

CHEATSHEET

What to Look for in Montessori Today

Print off and refer to these items during your school touring experiences. If something on the list isn't present, ask about the reasoning behind that absence. You should be satisfied with the answers you receive from your questions. You are your student's advocate and the school should always respect your desire to understand their academic methodology and environment.

If you need a reminder of why any of the following items are on this list, access our full article at: <http://www.acmontessoriacademy.org/index.php/2017/07/20/what-to-look-for-in-montessori-today/>

Accreditation/Certification/Training:

AT LEAST ONE TEACHER IN EACH ROOM TRAINED IN MONTESSORI *regardless of overall school certifications?*

Schedule:

**3 HOUR WORK CYCLE
PERSONALIZED LEARNING**

In Class:

Well-defined spaces

Photos

Tapestries

Live Plants

Class Pets

Globes and Maps

Background Music

Trays, Rugs, and Placemats

Cleaning supplies and Cleaning stations

Child Scale Shelving and Tables

Order

Little to No Plastics

Montessori Materials: "pink tower"/ "golden beads"/ "knobbed cylinders"

Mixed age groups in each class

A Peace Table

No Cribs unless required by school licensing authority

Food:

Little to no refined sugars given or allowed

Garden:

Is there a garden? gardening program? plans?

Question:

Austere environments

Overt deviations from culturally broad, realistic, or environmentally conscious concepts

Averaging descriptions of the term Normalization