



MIA SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION PAGE

Montessori Institute of America has different levels of School Membership. All membership levels receive full membership benefits. A Member School will receive a discount on dues if it is also a Host School (maintains a practicum Site).

School Membership is for a period of one year from the date of certification and must be renewed yearly. Applications are accepted during the months of: January, April, July, and October.

Which membership level is appropriate for your school? This depends upon the quality of your Montessori environment.

Initiate Level is appropriate for schools which are just beginning on the path to having core Montessori components in a classroom. Initiate Level membership progresses through a series of steps. (For more information on the steps, see document: Initiate Level School Membership Process)

Associate Level is appropriate for schools which are well involved in maintaining their Montessori environment by maintaining at least one classroom with all core Montessori components.

Full Level is appropriate for schools which maintain all core Montessori components in all of its classrooms.

What are **core Montessori components**?

MIA defines the **core Montessori components** as:

- Montessori credentialed teacher – a teacher having a Montessori credential from an MIA approved program that includes completion of practicum
- prepared environment - use of Montessori materials (Essential Montessori Materials, for Initiate Level), age appropriate furniture, etc.
- multi-age classroom – a classroom which includes children of several consecutive ages (preferably a 3-year age span)
- child-directed work - child selects and initiates own activities from the prepared environment of the classroom
- uninterrupted work periods - a classroom work period of at least 2.5 hours

Dues for MIA School Membership are determined by the level of membership **and** the number of Montessori age levels supported by the school.

Initiate Level	per year: \$100 for one age level, \$50 for each additional age level
Associate Level	per year: \$150 for one age level, \$50 for each additional age level
Full Level	per year: \$200 for one age level, \$50 for each additional age level

Age levels include: Birth to 3 Years, 3 to 6 Years, 6 to 9 Years, 6 to 12 Years, 12 to 18 Years.

We are excited to invite you to be a part of Montessori Institute of America. Today, we are building the groundwork for the future. Together MIA members are a collaborative part of a movement to improve education for children, and adults, around the world.

Welcome To MIA! We look forward to working with you.

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