

## Enrollment At Stepping Stones Montessori School

Do I need to put my child on a waitlist?	No, either enroll during our Early Enrollment Period (between now and Open House) or on-site at Open House on <b>April 4</b> from 10am to 1pm.																																
What is the Early Enrollment Period?	The Early Enrollment Period places everyone who has previously visited, has a relationship with the school personnel or clientele, or wants to be assured of a placement, on an equal playing field. Rather than save openings for people who have merely inquired, it focuses on those who have made an effort to get to know the school and who are actually ready to make the commitment to enroll their child(ren).																																
How and when can I enroll my child?	<p>Make an inquiry at <a href="mailto:learn@steppingstonesmontessorischool.com">learn@steppingstonesmontessorischool.com</a> This ensures we have your contact info for updates. If you are receiving or have received an email in return, you have completed this step.</p> <p>2) After receiving our reply to your inquiry form, should you decide to enroll, email reply to us to receive a link to an enrollment contract on Google Forms. Do not use a cell phone when filling this form out electronically, as the system will not let you submit.</p> <p>3) Send a check with <i>September's tuition</i>, plus a <i>one-time registration fee of \$100</i>, made out to SSMS, to 195 Hallowell Rd, Chelsea, ME 04330</p> <p>4) Accept our invitation to Bloomz, our school information system (usually emailed).</p> <p>5) Create an account for monthly billing at <a href="http://enrollwithsmart.com">enrollwithsmart.com</a>, unless you are prepaying for the year. See tuition info below. You will not be billed until September 1.</p>																																
What if I want to enroll my child for the current school year?	Please indicate such in an email to the school at <a href="mailto:learn@steppingstonesmontessorischool.com">learn@steppingstonesmontessorischool.com</a> . After hearing back from us, if we have space and give the go-ahead, follow the steps in the box above, numbers 2 to 5.																																
<p>What are the yearly tuition rates?</p> <p>All payments are non-refundable for any reason, including the registration fee and September deposit. Even if you move!</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;"><b>Grades 1-8</b></td> <td style="width: 20%;">\$5800</td> <td style="width: 30%;"><b>Grades 7&amp;8 Lab/Apprenticeship</b></td> <td style="width: 20%;">yearly fee \$200</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Pre K and K</b></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>    2 half days</td> <td>\$ 3500</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>    2 full days</td> <td>\$ 4950</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>    3 half days</td> <td>\$ 4500</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>    3 full days</td> <td>\$ 5950</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>    5 half days</td> <td>\$ 5900</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>    5 full days</td> <td>\$ 7100</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Aftercare Rate</b> \$5 per hour for Grades K-8, \$6 per hour for ages 3 and 4</p> <p>Tuition is charged over 10 months with your deposit, prepaid upon enrollment, for September. After the deposit of September's tuition, SmartTuition charges the remaining nine payments a month in advance:  Sept for Oct, and so on, until a final May for June payment.</p> <p>Smart charges \$50 per year for on top of the September payment for the monthly billing option. If you would like to pre-pay for a full or half year, we sometimes offer a percentage discount and you can avoid the SmartTuition fee as well.</p> <p>After you have enrolled, we will then have you create an account for payments at <a href="http://enrollwithsmart.com">enrollwithsmart.com</a> (deadline June 30)</p>	<b>Grades 1-8</b>	\$5800	<b>Grades 7&amp;8 Lab/Apprenticeship</b>	yearly fee \$200	<b>Pre K and K</b>				2 half days	\$ 3500			2 full days	\$ 4950			3 half days	\$ 4500			3 full days	\$ 5950			5 half days	\$ 5900			5 full days	\$ 7100		
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Can I visit before Open House?	<p>We apologize that there are too many requests to do so between December and March when we have an Open House coming up. Exceptions to this policy are if your child is in Grade 1-8, or you are enrolling for the current school year.</p> <p>For PreK and K, your first connection to the school should be at Open House. This ensures that our teachers are not distracted by visits/questions when working with current students. If you can't make it to Open House, or if you enroll at Open House and want a classroom visit, we are making Monday mornings in May available for classroom visits between 9:30 and 11:30: <b>Please email the school to sign up for a classroom visit during one of these days.</b></p>																																
Will I be able to enroll my child after Open House?	In most cases, yes. Although space may be limited, we typically have some openings after Open House. Send us another email and follow Steps 2 to 5 above.																																
Are there any other fees?	Beginning in September, for those paying monthly, SmartTuition charges payments for September (for October) to May (for June). There will be a once annual \$50 fee added to your September payment for Smart's payment service. If you utilize before and aftercare, it is \$5-6 per hour.																																