

YSD 1 Montessori FAQ

How many students are selected in the lottery?

Each year, there are 10 slots for 3-year-olds, and 10 slots for 4-year-olds. We do not accept new 5-year-olds into the program, as it is designed to be a multiple year program.

*Students must be 3 (for 3-year-old slots) or 4 (for 4-year-old slots) on or before September 1.

What happens if my child is not selected in the lottery?

Every child is placed on a waiting list according to age and position in the lottery. Notification letters will include child's position on the waiting list. Your child's name will remain on the waiting list until the end of the school year unless it is removed due to the family relocating or entry into another program.

If my child is not selected for the program, may we try again next year?

If your child is not selected as a 3-year-old, you would need to enter the lottery the following school year for the 4-year-old program. Students are not automatically placed in the lottery. If your child is not selected as a 4-year-old, then you could not try again, as we do not accept new 5-year-old students.

If my child is not accepted into the 4-year-old Montessori, are there other options?

YSD 1 is able to offer CERDEP 4-K to students who qualify. CERDEP is an income-based program. Students must have Medicaid, or the family income must be below a certain level. If you are not accepted into Montessori, we encourage you to register for CERDEP 4K, even if you think you will not qualify. The state often allows non-qualified students to enter in October. Once your child enters a CERDEP classroom, his/her name will be removed from the Montessori waiting list.

Can Montessori students ride the bus if they are out of Hunter Street's zone?

Because Montessori is a district program of choice, students in the 5-year-old or 4-year-old program will be provided with bus transportation if needed; even if they are outside Hunter Street's zone. We are unable to provide bus transportation for 3-year-olds.

How do Montessori students transition to 1st grade?

Although the program is a different approach to learning, students will still cover the same learning standards, and will therefore, be prepared for 1st grade. Students should attend 1st grade in the school for which they are zoned.