

# TRINITY MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Program Application Packet, 2024-25 Academic Year



## PROGRAM COSTS

	Child's Age	Contract Length	Paid in Full	Paid Bi-Annually	Paid Monthly
<b>Infant</b>	12 weeks to	Full Year	\$15,225	\$7,615	\$1,270
	18 months	10-Month	\$12,685	\$6,345	\$1,270
<b>Toddler</b>	18 months to	Full Year	\$13,940	\$6,970	\$1,165
	3 years	10-Month	\$11,625	\$5,815	\$1,165
<b>Casa</b>	3 to 6 years	10-Month	\$11,000	\$5,500	\$1,100
<b>Elementary</b>	6 to 12 years	10-Month	\$10,230	\$5,115	\$1,025

One (1) Sibling Discount of 5% may be requested when multiple children in a shared household or family are enrolled in good standing at Trinity Montessori School, applied to the rate paid for the oldest child.

### DEPOSITS & FEES:

#### Tuition Deposit, for Returning Families:

Equal to 1/2 Monthly Tuition Payment at the above rate, to be applied to the **final month** of the upcoming year's tuition payment plan.

Payable for every new and returning student in a shared household/family.

#### Tuition Deposit, for Newly Enrolling Families:

Students from families joining TMS for the first time, or returning to TMS after a period during which no children were actively enrolled, will pay a deposit equal to a full Monthly Tuition Payment, to be applied to the **final month** of the upcoming year's tuition payment plan.

**Tuition Deposits are not refundable, or transferrable, in the event of withdrawal.**

#### Administrative Payment Plan Draft Fees:

For a single, full year's tuition payment..... **\$0**  
 For two bi-annual payments..... **\$50**  
 For every monthly tuition payment..... **\$35**

#### New Student Acceptance Fee:

Nonrefundable; payable for every new student..... **\$200**

#### **MONTESSORI ACTIVITY PLUS (MAP):**

After-school childcare for Toddler/Casa students only, from 3:20 – 5:30pm

Registration Deposit.....	<b>\$50</b>
Academic Year, pre-paid in full.....	<b>\$2,250</b>
Monthly, pre-paid in full.....	<b>\$250</b>
Daily.....	<b>\$25</b>
Last-minute Drop-In.....	<b>\$35</b>

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## Admissions and Enrollment FAQs:

There's a lot to know about admissions and enrollment here at Trinity, so please read through the following carefully! If you still have lingering questions about our admissions process, please feel free to call the TMS office at (843) 556-6686, or email our Admissions Director, [mike@trinitymontessori.com](mailto:mike@trinitymontessori.com)

### Q: How old must my child be to attend Trinity?

A: The ideal entry into a Montessori program is age 3 or earlier, but we accept applications for children from 12 weeks to 12 years across three programs: the Nursery & Toddler (3 months to 3 years), Children's House, or Casa, (3 to 6 years) and the Elementary (6 to 12 years old).

### Q: Do you accept new students on a "rolling" basis?

A: TMS operates on a traditional academic calendar, meaning our students begin in August of any given year, and attend five full days per week, through the end of May. Summer Sessions and Camp are available for certain age groups, but not for every enrolled child in every program.

### Q: How long is your waitlist?

A: It varies, based on the age of your child.

Our waitlist for Nursery & Toddler is very long. We give priority enrollment to siblings of currently enrolled TMS students: therefore, those communities are often composed mostly of little brothers and sisters of older children.

Note: our Casa program, for ages 3-6, is a full curricular arc. When applying to this program, please keep in mind that your child will gain the most from her time here if you plan to stay for that complete cycle, which includes a traditional Kindergarten year.

If you are interested in applying for the 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades, please submit an application at your earliest convenience. Upon receipt of your application, one of our administrative or teaching staff will reach out to you with information about evaluating your child and setting up a school visit.

### Q: How much does it cost to apply to Trinity Montessori School?

A: Currently, nothing!

If we can enroll your child, we'll collect a non-refundable/non-transferrable Acceptance Fee and a Tuition Deposit, which is applied to the last month's tuition of your child's contracted month. (If you withdraw before the end of your enrollment agreement, that deposit is forfeited.)

### Q: What is my child's number on the waitlist, and what does that mean for when we're "getting in?"

A: When it comes time to fill openings in our programs, we take a holistic view of each cohort in order to best serve each student community, and by extension, each individual child. This is done by asking three questions, in the following order:

- Does this classroom need a *current* leader (ie, an older child relative to the other students) or a *future* leader (ie, a younger child relative to the other students)?
- Does this classroom need more boys, or more girls, to have an equal gender balance?
- Is there a child on the waitlist that satisfies both of the above criteria, and if there is more than one, which has the oldest dated application?

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## Admissions and Enrollment FAQs, continued:

Based on the above formula, we can keep our classrooms as conducive to best Montessori practices as possible. It also means that, given the demographics of our current population, some children wait much longer on the list than others.

Finally, we are always looking for families who value long-term partnership!

### **Q: Do I have to reapply for your programs if my child is eligible for a different class now, relative to when I first applied?**

No need to reapply; applications are kept on file for all classrooms.

### **Q: I am looking for 3K/4K for my child. What are your offerings?**

A: Children that are toilet-trained and are (or are almost) 3 years old in August of a given year are eligible for what we call the Children's House, or Casa. This environment is where children who are 3, 4, 5-turning-6 years old are enrolled.

Casa environments are a wonderful, multi-age setting where the children are given great freedom to explore the work around them, and thus, may be imbued with an incredible academic and emotional skillset from a very young age.

**It is critical to be aware that students get the most out of any Montessori environment when they remain enrolled for at least THREE FULL YEARS;** and yes, for pre-school aged children, that means what traditional schools call 3K, 4K, and 5K, or Kindergarten.

### **Q: When will I know if my child can be enrolled at Trinity Montessori School?**

A: Cohorts are usually full by May, and offers of enrollment go out beginning in March. Off-cycle vacancies occasionally occur, but this is unusual: if your child is the right fit for one of our programs, you will be sent an offer of enrollment and may come in for a meeting with one of our admin staff.

### **Q. Can I tour Trinity?**

A. Once an application is submitted, someone will be in touch to confirm that your application has been processed, your child has been added to our waitlist, and to set up an in-person meeting

These visits are scheduled during the Morning Work Cycle, which is when the bulk of the exploration and learning happens, especially for younger children. We are thrilled to be able to showcase this beautiful moment in the day.

During your visit, you are welcome to peek into the classrooms to see what the students are working on, but unless you are approached by one of the children, please do everything in your power to remain on the periphery. Thank you for your understanding.

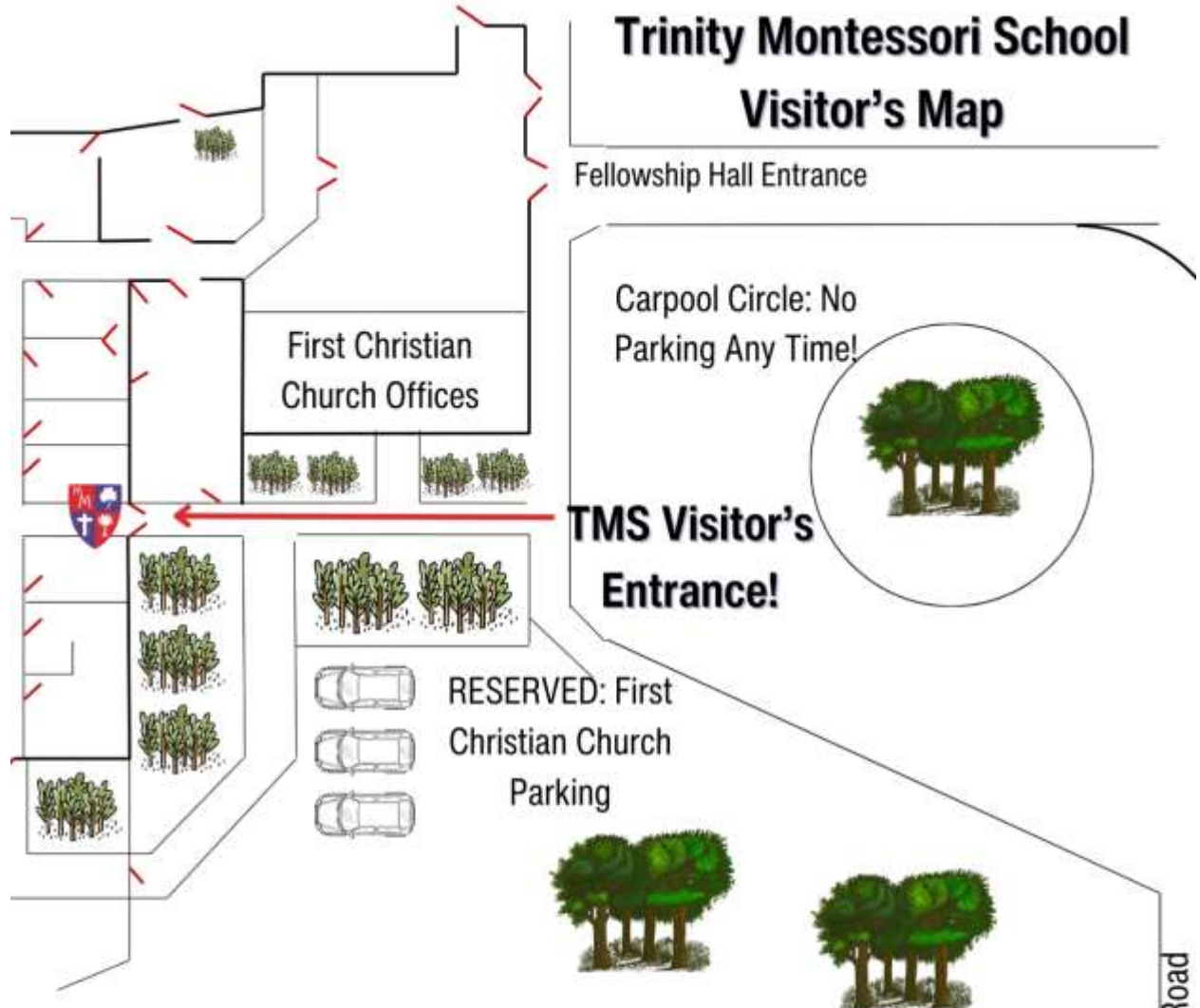
The very first row of parking spaces closest to the school's Visitor Entrance is reserved for the church staff. We are guests of the church here, so please do not use their parking spaces, block in their vehicles, or otherwise interfere with the business of the church employees. See the attached map for more info.

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## Trinity Montessori School Visitor's Map



### Welcome to Trinity Montessori School!

When you arrive, please ring the bell to the right of the door; if nobody arrives in a timely fashion, feel free to call the office:

843-556-6686.

*TMS is a smoke-free campus, and does not permit the carrying of firearms, concealed or otherwise, by non-law enforcement personnel.*



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For students applying to Elementary, please request academic records from your current school be sent to TMS. This includes data gathered during the course of evaluations, testing, or screenings. All records shared with Trinity Montessori School are considered confidential, and will not be shared without written request Thank you.

To whom it may concern,

I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
*Legal Guardian Name, Printed*

hereby authorize \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of School*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Street, City, State, Zip*

to release all school records including, but not limited to, teacher reports pertaining to grades, evaluations, and recommendations, and other records related to attendance or health matters, for my child to the following:

Trinity Montessori School  
Attn: Margaret Riggs, Director of Administration  
1293 Orange Grove Rd  
Charleston, SC 29407  
Fax: 843-556-6664  
Email: [margaret@trinitymontessori.com](mailto:margaret@trinitymontessori.com)

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*Parent Signature*

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