



## LA JOLLA MONTESSORI SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT

*Both parents and/or guardians must initial and sign this agreement.*

La Jolla Montessori School agrees to reserve a space for your child to enroll at La Jolla Montessori School (LJMS) for the 2026-2027 school year. Our school year will begin August 2026 and go through May 2027. In consideration of the acceptance of this Registration Agreement by La Jolla Montessori School, the undersigned agrees to the conditions as specified below.

### 1. Pay the Annual Enrollment and Materials Fees (non-refundable) due at time of enrollment:

#### Annual Enrollment Fee: \$200

Annual enrollment fees are used to cover the administrative expenses of many of the software systems we use to manage enrollment (Childcare Forms), tuition and licensing requirements (ProCare). Remaining funds are used for capital improvements. For example in the 2023-2024 school year we used funds to install new turf on the upper primary playground, add additional drainage to the toddler playground and repair the kitchen plumbing system.

#### Annual Materials Fees: \$200

Each year, a portion of the natural materials in the classroom must be repaired or replaced. Half of this fee goes directly to the classroom. The other half of the budget is used to support all-school events and crafts.

### 2. Pay the Annual Non-Refundable Last Month's Tuition (May 2027) due at time of enrollment:

#### NIDO (6-24 months old):

**5 Half Days** 8:30-12:30  
\$2,100 per month

**5 Full Days** 8:30-3:00  
\$2,250 per month

#### TODDLER (18-36 months old):

**5 Half Days** 8:30-12:30  
\$1,930 per month

**5 Full Days** 8:30-3:00  
\$2,060 per month

#### PRIMARY (3-6 years old):

**5 Half Days** 8:15-12:45  
\$1,815 per month

**5 Full Days** 8:15-2:45  
\$2,025 per month

### 3. Choose a Payment Plan Option for the 10-month contract: (refundable with 30-days notice)

**Plan A – Annual** – Single payment of complete school year, less 5%. This annual payment is payable any time **before July 25<sup>th</sup>**.

**Plan B –Monthly Installments** – The annual tuition listed above can be broken into 10 equal installments. Monthly Installments begin **July 25<sup>th</sup>** and are due on the 25th of every month through April 25th. **These payments are the same amount each month regardless of the length of each month and are non-refundable.** *There will be no tuition payment for*

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**May 2027 due on April 23, 2027.** Please refer to "2026-2027 Tuition Installment and Fee Schedule" on the last page.

## **Enrollment Policy**

La Jolla Montessori School (LJMS) promises to provide a Montessori education as defined by the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) and as found appropriate for the child. The parents promise to abide by all school rules, including but not limited to, those set forth in the school's Parent Handbook and those set forth by the Director for each school year.

By signing this agreement parents/guardians understand that they are committing to attend La Jolla Montessori School for the full program stated above (Toddler and/or Primary) unless they give **a 30 day notice prior to leaving the school.** Last month's tuition (May 2027) and all tuition installments paid for services used are non-refundable.               (both parents' initials)

In the event that LJMS requests the child evaluated by an outside healthcare or educational professional for supplemental services, parents/guardians agree to comply promptly and at their own expense. In the event that such testing shows an emotional, psychological or mental concern, LJMS may require a 1:1 shadow for the child, paid for at the parents' expense. LJMS has the right to terminate the enrollment agreement if it is in the best interest of the child, LJMS and/or other students.

## **Payment Policy**

Parents agree to a 10-month enrollment contract (August - May) with an option to add one or both of the summer sessions if they are re-enrolling the following academic year. Tuition for the 2026-2027 school year may be paid annually or may be broken down into **10 equal, monthly installments** (August through May). Monthly tuition is due in advance. Starting on July 24<sup>th</sup>, all remaining scheduled installments are due on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month, whether or not a bill has been received. If you choose to pay annual tuition you will receive a 5% discount. This payment is due any time before July 24<sup>th</sup>.

              (both parents' initials)

If the monthly installment is not received by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month, a \$25.00 late charge fee will be assessed *weekly*. Tuition must be current before your child can be re-enrolled for the following school year. Your child may not be admitted into attendance if your account becomes delinquent beyond 15 days of the due date. Student records will not be released if the account is delinquent. A fee of \$25 will be charged for checks returned for any reason and you may be required to make future payments in cash or cashier's check.               (both parents' initials)

Parents agree to drop off and pick up their child at the designated time. LJMS charges a late fee for late pick-ups. Our rate is \$20 for the first 5 minutes and \$1 per minute thereafter. Parents must be prepared to pay this fee upon picking up your child.               (both parents' initials)

Please tell us who to send invoices to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parent

And the correct Email Address to email them to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

\* We have attached an anticipated payment schedule for the 2026-2027 school year at the end.

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## **Participation Policy**

As discussed during your tour, we strive to provide an educational program for children ages 6 mos through Kindergarten. Dr. Montessori believed the Primary environment was a better fit for the 5-year old child than the elementary school environment. For that reason, we ask that if you are enrolling your child into our Toddler or Primary Programs, you do it with the full intention to keep your child at LJMS for the whole program, including Kindergarten. Both parents agree to support their child and the school by assuring that the student will arrive on time and attend all scheduled school days unless prior arrangements have been made with LJMS as to the student's absence or the student is absent due to medical reasons.

The parents also understand the importance of their involvement in LJMS and hereby express their intention to attend all required School functions and Parent Nights. New parents agree to attend a MANDATORY Montessori 101 Workshop. New and existing families agree to attend the Parent Information / Open House (in August). These events are important as they explore Montessori philosophy, approaches to manage behavior, and ways to modify your home to support your child's independence.

La Jolla Montessori School also requires at least one parent/guardian to attend at least two MANDATORY observation sessions. These observations may take place anytime throughout the school year, but we will also set aside times for you to observe your child just before your parent/teacher conference in November and March. [redacted] [redacted] (both parents' initials)

## **Release and Hold Harmless Authorization for Minor**

The undersigned agrees to release and hold harmless, LJMS, its agents and employees from all claims, damages, or other liabilities for injuries to their child, which are not the result of gross negligence by LJMS, its agents, or employees.

By signing this document, each party has read and considered the above terms and conditions, and legally promises and agrees to all stated here or attached hereto. Registration is incomplete without both parent/guardian signatures.

## **Photo Agreement:**

La Jolla Montessori School staff take photos and videos of children working inside and outside of the classroom to capture daily activities. Photos and videos are shared with families via Google Photos. Photos and videos may also be used in promotional media such as the school's website and marketing materials. In signing this agreement, parents/guardians hereby grant permission for LJMS to use media on the applications on the school's website and marketing materials. [redacted] [redacted] (both parents' initials)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Child

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent 1/Legal Guardian Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent 2/Legal Guardian Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Frequently Asked Enrollment Questions

### 1: When are the tuition installments due?

Tuition Installments are due on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each previous month. A \$25 late fee will be assessed weekly if La Jolla Montessori School does not receive payment by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. Late fee payments are due upon receipt of a statement. Application fees are due with an application. Registration fee, materials fee and June installment is due when enrolling your child. Please refer to "2026-2027 Tuition Installment and Fee Schedule" on the last page.

### 2: What discounts does La Jolla Montessori School offer?

LJMS offers a 5% discount for the younger sibling(s) of a child currently enrolled at the school. La Jolla Montessori School offers a 5% discount to Parents that pay the school year in advance. This discount is not offered beyond August 25<sup>th</sup>.

### 3: What if I need to withdraw my child from La Jolla Montessori School during the school year?

In order to terminate the enrollment contract without penalty, parents / guardians must give LJMS a 30-day notice that you will be leaving the school. Parents are responsible for tuition 30-day from the notice to leave. **Additionally, the May 2027 deposit is non-refundable.**

### 4: What if I prepay the year of tuition and need to withdraw my child?

In order to terminate the enrollment contract without penalty, parents / guardians must give LJMS a 30-day notice that you will be leaving the school. Parents who prepay will receive a prorated tuition refund. The refund will be calculated from 30 days of your withdrawal date to the end of the school year, less the May 2027 installment.

### 5: What if my child does not attend school for any period during the school year?

La Jolla Montessori School's tuition is an annual tuition divided into 10 equal installments regardless of attendance. You are responsible for paying each tuition installment on the due date as per your agreement. We encourage families to coordinate travel and appointments around the days we are closed or during the optional summer sessions. In general, we follow the San Diego Unified School calendar. However, may close or close early in observance of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We will not close on Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples' Day (see 2026-2027 calendar).

### 6: How does tuition for the Summer Sessions work?

In February, we will open up registration for Summer Session 1 and Summer Session 2. We anticipate both sessions will be four weeks long. Summer affords our staff an opportunity to take time off and travel. To accommodate staff time off, LJMS reserves the right to limit class size. In order to staff these sessions, parents must reserve a placement for each session with a deposit that goes towards summer tuition. Summer tuition is offered at the same monthly rate as the annual school year. However, parents who enroll their child in a summer session agree to pay for the entire four week session - even if they are not attending for all four weeks. Children who re-enroll for Fall or who have a sibling that is re-enrolling have priority in the summer.

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Date	Tuition and Fees
June 12, 2026	Summer Session 1 Tuition Due for Primary & Toddler* Summer Session 1 Dates*: June 15, 2026 - July 3, 2026
July 24, 2026	2nd Tuition Installment Due; Summer Session 2 Dates*: July 6, 2026 - July 31, 2026 Annual Tuition Option Due in order to receive a 5% discount for paying yearly in advance.
August 25, 2026	3rd Tuition Installment Due
September 25, 2026	4th Tuition Installment Due
October 23, 2026	5th Tuition Installment Due.
November 24, 2026	6th Tuition Installment Due <i>The 'December Tuition' Installment is the same amount, regardless of the length of the school days in the month.</i>
December 18, 2026	7th Tuition Installment Due; <i>(last full school day prior to Winter Break).</i>
January 25, 2027	8th Tuition Installment Due; \$400 Enrollment & Materials Fee for 2027-2028 Due.
February 25, 2027	9th Tuition Installment Due \$300 Summer Enrollment Deposit Due for re-enrolling children.
March 25, 2027	10th Tuition Installment Tuition Due
April 23, 2027	1st Tuition Installment for May 2027 Tuition (deposit is non-refundable) Due. Reserves your enrollment for August 2027. <i>The 'May Tuition' Installment is the same amount, regardless of the length of the school days in the month.</i>
May 25, 2027	Summer Session 1 Tuition Due (\$300 Summer Deposit is credited)
June 25, 2027	Summer Session 2 Tuition Due
July 23, 2027	2nd Tuition Installment Due; Annual Tuition Option Due in order to receive a 5% discount for paying yearly in advance.

*\* Note: Please pay careful attention to the attached calendar. For currently enrolled families, will be modifying the Summer 2026 calendar to better align with San Diego Unified School District. Summer will have two four week sessions.*