



February 5, 2018

Dear GMS Families,

The world needs your children more than ever.

Why? Because your children are learning how to think critically and originally; how to look beyond polarizing black and white perspectives; how to lean into complex and difficult ideas; how to articulate their thinking; and how to work effectively, eagerly, and ethically within a team. Your children are learning the skills required to shape the future and change the world. And all these skills and habits of mind are what we embody at our School every day. Developing engaged, eager learners who become responsible, global citizens is at the heart of the Montessori method and is the mission of our School.

As your child progresses through their journey with us, their lessons build upon each other as the scope of their work deepens and widens. They learn how to be thought leaders and responsible community members. Ultimately, they are preparing for challenges and careers that may not even exist in 2018. We could not be more humbled that your family has chosen Greensboro Montessori School for this important work.

Every February we begin preparing for next year: firming up calendar, working with the board of trustees to set tuition and budget, and reflecting on what's next for our School. We know you are also envisioning what's next for your family, and we are excited to have you join us for the 2018-19 school year. With your continuous enrollment agreement, preparing for the 2018-19 school year is easy. We've enclosed all the information your family needs to complete this streamlined process.

Working with your children gives me faith in the future of our world. Their brilliance, their creativity, their passion, and their originality inspire all of us each and every day.

Thank you for being part of our community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kevin Navarro
Head of School

P.S. On the reverse of this page, we offer some fun, yet meaningful, data points about our students, families, faculty, staff, and alumni.

THE FUTURE OF GMS

As you envision your future with Greensboro Montessori School, we believe it's important to share our future with you. 2018-19 brings us simultaneous reaccreditation with the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS) and the American Montessori Society (AMS). This process provides objective, third-party accountability. It also offers systematic feedback and guidance to ensure we meet, if not exceed, quality standards for student performance and faculty credentials across all types of independent schools.

Reaccreditation also requires a review of our five-year strategic plan, and we anticipate tackling big topics in this next iteration: a data-driven growth analysis and corresponding tuition strategy; a mission-driven review of our Land program; a thorough assessment of current and future technology needs; the establishment of a building and grounds committee; and early preparation for our 50th anniversary in 2024. Our future is bright. It's bright because your children are at its center. Because your children are our future.

YOUR 2018-19 ENROLLMENT

With your continuous enrollment agreement, preparing for the 2018-19 school year will be easy. There is no new contract to review or sign, and your child's spot is secure when we receive their deposit and applicable fees by March 15, 2018. (Alternatively, you can secure your child's spot by returning a completed Notice of Application for Financial Assistance Form by March 15, 2018.)

To guide you through the remainder of the reenrollment process, we have enclosed a checklist and forms customized for your family's needs. The following resources are also included:

- **2018-19 Schedule of Tuition and Fees**
- **2018-19 Academic Calendar**
- **2018-19 CASA Information and Registration Form** (due March 15, 2018, to secure your child's spot in the 2018-19 CASA program)
- **2018 Al Fresco Summer Program Information and Registration Form** (due March 15, 2018, to secure your child's spot in the 2018 Al Fresco Summer Program; only included for families with rising Toddler, Primary, Lower Elementary, and Upper Elementary students)

2018-19 TUITION SETTING

As the fiduciary stewards of Greensboro Montessori School, your board of trustees has carefully reviewed the budget proposed by administration for the 2018-19 school year. To best serve our community, we've made the decision to increase tuition by 4.75%. We know tuition increases are challenging, especially when family incomes may not increase at the same rate. If this is your situation, please explore our Financial Assistance Program. As your partner, we may be able to support your family's continuing growth at our School.

83%
of your tuition
funds employee
salaries and benefits



83% of your 2018-19 tuition will fund the salaries and benefits of the professional educators who work with your children each and every day. The balance funds operating expenses such as facilities, janitorial, and utilities expenses; administrative and professional expenses; curriculum expenses; and interest payments on outstanding debt.

1 SCHOOL



Greensboro Montessori School

2 VENUES



Main Campus 10 acres

The Land 37 acres



27 of which are managed by the Piedmont Land Conservancy

TOTAL

47 ACRES

as an accredited Montessori school, 100% of our **LEAD MONTESSORI** teachers hold graduate-level Montessori teaching certificates; plus, faculty and staff hold another 13 advanced degrees



we welcome all cultures and ethnicities from **DIVERSE FAMILIES** with over 20 different languages spoken in our families' homes and people of color representing 27% of our student population

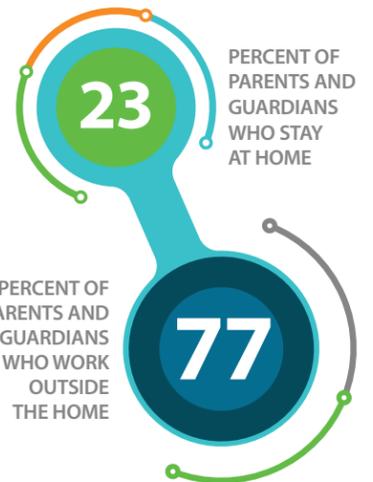
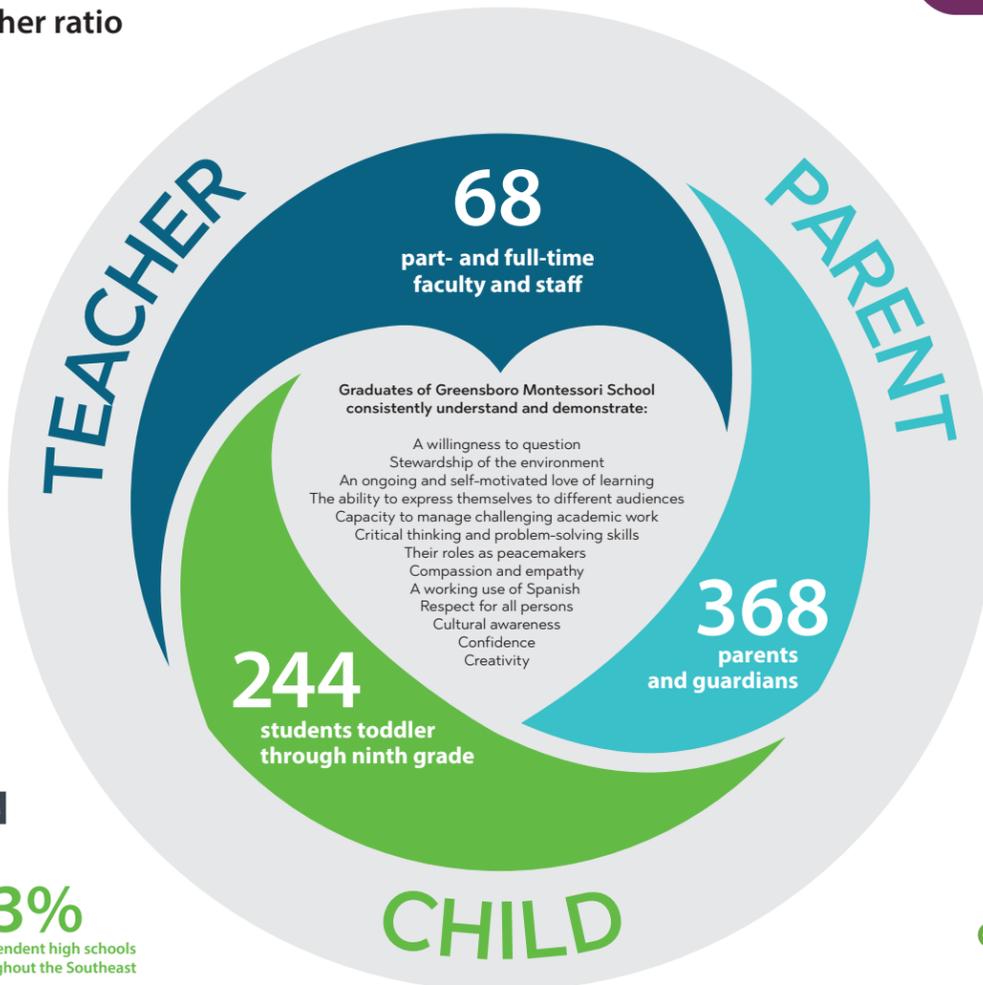


school-wide student-to-teacher ratio

215 households

36 zip codes

unlimited family constellations



HIGH SCHOOL MATRICULATION



23% independent high schools throughout the Southeast
35% neighborhood public schools like Grimsley, Northern Guilford, and Page
42% public magnet schools, including The Early College at Guilford, The STEM Early College at NC A&T, and Weaver Academy

78% of graduates begin high school one year ahead of their peers in math, testing out of Math 1 and taking Math 2 or 3



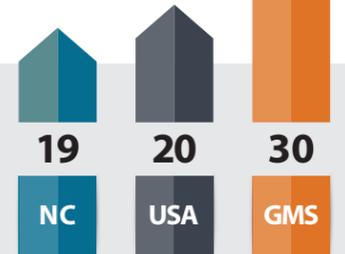
100% of graduates begin high school one year ahead of their peers in Spanish, testing out of Spanish 1 and taking Spanish 2 or 3

\$84,142

AVERAGE MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS EARNED PER STUDENT AS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

REFLECTIONS FROM COLLEGE-AGED ALUMNI

As I get older, I continuously find new appreciation for how lucky I am to have attended GMS.
Three words that sum up my GMS experience: remarkable, unparalleled, and extraordinary.
I cherish every moment I spent with my peers and teachers at GMS. When I wasn't learning facts, I was learning lifelong skills like teamwork, humility, curiosity, respect, and patience.
If everyone were lucky enough to attend a school like GMS, the world would be a better place.



AVERAGE ACT SCORE

