

# DTM Montessori

## FLINT'S MONTESSORI PROGRAMS

Flint Community Schools is committed to providing excellent choices in public education, including a public Montessori program. In 2018-19, this includes a Montessori elementary kindergarten through third grade program and a Montessori pre-kindergarten class. The vision for the program is to expand Montessori offerings through at least middle school based on the level of families' interest. Flint Community Schools has partnered with a community group, [Montessori for Flint](#), to provide exceptional learning experiences.

### **Flint's Montessori Elementary**

Flint Community Schools offers an application-based kindergarten through third grade Montessori program that is free and open to any student living in Genesee County. Flint's Montessori Elementary is:

- Housed within Durant Tuuri Mott Elementary as a "school within a school."
- Taught by certified teachers who have additional training and experience in Montessori elementary education
- Free and open to any student living in Genesee County

Applications for Flint's 2018-19 Montessori Elementary program will be accepted starting February 26 with priority given to those submitted by May 15. Applications are available to download here [INSERT FILE LINK] and at the Office of Centralized Enrollment, located at the Flint Community Schools Administration Building at 923 E. Kearsley St.

To request more information, please visit [www.flintmontessori.org/learn-more.html](http://www.flintmontessori.org/learn-more.html) or call the Supervisor of Early Literacy and Numeracy at (810) 760-5260.

### **Flint Montessori Preschool**

Flint Community Schools offers a Montessori pre-kindergarten program for four-year-olds through the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP). Eligibility for the GSRP pre-kindergarten program follows state guidelines. The registration process has several steps. The first step is to pre-register at [www.geneseepreschool.org](http://www.geneseepreschool.org) or by calling (810) 591-KIDS. When you do, please be sure to select Flint Community Schools- Durant Tuuri Mott Elementary GSRP as your preferred option. Please call our Early Childhood Coordinator at (810) 767-8018 once you have taken that step so we can help you through the remaining process. You can request more information about the Montessori offerings at [www.flintmontessori.org/learn-more.html](http://www.flintmontessori.org/learn-more.html).

### **What is Montessori?**

Montessori education uses different teaching and learning methods than a traditional classroom. Montessori programs offer students the opportunity to learn:

At their own pace and enjoy freedom within limits  
From each other in a multi-age classroom  
With hands-on materials, moving from concrete to abstract concepts  
With a teacher in a classroom environment that follows kids' natural curiosity

A Montessori classroom also looks and feels different. The teacher rarely instructs from the front of the room, using demonstrations instead to introduce new materials and often working on the floor, at a table one-on-one or with small groups of students. There are no rows of desks and chairs, but many shelves to store the materials and mats that children carefully unroll to do their work on the floor.

For more information on Montessori education, visit [Montessori for Flint's](#) website or download [Montessori in a Nutshell](#), which gives an overview.