



## Explorers Montessori Coastal Cooperative, Inc.

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### APPLICATION FORM

#### To join our waitlist:

Fill out this form and return it, along with a \$100 waitlist fee to:

Explorers Montessori Coastal Cooperative,  
51 Wilmington Island Rd, Savannah, GA 31410

or email the completed forms to [director@explorersmontessori.org](mailto:director@explorersmontessori.org)

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_

Pronouns \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Pronouns \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Pronouns \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### Please select the desired program:

\*Full disclosure is required to admit students with special needs to either program.

Primary ☐

Infant Community Enrollment is for twelve (12) months, August-July

(All children must be independent in the bathroom for Primary enrollment.

Accidents are accepted as a natural part of this process and will be treated with grace.)

Infant Community ☐

Infant Community Enrollment is for twelve (12) months, August-July

(Infant Community Enrollment requires a willingness to start toilet learning.)

**Tuition rates:**

8am-3pm Official School Day  
    \$750 Primary per month  
    \$900 IC per month

7am-8am Before Care  
    \$75 a month

3pm-5pm After Care  
    \$150 a month

Combo Before and After Care  
    \$200 a month

Tuition is paid for the full academic year and paid at the start of the month. Tuition is due on the first day of each month, beginning August 1. Tuition is due whether or not the student attends school. The monthly tuition is not excused or prorated for absences, vacations, or sick leave. Due to the necessity of maintaining appropriate student-teacher ratios, missed days may not be made up.

**Fees:**

\$100 waitlist fee (required to join EMCC's waitlist)  
\$125 materials fee (due upon enrollment and at the beginning of each semester)

**Classroom Schedule:**

Drop Off:

8-8:15 - IC

8-8:30 - Primary

\*If a child arrives up to 15 minutes early, consistently they would be retroactively charged for before care (6 times or more within a month)

Pick Up:

3pm - IC and Primary

\*If a child is consistently being picked up after 3:30 they would be retroactively charged for aftercare (6 times or more within a month)

Holidays will follow Chatham County Schools' holiday schedule for most closures

**Late Payment Penalty:**

If a tuition payment is received after the 5th of each month, a late payment fine of \$25 will be added to the next month's bill.

**Withdrawal:**

Because the school is small and depends on the financial support of each student, 30 days' notice is required before withdrawing a student. The thirty days begin on the day you provide written notice to the Board. Any tuition or other fees due during the 30-day notice period must be paid. The 30-day notice allows the school to remain financially viable while a replacement student is found.

## **EMCC is a Parent Cooperative**

Parent cooperatives are democratically controlled, parent-governed, non-profit, enrichment programs organized to meet the needs of members. In a parent cooperative, each family with children enrolled is a member of the cooperative. Families are considered to be members from August 1 of the current school year to July 31 of the following year. On issues that require a membership vote, each family will have one vote. Membership responsibilities include timely payment of tuition, periodic voting, participating in the operation of the school, and contributing to our school community. Classroom volunteering is allowed and encouraged at the discretion of the teacher.

Please list any special talents or skills that you would be willing to share with EMCC; for example - musical talent, crafting, cooking, woodworking, gardening, etc.

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Please list any administrative abilities that you would be willing to share with EMCC; for example - serving on the Board of Directors, website or technology assistance, fundraiser coordinator or volunteering, facilities maintenance, grant writing, etc.

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In regards to contributing to our school cooperative, is there anything else you would like for us to know?

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Did EMCC being a parent cooperative affect your decision in applying to our school? Please explain why or why not.

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## **EMCC is a Montessori School**

The Montessori Method of education, developed by Dr. Maria Montessori, is a child-centered, education approach, based on scientific observations of children from birth to adulthood. The teacher, child, and environment create a learning triangle. The classroom is prepared by the teacher to encourage independence, freedom within limits, and a sense of order. The child, through individual choice, makes use of what the environment offers to develop himself, interacting with the teacher when support or guidance is needed. Multi-age groupings are a hallmark of the Montessori Method. Younger children learn from older children, and older children reinforce their learning by teaching concepts they have already mastered. This arrangement also mirrors the real world, where individuals work and socialize with people of all ages and dispositions. Dr. Montessori observed that children experience sensitive periods, or windows of opportunity, as they grow. As their students develop, Montessori teachers match appropriate lessons and materials to these sensitive periods when learning is most naturally absorbed and internalized.

Did EMCC being a Montessori School affect your decision in applying to our school? Please explain why or why not (prior Montessori knowledge is NOT required for acceptance or enrollment).

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Briefly explain your parenting philosophy and if you subscribe to any specific parenting styles (gentle parenting, positive discipline, attachment parenting, visible child, etc..)

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Montessori education works best when teachers, children, and their caregivers all work together as one creative team. If you are unfamiliar with Montessori philosophies currently, are you willing to learn more?

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