

HERSHEY

MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Nurturing the spirit. Engaging the intellect. Inspiring creative thinking.



You belong here!



Nurture and Engage

About Hershey

- One of the world's first Montessori schools to offer a full continuum of Montessori education, for students from 2 months through 18 years of age, with an adolescent program on a working farm, which includes a residential option for Upper School.
- Aligns student education with the scientific process of natural human development.
- Provides a whole-child approach to education; emotionally, academically, and skillfully empowering and preparing students for life.
- Focuses on enriching diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging (DEIB).
- Prepares students to navigate and thrive in a rapidly changing world.
- Provides life-readiness and college preparedness for students.
- Offers local and suburban transportation options, financial aid, and scholarship opportunities.



The Adolescent Program

Dr. Maria Montessori understood that adolescence is a time of intense preparation for adult life. It requires focused study on how humans live, learn, and work together.

Students come to Hershey Montessori School from all around the world, representing a full range of socio-economic backgrounds, races, religions, and cultures. Our Adolescent Program is intentionally tailored so that students of varying abilities and interests may thrive as they learn, live, and work together in community. The student work and involvement that arises from the changing and evolving needs of the campus and community is a unique and valuable component to Hershey's education model.

Purposeful work in the context of a community's needs is what compels the adolescent to study, gain expertise, and then contribute toward important decision-making and problem-solving ideas and solutions.





Engage and Inspire

The Farm

The farm serves as an environment prepared intentionally for adolescents based on the science of their developmental needs. It acts as a small-scale society – a community within the broader community.

The farm provides Hershey adolescents daily opportunities to handle adult-like responsibilities by giving them real-life experience in social organization, solving the community's challenges, and addressing its fundamental needs, including those that are social, environmental, physical, or intellectual in nature.



Students also learn how to provide one's food, maintain one's shelter, how to participate in economic endeavors, and to interact with the natural world, giving students experience in having a real impact and real agency.

The power of such an environment to engage adolescents and guide them toward adult-level cultural understanding and practical experience is invaluable preparation that sets Hershey students apart from their peers.



Community Better Together

Hershey's Adolescent Program responds to the fundamental human need of belonging to a genuine community. Every adolescent student contributes to the operation of the farm and campus through meaningful work; every student cooks and serves meals; every student supports the maintenance of the buildings and the grounds. As a result,

every student feels he/she belongs and is an important contributing member of the Adolescent Community's small-scale "society."



Boarding Program

Hershey Montessori School's boarding program has nurtured students' lives for more than 20 years through our unique residential experience. Boarding is available to Upper School students, while Hershey offers a developmentally appropriate Homestay experience for Middle School students.



Adolescents build relationships and memories with peers of diverse backgrounds and ethnicities, and prepare for adulthood in a global society. Student-run operations of the farm, the campus and its related businesses, are enhanced as students care for animals, the gardens, and each other.

Day students often join the boarding community and stay overnight for academic, project-related, and social activities.

Local, national, and international students are attracted to Hershey Montessori's boarding program for its beautiful environment, caring faculty, and the independence they develop and cultivate.

Campus life allows for new levels of independence and responsibility with the guidance of residential house staff. Boarding students help and share in these activities:

- Community work
- Microeconomy businesses outside of school hours
- Cleaning
- Cooking breakfast, dinner, and weekend brunches
- Doing household and personal laundry
- Animal chores



Adolescent students enjoy learning about each other's culture and holiday traditions.



Integrated Academics

Hershey's Adolescent Program has a work and study process that emerges from integrated, project-based classes and community contribution. These projects lead students to a study of science, land management, ecological stewardship, biology, chemistry, mathematics, environmental issues, and the study of humanities. The curriculum and instructional design are developed so that each student is exposed to and well-versed in knowledge and skills common to pre-collegiate curricula. Courses of study necessary to meet these standards are available to students in all components of the program. The thread of social sciences woven throughout the program contributes to the bigger picture of human activity in the context of current societal issues and opportunities of today.



Curriculum

- Sciences/Occupations
- History/Humanities
- Mathematics
- Language Arts
- World Languages
- Creative Expression: Music, Drama, Fine Arts
- Physical Expressions: Sports and Physical activity



MONTESSORI EDUCATION OUTCOMES:

- Confident voice & capable leader
- Self-motivated, self-directed
- Capable of self-assessment, growth mindset
- Developed love for learning
- Competent & collaborative problem solver/solution minded
- Ease of interdisciplinary study & research
- Contributor to family/community/world
- Able to make healthy personal choices

The Adolescent Program at Hershey is grounded by integrated courses that focus on academic rigor *and* social responsibility.



Microeconomy

Business & Entrepreneurial Skills

The Microeconomy is a hallmark component of Hershey Montessori School's Adolescent Community. Dr. Montessori envisioned adolescents participating in and managing small business endeavors in order to become economically independent as adults. This has been coined the "microeconomy."

Design, production, exchange, and finance management are all essential skills that

promote the development of the adolescent toward understanding and taking part in adult society. Students gain these tools through real-life experience in producing items to sell at area markets, and online, which encourages and promotes creative processes and entrepreneurial thinking. Students acquire much-needed financial literacy through this unique component of Hershey's adolescent program, thus preparing them greatly for adulthood.

Social-Emotional Learning

In Curriculum & Practice

Hershey adolescents develop social-emotional skills through curriculum and through practice.



Staff teach, lead, and continually inspire healthy examples of resilience, acceptance, respect for individuality, and celebration of diversity. The adolescent curriculum centers on social and emotional intelligence, effective communication, conflict resolution, mental health awareness, and collaborative decision making.

Dr. Montessori's approach to supporting adolescents emphasizes a conscious and vibrant connection to oneself, one's community, and the natural environment. Developing these competencies in a physically, emotionally, and socially safe environment prepares students to navigate societal pressures and social-emotional challenges with skills that help them both thrive and contribute as they enter adulthood.



Real-Life Skills

Preparation for Adult Life

Our Adolescent Program strives to promote twenty-first century skills in adolescents from ages 12 to 18.

The program focuses on combining academic rigor with the skills needed for young adults to emerge into society. One of the hallmarks of the Adolescent Program is fostering their independence. This includes personal, economic, and relational independence, creative processes, and entrepreneurial thinking.

Alumni report graduating with a sense of preparedness for adulthood regardless of the path they choose after high school.



College Readiness

College Counseling Program

Our College Counseling program is uniquely individualized. Hershey's College Guidance Counselor works with Upper School students and families each year to discuss and further their post-secondary plans and opportunities.

Every student gets one-on-one, personalized attention. Families are assisted in understanding today's higher education options regarding programs of study, costs, and ways to pay, and finding institutions that fit their values and needs.

Hershey's College Guidance Counselor also coordinates with college officials as partners and resources in the application process.

This specialized program is tailored to each student at no additional cost to Hershey families.





Transportation:

Hershey Montessori School provides shuttle bus service and commuter transportation for students.

Commuter transportation bus service is available for Huntsburg campus students. Options include one-way or round trips for day students and interim boarding students.



Financial Aid and Scholarships:

Financial aid is available to new and returning families. Hershey Montessori School seeks to attract and maintain a diverse student body from a variety of cultural, economic, and geographic backgrounds.

Our goal is to provide the resources that would facilitate the success of each student in an environment that will foster respect for self, others and the environment.

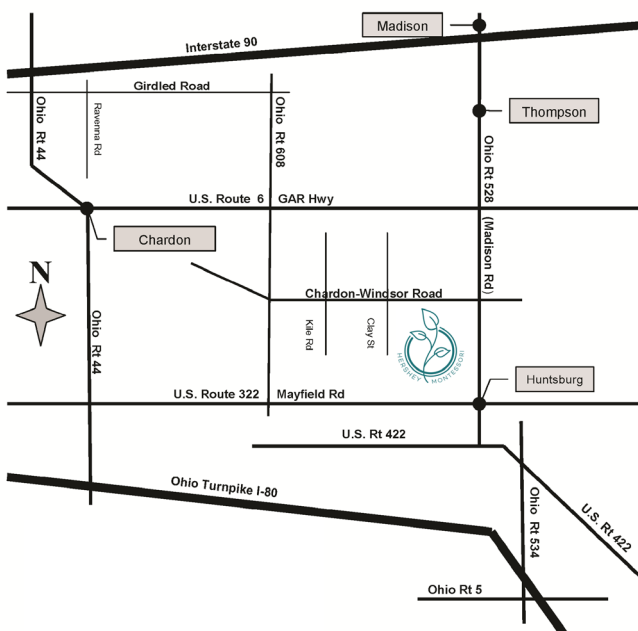


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Location:

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Nestled in beautiful Northeast Ohio, the Adolescent Community of the Huntsburg Campus is located about one hour from Akron and Cleveland; within two hours of Pittsburgh, PA; and within three hours of Columbus, OH and Buffalo, NY. Boarding students take advantage of Cleveland's museums, Northeast Ohio's world-class museums, parks, sports, and fun events.