



# Appleton Public Montessori



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## School Profile

Enrollment: 160  
Grade Levels: 4K—6th grade

## Principal

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## What makes APM special?

Appleton Public Montessori School provides an authentic Montessori education with multi-aged classrooms, Montessori materials and Montessori trained teachers. Located within Plamann Park, nature is steps away and we take full advantage of it with nature hikes, outdoor learning activities, and physical activities such as sledding and snowshoeing. Learning is individualized utilizing the Montessori

materials to help build an in-depth understanding of the curriculum. Teachers and para-professionals help guide the students toward a love of learning that carries on throughout their lifetime. Along with the academics, we strive to instill in every child the importance of being peaceful, kind, helpful, and caring to one another. Through our Virtues Program students have the opportunity to recognize those

and other virtues by writing Virtue Vouchers for one another. Everything done in Montessori serves as a learning opportunity, even lunch! Students assist within the lunch program cleaning up after themselves, washing and folding their cloth napkins, and helping to serve lunch. Our motto of “Learn to Love to Learn” is at the core of everything we do.

## Awards & Honors

- Recognized as the Montessori Lab School by the Innovative School Network for Wisconsin.
- Montessori educator training site for UW-River Falls.



## Opportunities at APM

Supporting a well-rounded child who loves to learn in all areas and appreciates not only the core academics but also the cultural arts is vital in today's world. At APM we put a strong emphasis on not only the core academics, but also the cultural arts. We offer four days of performing arts instruction weekly for children in grades 1-6. Our Performing Arts Program incorporates singing, dance, and musical instruments from first grade on up. Along with that all students in grades 1-6 experience Spanish instruction weekly, art, and two classes of physical education. Our physical education, provided by the Apple Creek

YMCA integrates physical education activity and environmental education.

Many opportunities exist for children at APM, but they also do for parents as well. When you enroll at APM, you are enrolling not just your child, but your family. Our Governing Board, the Appleton Public Montessori Association, not only provides opportunities for parents to be actively engaged in school activities, but also the opportunity to serve on the Board or a sub-committee. The Board and sub-committees are vital in our operation, and help to shape our school now and for the future.

