



COLLEGE ADMISSION PROFILE

Quick Facts: Upper School

- **School Code:** 365343
- **Accreditation:** State of Ohio Department of Education
- **Enrollment:** 10-12 students per grade, includes boarding and international students
- **Academic Calendar:** Semesters
- **Grading Scale & Ranking:** A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, D = 60-69, F = 0-59. Students are not ranked.
- **GPA & Weighting:** A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, F = 0. On a 4.0 scale. Grades are not weighted
- **College Credit:** Students may take courses through area colleges. AP classes are not offered at HMS.
- **ACT mid-50%:** 24-28 Composite
- **College Going:** 80% of students go directly to college, 20% delay college or pursue other opportunities
- **College Counselor:** Valerie Raines, vraines@hershey-montessori.org

Program

The Upper School began in 2015 and graduated its first class in 2018. 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. Hershey is the first farm school model of its kind to fully implement Dr. Maria Montessori's ideas about education for adolescents. 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.

Huntsburg Campus

Our campus is a 97-acre farm, 40 miles east of Cleveland, 30 miles west of Pennsylvania, and 20 miles south of Lake Erie. We have a working farm, residential house, program barns, bio-shelter, pond, and classroom buildings.

Program of Study

<i>English Language Arts</i>	4 credits – Courses: 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: Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Advanced Math, and Calculus.
<i>World Languages</i>	3 credits – Courses: Spanish, German, Chinese and others via independent study.
<i>Integrated Science</i>	3 credits – Courses: Biology, Physical Sciences/Chemistry, and students may choose college-level or individualized courses in other topics.
<i>Integrated Humanities</i>	3 credits – Courses: 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: Various topics in Art, Music, and Drama.
<i>Business Management & Financial Literacy</i>	1/2 credit – Courses: Economics, Business Principles, Business Design, Business Management, and Personal Finance.
<i>Health & Well-Being</i>	1/2 credit – Courses: Nutrition, Exercise, Sleep, Stress Management, Relationship Dynamics, and Brain Science.
<i>Physical Education</i>	1/2 credit – Courses: Fitness, Healthy Lifestyle, Sports Science, and Sports Skills.

Post-Graduate Plans

Recently students were accepted to these colleges: Allegheny College, Baldwin Wallace University, Bowling Green State University, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland Institute of Art, Cleveland State University, College of Wooster, Colorado State University, Cuyahoga Community College, Emerson College, Guilford College, Hiram College, John Carroll University, Kent State University, Kenyon College, Lake Erie College, Lakeland Community College, Mercyhurst University, Miami University, Oberlin College, Ohio State University-Columbus, Ohio University, Ohio Wesleyan University, University of Akron, University of Cincinnati, University of Colorado-Boulder, University of Dayton, University of Maryland-College Park, University of Mount Union, and University of Tennessee-Knoxville. We assist students who delay college or pursue careers.

Educational Syllabus

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 usage toward the pursuit of higher level thinking and analysis for 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

We prepare our students to be good environmental stewards. They raise animals, grow organic vegetables, monitor water quality, and build structures. Their products and crafts support a micro-economy that involves and serves our area. 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

