to use higher level thinking skills and not just rote memorization.





The Integrated Montessori Curriculum



The curriculum is not compartmentalized into separate subjects. The concepts are introduced simply and concretely and are reintroduced several times over succeeding years at increasing degrees of abstraction and complexity.

The integrated approach is one of Montessori's great strengths. The curriculum is interrelated so that concepts are reinforced across the classroom culture.

Please see our website for a link to the Montessori curriculum.



Montessori Classes Encompass a 3-year age Span

Montessori classes are mixed aged communities that model real-life communities.

The younger students experience daily modeling and tutoring from the older students.

The older students blossom from their leadership role and they learn not only with each other but from each other.





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Students enjoy the same classroom for three years. This means that they have the opportunity to develop a strong sense of community with their classmates and teachers.

Students who stay with the same teacher more than one year experience fewer gaps in learning.



Montessori Materials: Concrete to the Abstract

Children thrive by experiencing concrete experiences and making connections to the “real world.”

Children need to manipulate and explore their learning environment. New concepts in all subjects are introduced with concrete didactic materials - many, which were designed by Dr. Montessori.





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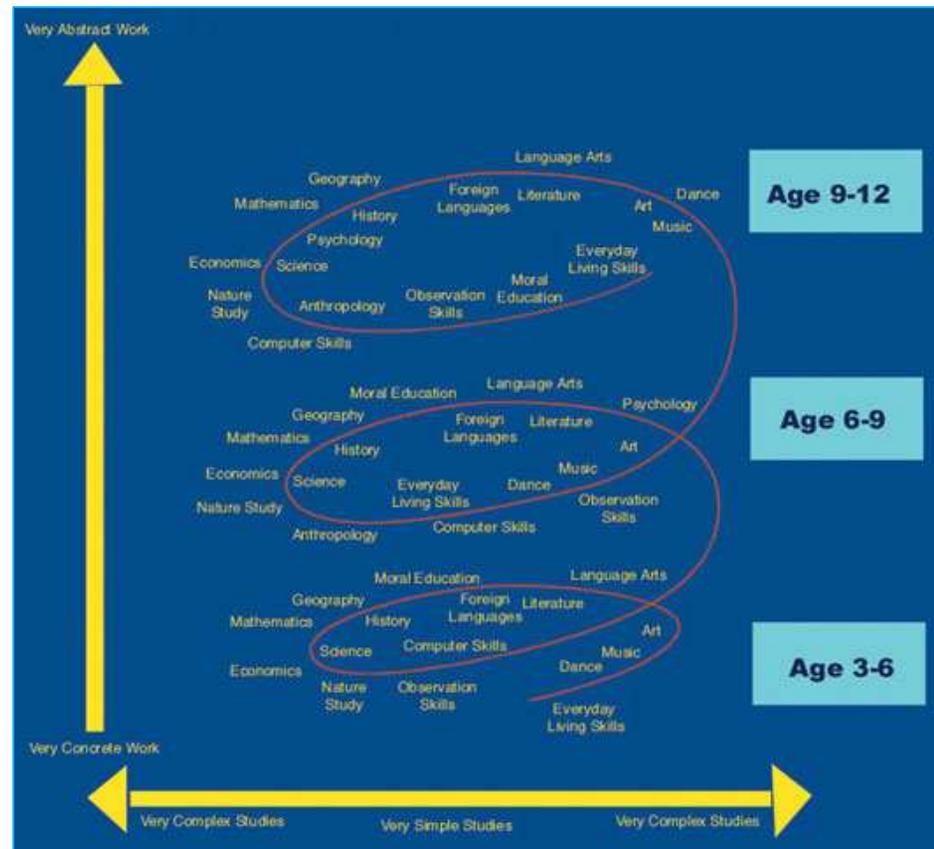


Teachers arrange these materials on shelves following a sequence from the curriculum flow chart. The children learn order and sequence from the materials in the prepared environment.



The challenging academic program includes:

Junior Great Books
 Guiding Reading Groups
 Creative Writing
 Unified Mathematics
 Geometry
 Pre-Algebra
 History
 Geography
 Economics
 Philosophy & Ethics
 Computers
 Botany & Zoology
 Physical Sciences
 Art, Music, Dance, & Physical Education
 Peace Education



- Maria Montessori Academy will meet or exceed the Utah Core Curriculum •



Progress Reporting



MMA is contracting with Montessori Records Xpress (MRX), a web-based record-keeping company.

Student work records will be available to parents on a weekly basis.

Three family conferences a year will give parents an opportunity to receive an in-depth report of their child's progress.

Students will have frequent opportunities to share their research work and projects in a variety of venues that range from festivals and fairs to plays and cultural events.



The Goals of MMA

To provide children with an authentic Montessori education that will foster a love of learning, self-confidence, personal creativity, and an entrepreneurial spirit.

Our academic program will assist children in discovering their true potential through MMA's nurturing of their intelligence and creativity.

You are giving your children an outstanding preparation for high school, college and life.



MARIA MONTESSORI ACADEMY

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.