



SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

SCHOOL BACKGROUND:

Students Served: 475+

Grades Served: Pre-K–8th Grade

Year Established: 2009

SCHOOL LEADERS:

Sheri Folta, Head of School

Stacy Byrd, Montessori Coach

BOARD MEMBERS:

Cheryl Hatton

Bed Hodge

Spencer Gillon

MEET FOUR CORNERS MONTESSORI ACADEMY:

Four Corners Montessori Academy is a tuition-free public school academy committed to the Montessori educational philosophy. At FCMA, each student has an individualized work plan that fosters independent learning. Their peace education, which nurtures conflict resolution and a peaceful environment, is embedded in the curriculum. They have a strong, constantly evolving, mutually supportive partnerships with parents, families, the community and the teachers as facilitators for the purpose of maximizing every child's academic and personal growth.

Four Corners Montessori Academy is an exemplary education that nurtures and stimulates an environment that enhances each child's intellectual and emotional gifts, leading to responsible, compassionate citizens.



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THIS IS WHAT **FCMA** LOOKS LIKE...

WE EMBRACE MARIA MONTESSORI'S TEACHINGS AND IDEALS OF DIVERSITY, PEACE EDUCATION AND INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING.

The Montessori curriculum itself is a proven method of instruction designed for all types of learners. It encourages students to be independent thinkers and problem solvers while understanding that they are an important part of the whole community.

WE OFFER OPPORTUNITIES THAT ENRICH STUDENTS' LIVES.

Four Corners Montessori Academy offers athletics, art, reading, writing and math activities to their students. Outside partners provide a truly enriched experience introducing activities such as chess, yoga, Zumba, musical instruments, Spanish, and martial.

Four Corners implemented a Spanish program, which allows preschool through third-grade students to make advancements in the area of a foreign language. With the advantage of smaller group sizes, children are able to receive more individual instruction.

Students participate in an all-school Cultural Fair held every spring. As we embrace a diverse student population, there is no doubt that this program is a reflection of this. Each classroom selects a country, researches it and then presents information and foods. Parents are very supportive of this event, too. They even help in the process.

WE OFFER INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS FOR OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS.

We have launched new programs that are specifically designed to help further real-world experiences for the success and expansion of our students' education.

Examples of these are:

- Middle School Internship Program: This program enables students to experience the professional world and further their passions. FCMA participates with businesses, organizations, schools and local district courts to provide 7th and 8th graders real-world experiences within the classroom.
- High School Information Night: This event allows 8th graders and their families to speak to a variety of public districts, charter and private high schools in the area. This helps students see what education options are available to them after they complete FCMA's 8th grade.
- Montessori Model UN: Students get to emulate the United Nations committees. This is a two-day global education simulation experience that enables students to learn about the operations of the United Nations and its role as the world's largest international peacekeeping and humanitarian organization.
- Experiential Learning through trips to Chicago: Every year the middle school plans and fundraises a trip to Chicago to learn and see all the richness and history of things that they are studying.

WE HAVE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE.

We are a school that is recognized for its academic excellence. We prepare students for the best high schools in the area and have an incredibly dedicated staff that leads the way. They inspire others using our Character Education Program, the community outreach for charity and are always willing to share ideas and materials with one another for the success of our students.



STACY BYRD



SHERI FOLTA

QUOTE FROM OUR LEADERS:

"We are so fortunate to have a community of parents, teachers and professionals who value real-life, experiential education," said Stacy Byrd and Sheri Folta, School Leaders at FCMA. "The Montessori method helps lead and guide students so that every student's academic and personal growth is maximized to reach their full potential. We prepare students to be peaceful citizens and are proud of our community."