

Montessori Strategic Plan Update

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Five Priorities for Success



Montessori Strategic Plan Elements of Focus

Curriculum/Program Fidelity

- Adopt Montessori Essential Elements
- Develop Secondary Teacher Training Pathway



Resource Alignment

Montessori Coordinator Position



Staffing and Leadership

Implement Teacher and Administrator Pipeline Proposal



Systems of Communication

- Marketing and Community Outreach
- Collaborative Communication Structure



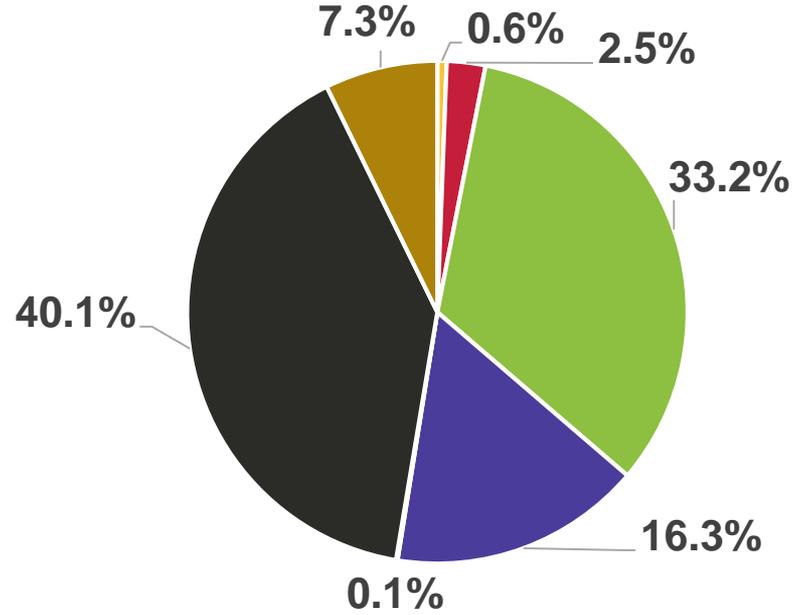
Facilities

Expand Program Offerings with Equity



Montessori Schools Demographics

- 3,536 students
- 8 schools*
- 1.3% English language learners
- 15.3% students with disabilities
- 49.0% economically disadvantaged



*Riley Elementary Montessori is through Grade 2



- American Indian
- Black/African American
- Asian
- Hawaiian Islander
- Hispanic
- White

MPS Employees in Montessori Certification

Name of Center	# of learners	Credential	Date of Completion	In Job
MPSU- Cincinnati Montessori Secondary Teacher Education Program	16	Secondary Grades 7-12	September 2022	15
MPSU- Alverno	16	Elementary Grades 1-6, WI license	January 2023	3
MPSU- UW-River Falls	4	Elementary Grades 1-6	September 2022	3
Global Montessori Education Institute	2 2	Primary, K3-K5	December 2021 June 2022	4
UW-River Falls	1	Primary, K3-K5	September 2022	1
National Center for Montessori in the Public Sector	2	Montessori Administration Overview	Complete	2
Seton Montessori Institute	2	Montessori Administration Credential	June 2022	2
Midwest Montessori Teacher Training Center	3	Primary, K3-K5	September 2022	1

Montessori Strategic Plan Progress

Completed Work

- Distributed a retention survey for Montessori program employees
- Provided professional development: Montessori concurrent instruction
- Conducted MAC meetings for March, April
- Submitted district textbook adoption waiver
- Represented MPS at American Montessori Society Virtual Conference
- Provided support to Montessori schools during pandemic
- Communicated with waitlisted K3 and K4 families regarding available Montessori seats

Current Work

- Holding virtual monthly Montessori principal meetings
- Providing targeted support for Montessori concurrent instruction
- Developing the curriculum for Montessori summer school
- Identifying staffing needs for 2021-2022
- Conducting targeted marketing for Craig, Barbee, Riley
- Developing new Montessori Infinite Campus grade book formats



Montessori Strategic Plan: Next Steps

July
2021

- Montessori-specific summer school
- Cincinnati Montessori Secondary Teacher Education Program: secondary courses at MacDowell
- Finalize Montessori material ordering requirements for expansions
- Establish Montessori secondary education committee

August
2021

- Finalize MPSU pathway for state licensing support for Montessori teachers
- Continued support for Montessori virtual instruction as deemed necessary
- New Teacher Institute- Montessori specific Modules

September
2021

- Develop Montessori teacher-to-administrator pathway
- Support sessions for MPS employees in Montessori certification
- Professional development for new IC Montessori capabilities
- IC collaboration for Montessori report keeping

Thank you.



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