

At a glance: Montessori Magnet School

Principal: Malik Jones | **Grades served:** Prekindergarten-5 | **Address:** 45 Tremont St.

One of three themed magnet schools in the City School District of Albany, Montessori Magnet School opened in 1993 and for 12 years was located in the former Cathedral Academy near Lincoln Park. In 2005, the school moved its current home – a new building in Westland Hills featuring state-of-the-art equipment and technology.

Students: 316 | **Teachers:** 23 | **Total employees:** 55

Points of distinction:

- Only public Montessori school in the Capital Region
- Student-directed environmental focus, with recycling, gardening, waste reduction, composting and more
- Indoor turtle pond, aquariums and terrariums
- Beautiful outdoor gardens planted and maintained by students and staff

Programs and partners:

- American Montessori Society
- Capital Area School Development Association (CASDA)
- Chess Club
- The College of Saint Rose
- Hudson Valley Community College
- KIDS Consortium
- Junior Achievement
- Montessori Community Council
- Police Athletic League (PAL)
- Reading mentors
- The Sage Colleges

- Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center
- University at Albany
- Yearly variety show

What makes our school special?

A Montessori education is consciously designed to recognize and address different learning styles of children.

Learning takes place using all five senses, with a focus on hands-on activities, investigation and interaction with others. The curriculum is carefully structured to demonstrate connections among the different “core” subjects of English, math, science and social studies.

The Montessori philosophy promotes a global perspective that values learning through community service. Our children learn to take responsibility for their learning and become independent and self-directed.

Did you know?

Montessori Magnet School is based on a philosophy established by its namesake Maria Montessori, an early 20th-century Italian physician-turned-educator who was nominated six times for a Nobel Peace Prize.