

**Spring Valley Montessori School**  
36605 Pacific Highway South  
Federal Way, WA 98003

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**Voted Best School**  
—Federal Way Mirror  
“Best Of” 2006 Poll



**Preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Educating Children Since **1951**  
Training Teachers Since **1962**

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## Curriculum

Spring Valley Montessori school provides a solid, balanced program for Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade (ages 2½ – 14).

**Mathematics** is taught using the proven concrete Montessori materials. Students learn abstract concepts through concrete work.

**Science** is explored through a hands-on approach, as well as in our natural environment, making it fun and exciting!

**Social sciences** are taught to broaden the horizon of your child’s understanding of the world cultures, ethnicity, and diversity.

**Language** work includes: reading, writing, spelling, creative writing, and grammar.

**French** is taught to all ages, from Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Occasionally, older children have the opportunity to go on a 2-week French trip with their parents and French teacher, deepening their language skills, as well as cultural understanding.

**Arts** and **music** provide stimulation for creativity and imagination.

All subjects are enriched by concrete Montessori materials. The goal is to instill good citizenship values through practical life, grace, courtesy, social, and communication skills.



## Preschool Program

Our preschool program is individualized to fit children’s needs. We offer a morning program, and an all day program. Your child has to be 2½ years old and fully toilet-trained to register.

## Before & After Care

Students are in class during the following hours:

- Full-time Preschool through Primary students (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades) attend school 9:00am – 3:00pm.
- Upper Elementary and Middle School students (3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades) attend school 8:30am – 3:00pm.

Before and after school care is offered starting at **6:30am** and ending at **6:00pm**. Many of our parents find this service extremely helpful.

## Student to Teacher Ratio

Spring Valley offers a low student to teacher ratio with two teachers in each classroom, providing each child the individual help and instruction necessary to learn and succeed in the classroom and in life.

## Summer School

During summer school, the pace is more leisurely, and uniforms are not required. In addition to academics, children also have arts, crafts, cooking, and sports; a comfortable balance between academics and fun. Children can attend full-time, part-time, all or part of summer. We can accommodate what works best for your summer plans.

## Montessori Cornerstone

Spring Valley Montessori School was founded by Madeleine Justus in 1951 in Seattle, and moved to Federal Way in 1957. Mrs. Justus is still involved in our school.



When your child attends Spring Valley Montessori, you know that you are receiving the true Montessori principles of education, while still keeping pace with advancements in the fields of education and science.

## History

The Montessori Method of Education was established by Dr. Maria Montessori in 1906 in Italy and has spread around the world. Spring Valley Montessori School is the oldest private Montessori school in the Pacific Northwest.

We have educated thousands of children, giving them solid educational foundations at the critical developmental time: Preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

We are an award winning school. Our students go on to the best high schools and colleges in the country, many on academic scholarships.



## Faculty

We have a staff of over 25 who work cooperatively to enrich the environment for your children.

All teachers are Montessori trained and certified. They are committed to excellence in education and to the individual needs of each child. Every teacher brings a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm to the classroom.

Our staff and student body is 44% ethnically and culturally diverse.

## Facilities

Spring Valley Montessori School's campus is located on 14 beautiful acres with tall trees, a meadow, a salmon-run creek, and a lovely lake that is a bird refuge for ducks and geese. Our nature and environmental studies are conducted in this beautiful environment.

The classrooms have access to two large playgrounds with swings and sports equipment for recess and physical education (PE).



## Credentials

- Approved by OSPI (Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction) in Washington State
- Licensed by State of Washington, Department of Early Learning
- Member of Washington Federation of Independent Schools (WFIS)
- Member of Pacific Northwest Montessori Association (PNMA)
- Member of North American Montessori Teachers' Association (NAMTA)

## Teacher Education Program

Spring Valley Montessori Teacher Education Program offers an excellent teacher training program.

Two classes are offered, starting in September.

- **Early childhood (ages 2½ – 6)**
- **Elementary (ages 6 – 12)**

Each class is a rigorous year-long course. All Spring Valley teachers have gone through our program, as have a large percentage of Montessori teachers in Washington state.

The Spring Valley Montessori Teacher Education Program is accredited by the **MACTE (Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education)** Commission, recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. We are a founding member of IAME (International Association for Montessori Education). Our Teacher Education Program is licensed by the state of Washington and is approved as an In-Service Site for Continuing Education.

For details download the brochure from:  
<http://www.springvalley.org/teacher.htm>

## French

Statistics show the best time to learn a 2<sup>nd</sup> language is during the early years (ages 1 – 6). Spring Valley offers an intensive French program: Preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. In addition, older children can go on a 2-week trip to France, when offered!

## Admission Process

1. Parents make an appointment to observe a classroom. Observation hours are 9:30 – 11am, by appointment.
2. Your child is interviewed for classroom placement.
3. Parents fill out the application form and pay the application fee.

Spring Valley Montessori is an independent, non-profit, private school with a non-discriminatory policy regarding students and staff, and has no religious affiliations.

## Contact Us

If you are interested in enrolling your child in our school, please call us at:  
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