



## **ADMISSIONS TO MONTESSORI COMMUNITY SCHOOL 2026-2027**

Two-Year-Olds | Preschool & Kindergarten | Elementary Grades 1-6

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in Montessori Community School!

Our goal is to nurture independence, curiosity, and a lifelong enthusiasm for learning in children. Since 1972, MCS has provided Montessori education for children ages 2-12. Through an inviting and engaging learning environment, Montessori-credentialed teachers nurture all aspects of a child's development to cultivate well-rounded individuals, developing skills for life.

The three-year developmental cycle is crucial to a child's success. Therefore, our priority is to enroll children whose families understand and are committed to our programs and philosophy, and who are selecting MCS as a long-term school placement for their child.

We encourage all interested parents to attend Admissions Events to learn more about our school. Visit our website for more information.

### **General Admissions Policies**

Please note that application to a program does not guarantee acceptance and all appropriate admissions procedures must be completed for a child to be considered. Applications for the 2026-2027 school year will be accepted from September 1, 2025 through January 15, 2026 and considered in the first round of admissions decisions. Subsequent applications will be considered as space is available.

The 2026-2027 tuition rates will be available on our website by February 2026.

Age is only one factor for admission to each program level. Developmental readiness is also considered, and all applicants are considered in terms of space availability and classroom dynamics. Admissions decisions are determined by the Admissions

Committee, composed of faculty and administration.

We believe that a Montessori education benefits and should be available to a wide range of individuals. Applicants (or family members of applicants) are encouraged to inquire about and/or request needed accommodations during the application process. If your child is receiving special services, it is expected that you share this information with us to help in assuring that our program will be the appropriate environment for your child.

Preference may be given to qualified applicants who are children of staff or siblings of enrolled students. Admissions deadlines, however, must be met, and admission is not automatic for applicants in these categories.

### **Dates of the 2026-2027 School Year:**

Two-Year-Old and Preschool & Kindergarten Programs:  
August 17, 2026 - May 26, 2027

Lower and Upper Elementary Programs:  
August 17, 2026 - May 28, 2027

### **Eligibility**

-Two-Year-Old Program: Applicants must be at least 24 months of age at the time they begin school. Children in diapers are eligible.

-Preschool & Kindergarten Program: Applicants must be three years of age by December 31, 2026. For enrollment at any other time, the child must be fully three years of age to qualify. Applicants must be able to use the bathroom with complete independence (diapers, training pants, or Pull-ups are not allowed at any time in the Preschool Program).

**The Kindergarten Year:** Applicants must be at least five years of age by July 31, 2026 to be considered.

-Lower Elementary Program: Applicants must be at least six years of age by July 31, 2026 to be considered.

-Upper Elementary Program: Applicants must be at least nine years of age by July 31, 2026 to be considered.



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### **Additional Admissions Documents and Procedures**

Starting in the Preschool & Kindergarten Program, the following documents, if applicable, must be submitted before an admissions decision can be made:

- Current and/or previous year's report cards or progress reports
- Confidential Teacher Reference Report form, completed by current teacher

For Kindergarten applicants:

A required Kindergarten Activity Session will be held:

**Saturday, February 7, 2026. More information to be provided prior to the session.**

For Elementary applicants:

Any or all of the following options may be required as part of the admissions process. Our objective is to gain sufficient information about the applicant to be able to make an admissions decision.

1. Observation of the applicant at their current school;
2. Observation of the applicant at MCS;
3. Enrollment in the MCS summer program.

### **Financial Assistance**

Montessori Community School offers financial assistance to families of applicants based upon demonstrated financial need. Applying for financial assistance is independent of the admissions process, and a family's financial status is not part of the admissions criteria.

Visit [www.montessorihawaii.org/financial-aid](http://www.montessorihawaii.org/financial-aid) for more information.

MCS is only able to offer limited financial assistance and uses the information collected through the financial assistance application to prioritize the amount given in grants. MCS also cooperates with other community programs which also offer limited financial assistance, such as Preschool Open Doors, Kamehameha's Pauahi Keiki Scholars and Kipona Scholarship programs, Child Care Aware of America and Keiki O Ka Aina's HELP program.

### **MCS Applicant Checklist**

Choosing a school can be overwhelming, and we are here to help you through the process!

#### **For All Applicants:**

\_\_\_\_ Submit the completed Online Application, along with the non-refundable, non-transferable \$75.00 application fee. Additional processing fee may apply.

\_\_\_\_ Submit the financial assistance application (if applicable) by May 15, 2026.

\_\_\_\_ Attend other Admissions Events.

#### **For Preschool & Kindergarten Applicants:**

\_\_\_\_ Submit copies of your child's previous year's and most recent report card or progress report, if applicable.

\_\_\_\_ Give your child's current teacher the Confidential Teacher Reference Report form. This is to be submitted directly to MCS.

\_\_\_\_ **For Kindergarten Only:** Have your child attend the required Kindergarten Activity Session on **Saturday, February 7, 2026.**

#### **For Elementary Applicants**

\_\_\_\_ Submit copies of your child's previous year's and most recent report cards or progress reports, if applicable.

\_\_\_\_ Give your child's current teacher the Confidential Teacher Reference Report form. This is to be submitted directly to MCS.

\_\_\_\_ The Admission Office will contact you to schedule an assessment/visit.

### **Questions?**

Contact [admissions@montessorihawaii.org](mailto:admissions@montessorihawaii.org).