



Enrollment for 2026-2027 For New KME Coyotes

“Kalispell Montessori, in concert with the families and students, fosters the natural spirit of inquiry and thrill of discovery within each child by upholding the Montessori philosophy...
... that learning is best achieved within a community-based atmosphere that supports each individual’s unique academic, physical, social and emotional development.”



Fees and Payment Schedule School Year 2026-2027

Payment Options

We accept check, cash and ACH (withdrawal from checking or savings account)

Yearly Tuition for Elementary.....Grades 1-6 \$10,460
Pay ahead and receive a 2% discount..... **\$10,250 with 2% discount**

*To receive the Earlybird discount, total payment is due by

CASH or CHECK ONLY on or before June 1, 2026)

Yearly Tuition for Middle School.....Grades 7-8 \$12,040

Pay ahead and receive a 2% discount..... **\$11,800 with 2% discount**

*To receive the Earlybird discount, total payment is due by

CASH or CHECK ONLY on or before June 1, 2026)

Monthly Tuition for Elementary.....Grades 1-6 \$1,046

10 month payment plan available

Billed first Wednesday of the month, due by the 15th.

First payment is billed June 1, then Sept - May.

Monthly Tuition for Middle School.....Grades 7-8 \$1,204

10 month payment plan available

Billed first Wednesday of the month, due by the 15th.

First payment is billed June 1, then Sept - May.

Yearly Enrollment Fee (non-refundable)..... \$150.00/student

Deposit (refundable)..... \$300.00/family

Credited to account in last month of attendance at the school
(all charges must be paid in full prior to refund)

Supply Fee..... \$125/year

Includes supplies for art, Spanish, music and general ed. as
well as standardized testing fees

(some additional supplies provided by parents)

Billed Sept 1

Before School Childcare (7:30-8:15)..... \$4.50/day

(To be offered if minimum number of students enrolled in before
school care)

*Charged to students arriving before
8:10 am*

After School Childcare (3:30-5:00pm)..... \$9.00/hour

(To be offered if minimum number of students are enrolled in
after school care)

*\$4.50 per half hour increment for
students staying after 3:30 pm*

Pizza Friday \$5.00/lunch

Milk..... \$.50/milk

Parent Volunteer Hours (18 hours per family)..... \$25/hour

(If uncompleted by May 1, 2027)

Discounts

Sibling enrolled at Kalispell Montessori \$100.00 per 2nd sibling and all
additional siblings (discount applied
at year end, and account must be
current)

A limited number of financial aid scholarships are available..... See front office for application

Expected Incidental Charges

These are expected costs only as rates for experiences, lodging, travel, and food change each year. All totals subject to change. If any experience is too expensive for your family, reach out to the office to see if scholarship funding is available.

	Billed In	Grades 1-2	Grade 3	Grades 4-6	Grades 7-8
Fall Overnight	September	n/a	n/a	\$70	\$125
Pumpkin Patch	October	\$12	\$12	n/a	n/a
Roots in Nature	October	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Winter PE <i>varies by activity choice</i>	January	\$60 - \$125	\$60 - \$125	\$60 - \$125	\$60 - \$125
Winter Trip	January	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$125
Ski Day	February	\$30 \$40 (if rentals)	\$30 \$40 (if rentals)	\$30 \$40 (if rentals)	n/a
3rd Grade Field Trip	May	n/a	\$40	n/a	n/a
Spring Overnight	May	\$85	\$85	\$200-\$300	\$250 or more depending on fundraising
Small, misc. field trips <i>cost for whole year</i>	Intermittent	\$25	\$25	\$25	n/a
Bus Transportation <i>cost for whole year</i>	Intermittent	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25





Five BIG Differences between Traditional and Montessori Elementary Education

Why choose Montessori Education for your student?

Active Learning

In traditional elementary classrooms, the teacher teaches and the child listens. The child is required to memorize and recall information for testing. The child is passive in his learning. In Montessori classrooms, the child learns through hands-on projects and self-motivated, active discovery.

Flexible Curriculum

In traditional elementary school, teachers are required to teach an established curriculum at an established pace. By contrast, Montessori education teaches individuals in small groups based on observable needs. The curriculum does not dictate the pace of learning. Rather the child learns what and when she is ready. The child may work on a lesson as long as needed. The teacher is present to act as a guide or coach.



An Individual Approach

In traditional elementary schools, students at every grade level have the same program, i.e. 3rd graders take the pre-established 3rd grade program. In Montessori elementary, grade levels are flexibly defined within a developmental age range (usually of 2-3 years.) Each child will work with his teacher in his unique progression through the curriculum. Groups of developmentally similar children work on the right projects or lessons for them. This approach recognizes the individual needs of each child, not just their chronological age.



Accounting for Accountability

In traditional schools, the teacher is the one accountable for covering the curriculum. If the children fall behind or are ready to move forward faster, there isn't a whole lot the teacher can do about it. He or she is responsible for covering a certain amount of information within a specified period of time. In a Montessori school, the child is accountable for her own learning. Children are taught how to track their own progress every day. The child participates in creating her own learning path. Children are involved in choosing their own individual and group projects beginning in first grade. The child learns self-motivation and accountability from a very young age.

Where do you get your Confidence?

In traditional classrooms, it is assumed that the child needs external motivation and praise in order to learn. The teacher uses rewards and punishments. Self-confidence comes from external sources. In the Montessori classroom, the child works to satisfy his own curiosity and inner need for accomplishment. The child's natural learning pace is honored, allowing the child to be successful at every lesson. The child gains genuine inner confidence through his own achievements.

We would be happy to give you a tour and tell you more about our program!

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