



8381 George Washington Memorial Highway
PO BOX 1510
Gloucester, VA 23061

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for inquiring about Gloucester Montessori School for your child. Our mission at Gloucester Montessori is to provide an education based on the individual that fosters independence, leadership and discovery for students from 16 months through Kindergarten, and beyond.

At GMS, students learn in a hands-on environment at their own pace using proven methods developed by Dr. Maria Montessori. A renowned physician and scientist, Dr. Montessori developed this educational approach based on extensive research into children's natural learning tendencies. The Montessori Method of educating children is utilized around the world and widely accepted in public and private schools across the United States.

In fact, many well-known entrepreneurs like Sergey Brin and Larry Page (founders of Google), Jeff Bezos (founder of Amazon.com), Julia Child and Yo-Yo Ma credit their early Montessori education as vital parts of their ultimate success.

Key characteristics of a Montessori classroom include:

- A unique prepared classroom environment that is designed to facilitate learning and independence.
- Specifically designed Montessori materials that invite children to engage in learning activities at their own individual levels.
- Montessori trained teachers that instruct, observe and guide students as they progress through the curriculum, cultivating concentration, self-discipline and the love of learning.

Gloucester Montessori School is a full member school of the American Montessori Society. With a membership of over 11,000 schools worldwide, AMS is the largest Montessori organization in the world. Our lead instructors hold Montessori credentials that are issued by the American Montessori Society and the Association Montessori Internationale.

There's no doubt that the love of learning starts early in life and at GMS, we're poised to provide the attention necessary to prepare the foundation. We'd very much enjoy the opportunity to get to know you and your family better. Please give us a call at (804) 699-3020 to set up a personal tour of our school.

Sincerely,

Gloucester Montessori School



GLOUCESTER MONTESSORI SCHOOL ADMISSIONS ELEMENTARY

GMS Admissions Process

1. Tour of GMS
2. Submission of an application for enrollment, student questionnaire & \$75.00 application fee
3. Family and student interview
4. Admission decision
5. Submission of a student contract for enrollment
6. Collection of additional information as needed (birth certificate data, current immunization record and physical, emergency contacts, transcripts from any previous school, etc.)

Elementary Criteria for New Student Enrollment

1. Age-appropriate readiness
2. Respect for materials, animals, and plants in the school environment
3. Willingness to listen
4. Parental awareness of the Montessori philosophy of education
5. Family support for Gloucester Montessori School and its mission

GMS Mission Statement

Grounded by the Montessori Method of educating children based on the individual, Gloucester Montessori maintains an environment that fosters **Independence, Leadership and Discovery** for students from toddlerhood through Kindergarten, and beyond.



Student Application

<u>For GMS Office use</u>	
Tour	_____
Application	_____
Application fee	_____
Questionnaire	_____
Interview	_____
Decision	_____
Start Date	_____

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 Gloucester, Virginia 23061
 (804) 699-3020

_____ / _____ / _____
 Student's Name _____ Gender _____ Date of Birth _____

Toddler House

5 half days
 8:30am - Noon

5 full days
 8:30am – 3:30pm

Children's House

5 half days
 8:15am - Noon

5 full days
 8:15am - 3:15pm

Elementary 1st – 6th grade

5 full days
 8:15am - 3:15pm

Primary Caregiver's Information:

Name _____

Physical Address _____

Mailing Address _____

Employer _____ Occupation _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Primary Caregiver's Information:

Name _____

Address _____

Employer _____ Occupation _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Sibling Information:

1. _____ / / _____ Y / N _____ 2. _____ / / _____ Y / N _____
 Name DOB In the home Name DOB In the home

3. _____ / / _____ Y / N _____ 4. _____ / / _____ Y / N _____
 Name DOB In the home Name DOB In the home

How did you hear about Gloucester Montessori School?

Why are you considering a Montessori education for your child?

How would you describe your child's personality and learning style?

What form of discipline is used in your home?

What other information can you share that would help us understand your child?

GMS depends on our families to volunteer for school-wide functions and various classroom jobs. What skills, interests or expertise might you share with GMS?

Upon receipt of your application, your child will be placed in our active applicant pool. We will call your family to schedule a time for your family to come in for an interview.

Signature of parent/guardian

Date

Please submit your \$75.00 new student application fee along with this form. This is a one-time non-refundable fee that does not apply toward your tuition.



ELEMENTARY QUESTIONNAIRE

We wish to familiarize ourselves as much as possible with your child in order to better understand their needs. Please fill out the following questionnaire and return it with your child's application. Thank you for taking the time to provide us with this helpful information.

Child's Name _____ Nickname _____

Age _____ Birthdate _____ Current Grade: _____

SOCIAL/ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY:

Who lives at home with your child?

Languages other than English spoken in the home:

Where has your child attended school in the past?

As clearly and objectively as possible, please describe your child.

What are your child's favorite toy/activities/interests?

What activities do you enjoy as a family?

What discipline techniques do you use to guide your child?

Does your child have behaviors that are of concern to you?

What are your goals (developmental, social, and academic) for your child over the next few years?

HEALTH HISTORY:

Please list any special medical considerations:

Allergies:

CAREGIVERS' DESCRIPTIONS OF THEIR CHILD:

_____ says,

" _____

_____."

_____ says,

" _____

_____."

Thank you for helping us get to know your child better.