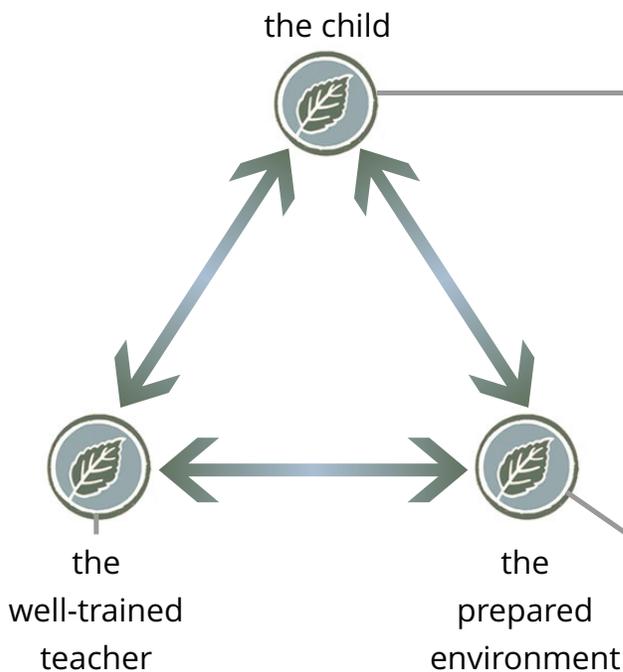


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How does the Curious Minds Fund impact my child's experience at CMS?

A Montessori Learning Model



We enrich our enrollment when we are able to keep tuition increases at a predictable and modest level. **Over the past eight years we have had no tuition increases greater than 2%.** This allows us to appeal to a more diverse community.

We enrich our environments when we have the freedom to provide the highest quality materials to our students and teachers without strain to our operating budget.

We enrich the quality of education our children receive when we can hire a unified staff of AMI (Association Montessori Internationale) trained teachers, and provide them with continual opportunities to refine and expand their expertise. **Professional development (both conferences and in-school training) helps attract and retain staff members that are passionate visionaries, excited to learn from education experts and participate in exploration of new ideas with their colleagues.** Our teachers work together across the continuum and individually in their classrooms to support the unique needs of each child. This progressive, team-oriented approach provides high-quality, nearly seamless guidance for each student, spanning their entire journey at CMS.

All we need to educate children are their hands and minds.

However, depth and richness comes from quality materials.

The Montessori philosophy acknowledges the importance of pleasurable sensory experiences in developing strong neural connections. Beauty, therefore, is a critical element of the classroom environment. When materials feel good, smell good, look good, and last, the children are naturally inspired to use them frequently and with joy.

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Chesapeake Montessori School is...

...guiding children to become **confident, respectful, kind, and independent** individuals.

...operating under our **strategic plan**, as developed by our Board of Trustees, staff, and Head of School.

... a **fiscally responsible school**, with a clean audit for the past 8+ years.

...directed by **Association Montessori Internationale** trained staff.

...accredited by the **Association of Independent Maryland Schools**.

...governed by an **informed and responsible Board** of Trustees.

...committed to developing **partnerships and relationships** with CMS parents and our local community.

...operated by the Chesapeake Montessori Foundation, Inc., and **does not discriminate** on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin when admitting students or employing faculty and staff.
