

AVM PICKERING

PARENT HANDBOOK

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Mission, Vision and Values

Our mission is to provide the children in our care with a safe and nurturing learning environment where they receive the best possible foundation, on every level, so that they are inspired for a lifetime of learning and achievement.

The Angus Valley Montessori School (AVMS) program is based on the work of Dr. Maria Montessori who, through her research and studies, helped change the course of education in the early 1900s. Her proven methods are valid today. The Montessori Method of education concentrates on the child, which is characterized by a focus on self-directed activity. Areas of activity include Practical Life; The Sensorial; Language Arts; Mathematics; and Cultural Activities. Individual plans are made by using the Montessori method and recognizing that all children learn in different ways and will benefit from a balanced approach to learning.

We provide parents with reliable and supportive childcare in a building custom-designed by professionals who are fluent in creating physical spaces for younger age groups.

Program Statement

Philosophy

At Angus Valley Montessori Schools (AVMS) our program, philosophy, and approach to working with children are inspired by Maria Montessori. Children at Montessori Schools are active participants in their learning. We as educators provide the children with the tools and resources that lead the child into self-directed learning and problem-solving.

At AVMS we believe that every child belongs and is welcome. We understand that learning is an active process whereby opportunities to explore and interact with the environment, are key components in a child's development sequence, but within that sequence, each child grows and develops at their own rate and in unique ways.

At AVMS we believe that learning is a shared responsibility between the home and the teachers. We know it is through this partnership that our children achieve their goals and accomplishments.

We at AVMS strive to develop a learning environment between home and school.

Angus Valley Montessori Schools are committed to providing a fully inclusive environment that supports the health and well-being of every child in our care, in accordance with the provincial programming and that provides a common framework to help programs focus on knowledge from research, theory, and practice of what is most important to children. It encompasses a broad range of program philosophies and approaches. We are proud to be a part of this pedagogy and to create a Centre that follows it closely.

The four foundations apply regardless of the child's age, ability, culture, language, geography, or settings.

Belonging refers to a sense of being connected to others, being valued and forming relationships.

Well-being addresses the importance of physical /mental health, self-care, sense of self and self-regulation.

Engagement occurs when children are involved, focused and able to explore their environment with natural curiosity and exuberance.

Expression or communication (to be heard, as well as to listen) may take many different forms. Through their bodies, words and use of materials.



Program Fees



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2024-2025

FILLABLE REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ANGUS VALLEY MONTESSORI PICKERING

PROGRAM	REDUCED FEE EFFECTIVE FROM JAN 2025	TUITION FEE BASED ON FULL DAY PROGRAM
INFANT 6 months - 18 months	\$478.50	Lunch and snacks are included in the tuition fees for all programs. Music is included in the pricing.
PRE-CASA 18 months - 3 years	\$478.50	
CASA 3 years - 6 years	\$478.50	

WHAT WE OFFER IN THE FULL DAY PRICE - NO CHARGE
<p>FRESH NUTRITIONAL LUNCH, MORNING AND AFTERNOON SNACKS Fresh Healthy Lunches & Morning and Afternoon Snacks are prepared daily by very own Chef.</p>
<p>MUSIC is included in all programs Music session consists of songs, movement, instruments, and rhythm games that are engaging and focus on your child's learning and growth. Music and movement is an integral part of the Montessori curriculum.</p>
<p>FRENCH is included in CASA program Theme related topics are implemented in the French programme. These themes are interpreted using an emergent and inquiry-based curriculum model, which allows teachers to follow the interests, questions, strengths, and needs of the students for their level. While all Casa students work to develop the same core skills and knowledge, the exact lessons and activities will vary from one classroom to another.</p>

NOTES:

- Fees are payable to AVMS Pickering or e-transfer to avmpickering@gmail.com
- For the monthly payment plan the last month's tuition fee will be required on the day of registration, along with 9 post-dated cheques dated for the 1st of each month.

THE CHILD'S FULL NAME SHOULD BE WRITTEN ON THE FRONT OF EACH CHEQUE OR IN THE E-TRANSFER MESSAGE SECTION