



The New School Montessori Center

Re-enrollment 2024-2025

Dear New School Family,

As we prepare for the re-enrollment process for the 2024-2025 academic year, I want to express my gratitude for your continued partnership. Your ongoing support and contributions have played a crucial role in making our current school year both successful and enjoyable.

Together, with your invaluable help, we have enjoyed growth and progress on many fronts. Our collective efforts remain focused on our most important mission – to provide each child with personalized care and attention, crafting a holistic program tailored to their unique needs. Notably, initiatives such as the Student Support Program and Campus Improvement Project have yielded significant enhancements to better serve our students.

In parallel, fostering a cohesive school community that unites families, teachers, and students is also a pivotal objective. The collective efforts of our school committees, including our new parent-led Community Engagement Committee, have paved the way for a multitude of drives, events, and activities, contributing to our shared success. We look forward to future collaborative efforts!

On behalf of our dedicated teachers and staff, I want to thank you for entrusting your children to our care. We are wholeheartedly committed to this role and consider it an honor to fulfill. As we anticipate the upcoming year, we invite you to join us on our continued journey and celebrate our 40th year anniversary! There is much to look forward to, and we are hopeful that you will continue as a valuable member of our community and a cornerstone of our future success.

Best wishes,

Julie Schroer
Head of School

Re-enrollment Notes and Guidelines

Summer Contracts

This year, application forms for our summer camp are separate from the re-enrollment forms. However, if accepted into the Summer Program, families still have the option to have the summer tuition added to their monthly invoices.

Please note that enrollment for our summer camp program is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Students will be considered enrolled only upon receiving an administrator's signature on the application form. The deadline to apply for summer is February 27th to qualify for the early bird pricing. Applying by this deadline also increases the chances of securing a space. Applications received after February 27th are subject to 2% increase in tuition.

For details about our Summer Program and specific themes for the elementary summer camps, please visit the "*Summer Program*" page on our website.

Billing Information and 12-month Payment Plans

Please be aware that the current tuition rates listed in the re-enrollment contract include a 3% finance fee for all 12-month payment plans. However, families opting for automatic payments through our free ACH option or credit card (with processing fees paid by the family) in Blackbaud will incur a one-time fee of \$50 per family for this payment plan, rather than the 3% finance fee per student enrollment.

Those who choose not to enroll in the automated payment plan for the 12-month option will be charged the listed tuition amounts, which include the 3% finance fee.

It is important to note that families must remain enrolled in the automated payment option for entire 12-month period to qualify for the waiver of the 3% finance fee. Families terminating their automated payments before the end of the 12-month period will be invoiced for the original tuition amount, which includes the finance fee.

NOTE: When completing the "payment method" section of the re-enrollment forms, please note that the credit card option appears twice. The option in the left column reflects the automated payment option, while the option on the right is for those who opt out of autopay.

Please note that tuition payments are due the first of each month. As a courtesy, we allow a 5-day grace period. After 5 days, a 1.5% late fee or \$20, whichever is greater, will be applied to the family's account. Please note that any payments received after the 15th of the month will also incur a late fee of \$40 collected by Blackbaud. This fee is in addition to the school's late fees.

As a new feature for next year, we are introducing a convenient option for families to cover the costs of field trips, events, and other incidentals upfront at the beginning of the year. This will reduce the need to find cash or write checks throughout the year as events arise!

Schedule Change

Starting in the 2024-2025 school year that begins in August, most program schedules, including before and after-school, will remain the same, with four exceptions:

- The start time for all programs is now 8:20am.
- Before-school will operate between 7:30am and 8:20am.
- Morning carpool will now run between 8:20am and 8:35am.
- The full-day Nido, Early Years, and Children's House will all end at 4:00pm.

These much-needed adjustments will provide our teachers with valuable time for essential tasks such as record-keeping, room preparation, parent communication, and many other housekeeping duties that are challenging to address during the day when the children need our full attention.

Tuition Assistance & Changes to Opportunity Scholarship Eligibility

There are two scholarship opportunities available to K-12 students via the NC State Education Assistance Authority (NCSEAA):

- The Opportunity Scholarship Program, which is suitable for families who qualify based on income
- The Education Students Accounts (ESA+) Program, which is suitable for families of students with a range of disabilities or other diagnoses

We are pleased to inform you that the NCSEAA no longer requires enrollment at a public school for the year preceding attending our school. Current students enrolling in any grade from Kindergarten through 8th grade are now invited to apply, provided they meet the eligibility criteria!

For more details on eligibility and the application process, please visit:

<https://www.ncseaa.edu/k12/opportunity/>.

Important: Application Deadline is March 1

For information regarding our needs-based tuition assistance options and ChildCare Aware for active military families, please visit:

<https://www.montessoricenter.org/admissions/financial-aid/>