



Montessori
Children's House
of Wellesley

Program Information

2024-2025

Class Configurations

MCHW limits enrollment to 24 children. In the Montessori tradition, our class is comprised of mixed ages. Roughly 1/3 are three years old, 1/3 are four years old, and 1/3 are five years old. This family-style approach offers important benefits for all. Younger children learn and are inspired by watching older peers. Older children thrive in their growing roles as leaders, teachers and role models.

To further enhance the children's learning experiences and parents' home-school communication access, however, the students are assigned to one of two subgroups: The Sun Group or the Moon Group. Each has 12 students and is lead by a Montessori certified Lead Teacher who closely follows her small group of children throughout their 2- or 3-year journeys at MCHW. The Sun and Moon groups may occasionally meet separately during certain times of each day, but generally work and play together as a single group. (The children don't particularly notice the distinction!)

Having the Sun and Moon designations, however, allows each teacher to focus on and acquire a richer understanding of each child's unique learning style, develop a personal relationship with each of her families, and carefully track and report each of her student's progress through the curriculum. We believe this model provides the best of both worlds: a larger "Montessori-style" working group that offers an ideal number of mixed-aged peers and role models, and a smaller group that allows a closer teacher/student/parent relationship.

The Lead Teachers are assisted by two dedicated assistant teachers, and the Director (also a Montessori certified teacher) joins in from time to time. At MCHW, we have 5 adults working with up to 24 students during the year, making the student:teacher ratio about 5:1.

Eligibility

Children must be born on or before December 31, 2021 to enroll in the 24-25 program. Children do not need to be toilet trained to attend.

Class Schedule

All children attend five mornings a week for three hours: 8:45 - 11:45. (Extended lunch bunch hours are offered Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. See details below.)

MCHW follows a gradual phase-in program during the early weeks of September to gently and thoughtfully introduce our new friends to their morning “home away from home” and transition old friends back into “school mode.” When a family feels their child isn’t ready for a full 5-day program, a longer phase-in period may be arranged. MCHW generally goes from Labor Day to Memorial Day and follows the Wellesley Public School holiday schedule with a few exceptions that are noted on our calendar.

Lunch Bunch Option

Parents may choose to have their child eat lunch at school on T, W and/or Th (11:45 - 1:00). Lunch Bunch enrollment is limited to 12 children/day. Enrollment is on a first-come basis. Choice of days is made by families at the time of enrollment, but we are happy to accommodate changing schedules during the year when possible.

Program Hours

Drop-Off

8:45 AM

Pick-Up

11:45 AM

Lunch Bunch Pick-Up (T, W and/or Th)

1:00 PM

Tuition

\$13,960/year

Lunch Bunch Fee

The Lunch Bunch fee is \$960/year for each day/week selected. This fee will be prorated across the April, August and January invoices.

Tuition Payment Schedule*

	Deposit	April 1	Aug. 1	Jan. 1	Total
Tuition	\$1,000	\$4,320	\$4,320	\$4,320	\$13,960
With 1 Lunch Bunch	\$1,000	\$4,640	\$4,640	\$4,640	\$14,920
With 2 Lunch Bunches	\$1,000	\$4,960	\$4,960	\$4,960	\$15,880
With 3 Lunch Bunches	\$1,000	\$5,280	\$5,280	\$5,280	\$16,840

Other Fees

MCHW does not charge an application fee.

There is a one-time \$150 enrollment fee for new students (including siblings) in their first year.

There is no re-enrollment fee for returning students.

Statement of Nondiscrimination

MCHW does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, national origin, cultural heritage, political beliefs or marital status. MCHW does not require children to be toilet trained prior to admission or attendance.

*Alternative payment plans are available upon request.

Application/Enrollment Process & Deadlines

Returning Students

REQUIRED FORM: Enrollment Agreement

PRIORITY DEADLINE: November 15, 2023

FEE: \$1,000 Tuition Deposit

Families of returning students have a priority enrollment window for the upcoming school year through November 15, 2023. A spot is reserved for a returning student upon receipt of (1) a signed Enrollment Agreement and (2) a \$1,000 tuition deposit. On November 16, all spots become open to the general public.

Siblings of Current or Past MCHW Students

ELIGIBILITY: Siblings must be born on or before December 31, 2021* to apply.

REQUIRED FORMS: Application Form & Enrollment Agreement

PRIORITY DEADLINE: November 15, 2023

FEES: \$1,150 (\$150 Enrollment Fee + \$1,000 Tuition Deposit)

We give siblings of past or current students priority over new applicants through November 15. A spot is reserved for a sibling upon receipt of (1) a completed Application Form, (2) a completed Enrollment Agreement, and (3) a check for \$1,150 (\$150 enrollment fee + \$1,000 tuition deposit).

New Students

Admissions Process

ELIGIBILITY: Children must be born on or before December 31, 2021 to apply.

REQUIRED FORM: Application Form

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications may be submitted at any time. MCHW may accept up to 4 new students during the “returning students/siblings priority window,” i.e., MCHW may make offers to 4 students before November 15. Additional spots will be released and open to new applicants after November 15. The number of additional spots is determined by returning student/sibling enrollment.

FEES: *There is no Application Fee.*

Enrollment Process

REQUIRED FORM: Enrollment Form

FEES: \$1,150 (\$150 Enrollment Fee + \$1,000 Tuition Deposit)

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE: We offer interested parents an after-hours tour and a one-on-one meeting with the director to answer questions, explore the environment, and discuss whether MCHW meets the expectations and needs of your family. If a spot is offered and parents then wish to make an additional visit to the school during school hours before making a commitment, an observation will be scheduled. (Please note: we do not schedule observations or tours during September while our new students are getting settled.) Following the observation visit, families may take an additional 2 days to make a final decision before the spot is offered to the next applicant. If a family accepts an offer, the spot is reserved upon receipt of (1) a signed Enrollment Agreement and (2) a check for \$1,150 (\$150 enrollment fee + \$1,000 tuition deposit).

* We offer a slightly earlier admissions age to siblings of current families with whom we discuss readiness prior to admission.