

Dandy Lion Montessori School

Where Children Learn how to Learn

Enrollment Application

Child

First Name	Last Name	Sex	Date of Birth
Home Address	City	Zip	Home Phone

Sponsor 1

First Name	Last Name	Relationship	
Home Address [] same?	City	Zip	Home Phone
Profession	Employer	Work Phone	

Sponsor 2

First Name	Last Name	Relationship	
Home Address [] same?	City	Zip	Home Phone
Profession	Employer	Work Phone	

How did you hear about us?

What most influenced your decision to enroll your child here?

Desired Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Drop Off Time					
Pick Up Time					

Application Date:	Desired Start Date:	Will child attend Summer Program?
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Applicants Signatures

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the policies on the back of this form.

Sponsor 1	Sponsor 2
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Waiting List Policy

To keep our waiting list meaningful and manageable, we require applicants to complete the entire registration process, and pay the non-refundable Annual Registration Fee, before being placed on it. This not only assures that applicants are serious, but facilitates their ability to react quickly to an unexpected opening. While ideally the waiting list is kept on a first come, first served basis, there are several caveats:

- Obviously, a part-time opening requires a fit with an applicant willing to accept the available schedule.
- When possible, preference is given to preexisting part-time children wishing to add time to their schedule, to previously enrolled children, or others already familiarized with the Montessori curriculum elsewhere.
- Continuity of income being important to the success of the school, preference may be given to an applicant prepared to act immediately to accept an unforeseen opening and/or also applying for the summer program.
- It is important to the Montessori Method of education to try to maintain a balance among the ages, sexes, and temperaments of the children in a classroom. An opening occasioned by the withdrawal of a 4^{1/2} year-old boy, for example, might be offered to a similar child before a 2^{1/2} year-old girl, application dates notwithstanding.

School Hours

Please recognize that this is a **school**, not a daycare facility. While we offer extended hours to meet the needs of working parents, you may **not** drop-off or pick-up your child at just any inopportune time. Our daily schedule is strategically designed so that the noon hour, and the first and last half hour of each day, is our “recess” or playground time. This allows the inevitable flux of daily arrival and departure times to occur when least disruptive to our academic program. The morning session begins at 8:30 AM and ends at 12:30 PM, and the afternoon session runs from 12:30 PM until 3:30 PM. Although we try hard to convince parents to at least arrive before the bell rings at 8:50 or 12:50, arriving late or departing early up to 30 minutes only deprives children of some of their essential social exercise. Thirty minutes should be more than enough leeway so, to safeguard student concentration, once begun at 9:00 or 1:00 we do everything possible to prevent **any** class disruptions. For instance, teachers will **not** be disturbed for a phone call during class time unless there is a true emergency.

Not simply daycare, we are not a public school either. Parents may freely choose, without fabricating some excuse, to keep their child home on any day that our inflexible schedule is inconvenient to theirs, and full-day students are free to come or go during the noon recess window. We just cannot abide capricious class disruptions by anyone regarding our program as merely a babysitting service obliged to accommodate their erratic schedule. While it might seem that only the punctually challenged might be a problem, please understand that even an occasional transgression is intolerable. With over sixty children enrolled here, if everyone did it only once a month this would average an untenable three class disruptions per day. Therefore, a Book Fund “contribution” of \$5⁰⁰ will automatically be assessed to the account of any child arriving or departing anytime between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM or 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM for **any** reason.

To be effective and avoid any need for excuses, deception, or judgments, **no** exceptions will be made — even for rare and forgivable (but no less disruptive) circumstances. Tardy or early departure times as little as **one** minute must be recorded by staff on class attendance records and the accounting process **will** automatically bill for them regardless of cause. Doctor appointments and emergencies do happen, and it is unfortunate to have to charge for them, but if you do find it unavoidable to arrive during class time we request that you park on the street. This includes even when arriving a few minutes early and waiting for the class to end. Early arrival of parent vehicles in the parking lot inevitably attracts the attention of students who are likely to start anticipating their own parent’s arrival rather than concentrating on their work.

If you and your child have difficulty parting, this is **much** easier on everyone if done on the playground, so **please** try to have it over with no later than 8:45. The **best** plan is to make your departure matter-of-fact and expeditious, and **never** allow the “one more hug/kiss” routine to ever get started. Rest assured that protracted parting dramas are harder on parents than children. After they have installed the guilt trip that ruins your day, they usually forget the whole episode within a couple of minutes when they can join friends in cheerful play on the playground once you finally leave.

Baby-sitting

For several good reasons, it is our policy that, as a specific condition of employment, our teachers are **not** permitted to baby-sit, or transport to or from school, any children enrolled in our school. Please avoid awkwardness by never asking, even in an emergency.