

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROFILE

Quick Facts: Upper School

- **School Code:** 365343
- **Accreditation:** State of Ohio Department of Education
- **Enrollment:** 10-15 in each grade including boarding and international students
- **Grading Scale & Ranking:** A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, D = 60-69, F = 0-59. Students are not ranked
- **ACT/SAT mid-50%:** TBD with first graduating class in 2018
- **GPA & Weighting:** On a 4.0 scale A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, F = 0. Grades are not weighted
- **AP Classes:** AP classes are not offered at HMS. Students may take college level courses.
- **Academic Calendar:** Trimesters with 2 interim sessions for students to pursue projects of interest
- **Upper School Program Director:** Laurie Ewert-Krocker, lewertkrocker@hershey-montessori.org
- **College Counselor:** Valerie Raines, vraines@hershey-montessori.org

Program

The Upper School began in 2015 and will graduate its first student in 2018. Hershey is the first farm school model of its kind to fully implement Dr. Maria Montessori's ideas about education for adolescents. We offer students a collaborative, project-based curriculum focused on local social and environmental issues; pre-collegiate level work; entrepreneurial and business management; individualized approaches, and support for student intellectual, athletic, and artistic interests. Cultural exchanges and immersions through travel are connected to studies and projects. Students in grade 12 may develop a year-long research and community contribution project advised by local experts. Also, they may design electives or take college-level classes.

Graduation Requirements

<i>Language Arts</i>	4 credits: Courses include U.S. and World Literature, Critical Literacy, and Writing Process and Skills; all courses integrate content in Media Literacy.
<i>Mathematics</i>	4 credits: Courses include Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Advanced Math, and Calculus.
<i>World Languages</i>	3 credits: Courses Include Spanish, German, and other languages via independent study.
<i>Integrated Science</i>	3 credits: Courses include Biology, Physical Sciences, Chemistry, and students may choose college-level or individualized courses in other topics.
<i>Integrated Humanities</i>	3 credits: Courses include U.S. History, U.S. Government, World History and students may choose college-level or individualized course in other topics.
<i>Fine Arts & Creative Expression</i>	1 credit: Courses include topics in Art, Music, and Drama.
<i>Business Management & Financial Literacy</i>	1/2 credit: Includes Economics, Business Principles, Business Design, Business Management, and Personal Finance.
<i>Physical Education</i>	1/2 credit: Includes Fitness, Healthy Lifestyle, Sports Science, and Sports Skills.
<i>Health & Well-Being</i>	1/2 credit: Topics include Nutrition, Exercise, Sleep, Stress Management, Relationship Dynamics, and Brain Science.
<i>Senior Project</i>	1/2 credit: A year-long research and community contribution project

College Enrollment

Before opening our Upper School, former students enrolled at universities, including: Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland Institute of Art, Duke University, Fordham University, John Carroll University, Miami University, Ohio University, Ohio State University, Rochester Institute of Technology, Stanford University, University of Virginia, and Yale University.

Huntsburg Campus

Our school is located on 97 acres 40 miles east of Cleveland, 30 miles west of Pennsylvania, and 20 miles south of Lake Erie. There is a working farm, residential house, program barns, bio-shelter, pond, and classroom buildings on the campus.

Educational Syllabus

Our students pursue advanced mathematics with a Montessori focus on discovery and creative problem-solving. They acquire fluency in world languages. They work with local artists and musicians as their individual passions unfold, but also as a matter of creative human expression. They expand their skills and understandings of language use toward the pursuit of higher level thinking and analysis for purposes of communicating about research, creative ideas, and proposals for community contributions.

Our students learn the skills and methodology of science to pursue genuine questions related to local issues. They acquire skills in technology to reach professional levels of research and activity. They attain proficiency in financial literacy that strengthens personal and business abilities. Their studies are rigorous and college preparatory in nature with projects that lead to adult-level interaction with professionals and regional leaders. They will graduate with academic expertise, work experience, and active engagement in citizenship.

Examples of Project-Based Work:

- Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and Food Sources
- Energy Demands and Options
- The Role of the Soldier
- Immigration Issues and Challenges
- Evidence of Global Climate Change
- Personal Health and Health Systems



Background

Hershey Montessori School was founded in 1978 in Ohio to meet the developmental needs of children from infancy consistent with the standards of the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI). In 2000, the Huntsburg campus opened to meet the needs of adolescents. In 2015, the Upper School opened on the Huntsburg campus offering a program of study through grade 12. Today, Hershey Montessori School serves nearly 300 students on its two campuses in Concord and Huntsburg.

Farm

Our students raise animals, grow organic vegetables, monitor water quality, and build structures. Their products and crafts support a micro-economy that involves and serves the entire community. The farm activities are fundamental to meeting human needs: providing food, maintaining shelter, participating in economic endeavors, interacting with the natural world, and adapting to and building upon it with technology. Our students experience how people cooperate, divide labor, share resources, problem-solve, and nurture respect for and hope for the future.

Business Enterprises

- Retail Sales: Produce, herbs, and flowers; eggs, meat, and dairy products; woodcraft products, baskets, and ceramics; honey and beeswax products; photographs, art work, and jewelry
- Food Service Events
- Greenhouse Production and Sales
- Bed and Breakfast

