

SECONDARY (GRADES 7-8)

Our Secondary program builds on the strong foundation established in the elementary years, guiding students towards greater autonomy, time management skills, and self-directed academic achievement. Students engage in a comprehensive curriculum that includes math, science, language, cultural studies, physical education, music, art, literature, community service, and foreign language. Rooted in the Montessori philosophy, we are committed to providing a holistic education that supports the growth of each child's intellectual, emotional, social, spiritual and creative development.

Building a love of learning through:

- Practical Life Skills
- Math Skills
- · Reading Comprehension Skills
- Grammar Skills
- U.S. History
- Civics
- Economics: Micro Economy
- Social Studies
- Geography
- Life Science
- Physical Science
- Socratic Seminars
- Passion Projects
- Writing Skills Development
- Hands-On Lessons
- Project Based Learning
- Social DevelopmentFood Preparation
- Art
- Music
- Spanish
- P.E.
- Swim Lessons
- In-House Field Trips
- Off-Site Field Trips
- · Overnight Field Trips



SECONDARY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

In the Montessori Secondary classroom, our goal is to help students find their place in society as they make their transition into adulthood. We accomplish this in the following ways:

- We engage students in meaningful, authentic work with implementations of project-based learning. We do not believe in "busy work."
- We put an emphasis on service learning. Students will engage in community service opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom. They will actively serve as land stewards and build deeper connections to the Earth.
- We provide a classroom environment that meets the developmental needs of adolescents. Our classroom is bright, beautiful, and filled with life. Ergonomic furniture and the Montessori environment allows for freedom and movement.
- We impart challenges that promote self-discipline and reason. Students engage in Socratic Seminars and are encouraged to share their thoughts and ideas. Students are invited to participate in studentled conferences twice a year.
- We establish a community that respects and values each member's individualism. Students will participate in daily community meetings, partake in solo time, and engage in community-building activities.

What we cover: Our carefully planned curriculum is broken up into eight thematic cycles spanning over two years. Within these eight cycles, students will work through Pre-Algebra or Algebra 1, Physical Science, Life Science, optional Sex Education, Language Arts, Spanish, US History, Civics, and Economics through our microeconomy. Each student will engage in a student-run class business creating opportunities to learn business skills such as strategic thinking, budgeting, and marketing.

<u>Specials:</u> All secondary students will participate in Art, Music Theory, Physical Education, and Spanish each week. Students will have an opportunity to earn High School credit through our Spanish I course.







