

Why choose a CCMA School?

The Montessori name is in the public domain. It cannot be copyrighted, neither can it be patented. It is therefore possible for any school to call itself a Montessori school, even though it offers education that differs from the Montessori philosophy and methodology.

A CCMA School offers your child:

- a carefully prepared, child-centred environment
- mixed-age (family groupings) per classroom
- an opportunity to progress at his/her own pace
- activity based learning
- freedom and responsibility
- co-operation, collaboration, not competition

A CCMA School offers you as a parent:

- ongoing feedback about your child's progress
- an invitation to participate in many aspects of school life
- an environment where parents and teachers support each other in the desire to help your child be successful

When you choose a CCMA School

- You join others who want the best possible education for their children, based on an authentic Montessori philosophy

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A MESSAGE FOR PARENTS

Your Child is in a
CCMA School

*What does
that mean?*

CCMA

The Canadian Council of Montessori Administrators (CCMA) is a legally registered Canadian, not-for-profit corporation founded in 1977 to support Canadian Montessori administrators. The Council provides a unified voice in negotiations with government and other agencies. It also serves as a source of knowledge and expertise in Montessori school administration.

CCMA encourages and assists member schools in their move toward Accreditation.

Members are accountable to the CCMA for ensuring that qualifying programmes meet the standards and criteria established by the Council.

The CCMA recognizes teacher training institutes that meet the standards of the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI), and the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (MACTE).

Mission Statement:

CCMA is an association of Administrators of Canadian Montessori Schools that provides mutual support and services to its members and acts as a unified voice to organizations and agencies.

CCMA Schools

- Are licensed by the appropriate provincial licensing authority
- Meet the relevant Building, Health, Safety and Fire codes and carry appropriate insurance
- Are guided by the educational philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori
- Agree to abide by the CCMA Code of Ethics

Membership Categories

Accredited Schools:

- Each classroom has at least one teacher who holds an age-appropriate diploma from an AMI or MACTE accredited teacher training institute or any other teacher training programme that may be recognized by the CCMA
- Each classroom has a full range of Montessori materials
- Each classroom has 3-year multi-age groupings (as a minimum) i.e. 3-6, 6-9, 9-12, 12-15 year olds
- Programmes for children 3-6 years of age require attendance five days per week
- Have an age-appropriate admission policy
- Have successfully completed the Accreditation process, including a comprehensive review of the policies, standards, and practices of the school, by a CCMA Accreditation team

Our Vision:

To Promote standards of excellence for Canadian Montessori educators and programmes to help children reach their full potential.

Applicant Schools:

- Each classroom has at least one teacher who holds an age-appropriate diploma from an AMI or MACTE accredited teacher training institute or any other teacher training programme that may be recognized by the CCMA
- Have an age-appropriate admission policy
- Each classroom has a basic to full range of Montessori materials
- The school is actively engaged and making progress to meet the criteria for being Accredited (e.g. 3 year family groupings/mixed ages, five day per week programmes, etc.)

Teacher Training Institutes:

- The Montessori Teacher Training Institute shall offer programmes that are MACTE or AMI accredited

Alumni Members:

- The member shall be a former administrator of a CCMA Accredited Montessori School