



The New School Montessori Center

Re-enrollment Overview 2026-2027

Dear New School Families,

As we look ahead to re-enrollment for the 2026–2027 school year, I want to begin by sharing a sincere thank you. This year has been shaped by steady work, thoughtful planning, and the active involvement of our families—through volunteer efforts, events, and day-to-day participation that continue to strengthen our school community.

One of our central goals this year was to clear the path for long-term campus improvements. Thanks to recent progress in our rezoning efforts, along with the collective contributions and support of our community, we are now positioned to move forward with more detailed planning. Important infrastructure steps that once felt distant have been completed, with additional work underway, allowing us to move from planning into action. We are grateful for your trust and collaboration that have made this progress possible.

At the same time, the year has also brought meaningful growth in our programming. This includes the continued development of our adolescent program and the introduction of ninth grade, with plans to add tenth grade next year as part of our long-term vision.

Across all programs, teachers have continued to refine learning environments, strengthen instructional practice, and support each child's growth with care and intention. Our ongoing work toward full AMS accreditation, along with expanded teacher training opportunities across classrooms, has further strengthened our commitment to our students.

On behalf of our teachers and staff, thank you for your continued engagement and support. We are deeply grateful for your partnership and for the many ways you support our teachers and school community. We look forward to welcoming you back next year!

Best wishes,

Julie Schroer
Head of School

Re-enrollment 2026-2027 Important Dates

Feb
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Re-enrollment Begins

Re-enrollment forms will be sent to the first guardian listed in Child Pilot and labeled with each child's name. Families enrolling multiple children should verify the file name to ensure the correct form is completed for each child.

Feb
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Opportunity and ESA+ Scholarship Application Opens

Scholarship opportunities are available for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Families are encouraged to visit the Tuition Assistance page on our website for more information. Please note that the deadline for the Opportunity Scholarship is **March 2**, and the deadline for **ESA+** is **March 6**.

Feb
15

Re-enrollment Closes

Re-enrollment forms are due by February 15. Forms received after this date are subject to an additional \$600 deposit and a \$210 late admissions fee. Deposits are due within five business days of receiving the deposit invoice.

Feb
16

Priority Open Enrollment

This date is reserved for processing priority enrollment for siblings of current students and returning alumni. Families will be contacted once openings are confirmed.

Feb
17

General Open Enrollment Begins

Open enrollment begins for new waitlist families and late re-enrollments. Admission is based on priority categories and first-come, first-served availability.

Feb
27

Elementary Summer Camp Enrollments Due

Summer 2026 Elementary Camp enrollments are due by this date. Applications submitted after the deadline will be considered only if space remains available and will incur a \$100 late admissions fee.

Mar
15

TNS FAST Tuition Assistance Deadline

The school offers need-based tuition assistance through ISM FAST. Families should plan to submit their most recent tax return during the application process.

Re-enrollment and Summer Information

Re-enrollment Forms

Your re-enrollment forms will be delivered through our online e-document provider, SignNow. Please read each section carefully and complete the forms accurately to avoid the need for resubmissions. We encourage you to take advantage of the section that invites updates about your child; this is a valuable opportunity to share goals or relevant changes that will help teachers as they plan your child's individual program.

In addition to the re-enrollment contract, we are required to collect an updated health form and emergency contact information. These forms will be included in the same re-enrollment packet. Please be sure to list at least one non-parent or non-guardian emergency contact, even if they are not local, so we have an alternate contact if we are unable to reach parents or guardians.

As you complete these forms, please also take a moment to review and update any changes to your family's information in Child Pilot.

Payment Plans

We offer convenient payment plan options. All plans are subject to a \$40 annual administrative fee per family to cover Child Pilot billing costs.

Both ACH and credit card payments include processing fees. The school covers ACH processing fees; families are responsible for credit card processing fees.

Plans A and D: Pay in Full

No finance fee applies.

Full balance due June 1, 2026.

Plans B and E: Semester

Subject to a \$25 annual finance fee per enrolled student.

First payment due June 1, 2026; second payment due December 1, 2026.

Plans C and F: Twelve-Month

Payments begin June 1, 2026, with the final payment due May 1, 2027.

Families may choose between automated or manual payment options.

Automated payments:

Families may avoid the built-in 3% finance fee included in the published twelve-month tuition rates by enrolling in automated payments via ACH or credit card. Instead, a \$60 annual finance fee per enrolled student will apply.

Manual payments:

Families using a manual payment method are required to pay the built-in 3% finance fee.

Summer 2026 Program and Enrollment

Program Overview

We offer summer programming for both Pre-Elementary and Elementary students. Pre-Elementary programs (Nido, Early Years, and Children's House) continue Montessori-based learning with additional enrichment activities and summer-focused experiences. For Elementary and MAP students, summer is offered through themed, week-long camps.

Summer Staffing and Groupings

During the summer session, teachers, interns, and assistants also engage in training, curriculum development, and classroom preparation for the upcoming academic year. As a result, summer programs are staffed on a rotating basis. We cannot guarantee that a child's regular teacher will be present, and Children's House students may be grouped with a different cohort than during the school year.

Summer Schedule and Dates

The school does not offer early care at 7:30 a.m. during the summer. All programs begin at 8:20 a.m. Half-day programs end at 12:00 p.m. for all ages. Full-day Pre-Elementary programs end at 4:00 p.m., while full-day Elementary programs end at 3:30 p.m. After-school care ends at 4:30 p.m. and is not available for Nido or Early Years programs.

Summer Camp begins on Wednesday, June 11, to accommodate staff preparation days. The school will be closed on June 19 and July 4. There will be an early release at 12:00 p.m. on July 25 for all programs.

Pre-Elementary Summer Enrollment (Nido, EY, CH)

Families in our Pre-Elementary programs who are re-enrolling for fall should indicate summer enrollment through the re-enrollment contract to secure a space.

Families with Pre-Elementary children who are not re-enrolling may inquire about the potential for summer enrollment, pending availability, by emailing info@montessoricenter.org. Availability may not be confirmed until April or May, once summer needs from newly enrolled families are finalized.

Separate summer applications submitted after February 18 will incur a \$100 application fee.

Attendance and Fees

Pre-Elementary summer fees cover all scheduled weeks of camp, regardless of attendance. Families may attend some or all weeks. If your child will be absent due to travel or other plans, please notify teachers in advance to support planning and supply ordering.

Elementary Summer Camp

Elementary summer camps are offered on a week-to-week basis and require a separate application. Enrollment and billing are handled independently from regular school-year tuition, and camp fees are billed separately.

Due to limited capacity, Elementary summer camps are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and placement is not guaranteed—even during the enrollment period. Camps may reach capacity at any point, including during the initial application window. If a camp fills, families may request placement on a waitlist and will be contacted if a space becomes available.

Families may enroll for any number of weeks. Camps are open to current students, siblings, alumni, and families referred by TNS parents or staff. Camp themes and descriptions are available on the Summer Program page of our website.

Summer 2026 Elementary Camp enrollments are due by the published deadline. Applications submitted after the deadline will be considered only if space remains available and will incur a \$100 late admissions fee. Because contracts and payments with third-party instructors must be finalized, camp selections cannot be changed after March 1.

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

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

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

Important: Application Deadline is March 6

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

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