
ABOUT SOUTH SUBURBAN MONTESSORI SCHOOL

At South Suburban Montessori School (SSMS), we offer an exceptional educational opportunity for the development of the whole child, and offer it within the context of a family-like community. South Suburban is a school where:

- Students can accelerate their learning while working at their own pace
- Academic achievement and critical thinking skills are the cornerstones of preparing students for life
- Teachers are nurturing, caring and create a home-like, safe learning environment
- Value of teaching independence produces emotionally intelligent students who lead, not follow
- Values of respect, honesty, fairness and acceptance permeates every classroom

OUR METHODOLOGY

The Montessori Method is a child-centered method of education that allows children to learn with ease, and in an environment that's perfectly suited to each and every one of them. It's a method of teaching that fosters independence, creative thinking, and self-discipline. A Montessori school is an environment that cultivates respect and

compassion, and inspires children to love the process of learning.

A few of the core Montessori principles on how children learn include:

- Moving and learning are intertwined.
- Young children use all of their senses to learn...especially their hands.
- Children are encouraged to explore and interact with their environment.
- Extrinsic rewards interfere with true learning.
- Learning occurs best within a meaningful context.
- Learning occurs best when there is order in the environment.
- Children pass through sensitive periods...periods of time when they are most motivated and capable of learning a particular skill.
- Children learn through imitation, repetition, and trial and error.
- Making independent choices is a necessity for true learning.

The Montessori approach to education embraces the dignity of the child as a person, the necessity of recognizing individual differences and the catalytic role of the teacher and the prepared environment in helping each child actualize his/her potentialities.

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Indexed Tuition Program

WHAT IS AN INDEXED TUITION PROGRAM?

South Suburban Montessori School (SSMS) seeks students whose families are committed to the vision of the school and to using their own resources as much as possible to make this education their top priority. The primary expense of a private school is tuition; payments which go to support the cost of teachers, supplies and facilities. Families whose current financial circumstances may not fully support the financial obligations of sending their child to South Suburban Montessori School are encouraged to apply under the School's Indexed Tuition Program. Our School will act as a partner with your family to discover what resources are available to enable you to give the gift of private education to your child.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

1. Student must be enrolled or in the admissions process (admissions application must be submitted at South Suburban Montessori School).
2. The Index Tuition application and corresponding documentation must be supplied to SSMS external provider, Private School Aid Services (PSAS).
3. SSMS's Indexed Tuition Administrator receives the results from PSAS and processes the application.
4. Applicants will be notified of the results of their application within two weeks of receipt by the School of PSAS results.

LEVELS OF INDEXING

There are five levels of indexing available to families who qualify. They are:

- 10% reduction in annual tuition
- 20% reduction in annual tuition
- 30% reduction in annual tuition
- 40% reduction in annual tuition
- 50% reduction in annual tuition

HOW TO APPLY

Submit your application and all documentation to PSAS at:

Private School Aid Service
PO Box 89434
Cleveland, Ohio 44101-6434

Applications can also be completed online by using the following weblink:

<http://www.psas.org/4427.aspx>

There is a nominal fee payable to PSAS by families for this service.

This is a confidential process that ensures the privacy of the applicant and the recipient of Indexed Tuition.



WHAT MAY BE REQUIRED FROM YOU TO APPLY

For families who wish to apply under the School's Indexed Tuition Program, the following information may be required by our provider, PSAS:

- Copy of rental/Mortgage agreement.
- Copies of any current loan agreements, including credit card statements and/or proof of any other debts.
- Copies of the last payroll checks for all parents and step parents.
- Copies of W2's for all parents and step-parents.
- Copies of the previous year's tax returns for all parents and step parents.
- Copies of most recent investment and/or RIF account statements.
- Other documents as required by PSAS.

