



# Montessori Teacher Sponsorship



MPS is invested in a strong and vibrant public Montessori program! We proudly offer sponsorships to cover the tuition of earning a Montessori teaching credential.

### Who is eligible?

- ▶ Must be a current or new MPS employee
- ▶ Must hold bachelor's degree
- ▶ Interested persons may be hired into the district as:
  - Paraprofessional assigned to a Montessori school
  - Benefit-eligible substitute OR day-to-day substitute in MPS Montessori schools

### Attend an Information Session

- ▶ Sessions are on the second Monday of each month, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. (Central Time Zone)
- ▶ Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/tbm-dtoi-vs>
- ▶ No need to preregister

### Participate in Guided Observation

- ▶ Observation is scheduled by the school or Montessori coordinator
- ▶ One-hour session includes tour, observation of classroom, discussion of methods

### Apply for Sponsorship

- ▶ Applications accepted year-round
- ▶ Details provided after Guided Observation

### Interview and Application Review

- ▶ Meet with review committee to finalize application

### Sign a Learner Agreement

- ▶ Must be completed by awardee prior to beginning courses and prior to any tuition payments to provider
- ▶ MPS employees are eligible for only one Montessori credential sponsorship
- ▶ A three-year teaching commitment is required

Sponsorship Steps	Information Session	Guided Observation	Application	Sponsorship Interview	Learner Agreement
New MPS employee or current staff	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Current permanent MPS Montessori teacher	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>
MPS Montessori school administrator	<b>X</b>				<b>X</b>

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