

Our Montessori-blend program is based on the philosophy originally developed by Dr. Maria Montessori in the late eighteen, early nineteen hundreds. Montessori's teaching system is based on an integration of child observation, practical hands on activities, and a progression towards independent learning. The materials offer learning experiences in a clear, concrete manner. Students are encouraged to use motor and intellectual discovery when working with the Montessori materials. As a public Montessori-based program, we embrace the Montessori philosophy and integrate it with the state-adopted curriculum.

Key elements of our Montessori-blend program:

- ◆ The prepared environment is arranged in a logical sequence of skill acquisition and concept building. In this way, the students observe and experience a movement toward achieving goals.
- ◆ The materials initially isolate knowledge to one concept at a time in a concrete manipulative style.
- ◆ Prepared environment is a combination of teacher instruction, an ordered environment with materials for student exploration, and a respectful interaction between students.
- ◆ Focus on fostering and developing students as independent learners.
- ◆ Teacher's role is as facilitator to guide the student through Montessori work plans interwoven with state-standard curriculum.
- ◆ Multi-age grouping, activities, and prepared classroom setting. The integration of varied age spans allows confidence-building experiences.
- ◆ Teaching control of movement, grace and courtesy.
- ◆ Teaching respect of self, others and environment.
- ◆ Focus of moving the students from processing concrete concepts to the abstract.
- ◆ A classroom with developmental tasks prepared with a balance of differentiation and structure.
- ◆ Administration of district trimester assessment and state-standardized testing.

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Wheatland Charter Academy

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(Located on Beale AFB with gate access process available—call the school for information)



**Wheatland
Charter Academy**

*K-5 Site-Based Montessori-Blend
Education. A fee-free choice for your child's
education.*

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**Wheatland Charter Academy shares a
campus and services with Lone Tree
School, Traditional TK—5**
***Wheatland Charter Academy is under the
umbrella of the authorizing District's
policies, procedures, LCAP, safe plan and
business services.***

Montessori—Blend Program

Wheatland Charter Academy incorporates the Montessori philosophy of teaching with California State Standards. The Montessori philosophy is devoted to helping each child grow toward independence by building confidence, competence, self-esteem and respect for others. More than an approach to education, Montessori is an approach to life. Montessori education is based on the scientific research work of Dr. Maria Montessori.

Wheatland Charter Academy follows state standards and uses state approved curriculum complimented with the Montessori curriculum to help the child meet his or her goals in a differentiated manner.



Is this program a good fit for my child?

Your child is expected to work independently at an efficient pace after receiving guidance.

Your child does well with more hands-on activities.

When given an option, your child can handle choosing and following through on work that interests him/her.

Your child works effectively with collaborative activities with other students.

Your child can work responsibly at a teacher-guided, but individualized pace to meet his/her own needs.

Your child works well with long-term projects where research and further in-depth learning is to occur.

Responsibilities of Enrollment

The Director has the authority to end enrollment for a student if either of the following are not met.

- ◆ *The student will arrive to school on time and maintain positive attendance to school.*
- ◆ *The student will maintain a positive and respectful attitude toward all adults and students on campus.*

All lunch or After School Program fees shall be current and not fall into a negative balance.

Transportation outside of the District's established routes to and from school is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

Montessori Philosophy

The **Montessori Philosophy** is a philosophy that challenges and enriches the whole child academically and socially.



Maria Montessori
(1870-1952)

The philosophy respects children as self-directed individuals and fosters their growth toward independence and social responsibility, while creating a joyful, diverse and family-oriented community.



Highly qualified teachers and full time para-educators.

The Wheatland Charter Academy (WCA) provides state-standardized curriculum with Montessori-blend for students ranging from Kindergarten through fifth grade. The Wheatland Charter Academy is committed to the best interest of the students. Close communication with parents supports this commitment. Parents and teachers meet to discuss the success of the child through their experience with Montessori's developmental philosophy and state academic standards. It is our intent to provide the students with a safe, nurturing, and challenging environment to support and encourage their natural love for learning.