



The Montessori Method

“Incorporating the Montessori approach in a public school classroom”

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Who is Maria Montessori?

As a physician/educator, she developed an **education method**. She emphasized the method of a **system of materials** and exercises to be utilized by the child in designated ways for specific purposes.

(Orem, 1971, pp.17)

History

- Created by Maria Montessori in 1897; Italian doctor and educator
- Targets students from birth to 18 years old
- Based on observations of children in their environment and interactions with materials
- Introduced to the U.S. in 1911





"I have studied the child, I have taken what the child has given me and experienced it and that what is called the Montessori Method."

MARIA MONTESSORI
(1870 - 1952)

Montessori Philosophy

- ✓ Children **work independently** instead of being taught in a group led by a teacher
- ✓ The classes consist of a **mixed age** group of 9 to 12 year-old students inspiring and **teaching each other**
- ✓ Children master academic subjects that sometimes are not taught until middle or high school



What is the Montessori Method?

The Montessori Method is a child-centered approach to teaching. This method incorporates “**free activity**” within a **prepared environment** where students learn concepts from working with materials rather than direct instruction.



Children in the Montessori Classroom

- ✓ Motivated toward self-development (auto-formation) and **self-teaching** (auto-education)
- ✓ Have **freedom** to work on self-chosen tasks in an **attractive environment** designed and equipped to meet their needs

