

Early High School Montessori Application FAQs September 9, 2021

Q: Who is eligible to apply to CPS Montessori High Schools during this period?

A: Grade 6 students who live in district and currently attend a CPS Montessori elementary school are eligible to attend. Grade 6 students who live in district and previously attended a CPS Montessori elementary school, but transferred to Cincinnati Digital Academy (CDA) during the pandemic may also apply.

Q: What is the application schedule?

A: This application period will run September 21, 2021–October 29, 2021.

Q: Will students be grandfathered into the same Montessori high school as their siblings regardless of geography?

A: CPS strives to keep families together whenever possible. The Early High School Montessori Application includes a section to identify siblings that currently attend Gamble Montessori High School or Clark Montessori High School.

Q: Why is there an east/west designation?

A: As part of the meridian project, the CPS Board of Education determined that the early application period should follow east/west boundaries, with students east of I-75 attending Clark Montessori High School and students west of I-75 attending James N. Gamble Montessori High School.

Q: Can students who enrolled in CDA due to the pandemic apply?

A: Grade 6 students who live in the district and previously attended a CPS Montessori but switched to Cincinnati Digital Academy due to the pandemic may submit an application to attend a CPS Montessori High School during this period.

Q: What about employees who reside outside the district but their child attends one of the Montessori elementary schools?

A: CPS prioritizes students who live within the district and only students who live within district boundaries may apply at this time. Students who live outside the district may apply during the open enrollment period in May 2022.

Q: When do non-district students apply to Montessori high school programs?

A: Students who live outside the district may apply during the open enrollment period in May 2022.

Q: If a student is accepted into a Montessori program, can they still apply to other CPS high schools later in the year?

A: Yes. Students may participate in the application period for high school Montessori schools and still participate in the High School lottery, participate in the audition and

application period for SCPA, and/or participate in the testing and enrollment periods for Walnut Hills High School or Spencer Center for Gifted and Exceptional Students.

Q: Will the CPS Montessori High Schools offer shadow days?

A: Yes, the high schools will offer shadow days. Please be on the lookout for additional information.

Q: How do I learn more?

A: The best way to learn more is to [visit our webpage](#). You will find information about how to apply, parent information session and who to contact for questions.

Q: How long will it take for an acceptance letter?

A: Acceptance letters will be available on November 30, 2021.

Q: If you are accepted into a Montessori High-School, but don't register for that school, is your spot held?

A: CPS utilizes an "opt-out" process. This means that if you are accepted, you are automatically registered. If your child decides to enroll in a different high school, you will need to contact the Montessori high school or Customer Care team at cps-help@cps-k12.org or (513) 363-0123 to opt out of attending the Montessori High School.