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# ABOUT COMPASS MONTESSORI

Compass Montessori School is a Colorado charter school offering a true Montessori education for Preschool through 12th grade. Approved by the Jefferson County School Board in 1997, Compass offers multi-age classrooms dedicated to teaching children the love of learning by inspiring and challenging them appropriately.

Compass provides support to enable each student to prepare for the intellectual, spiritual, emotional, social, physical, and societal transitions appropriate to each student's inner vocation. Our goal is to foster competent, responsible, curious and independent thinkers who actively participate in their education, their community, and the world.



***Compass Montessori Education Foundation (CMEF) is hosting our annual community Festa on February 29, 2020 at the Buffalo Rose in Golden, Colorado. All funding for this event directly supports Compass Montessori School.***

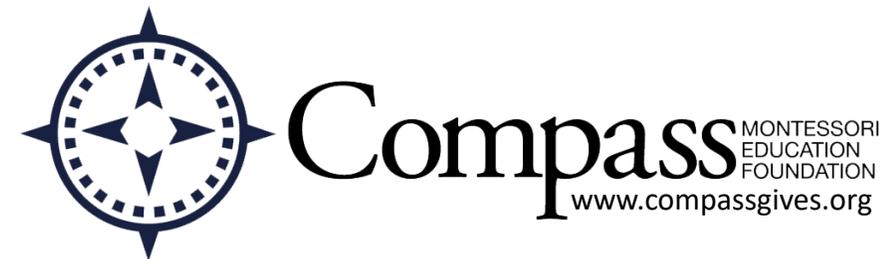
This year, our *Roaring 20s Festa* will launch us into the 21st year as a school, and kick off a fundraising campaign to support the coming years of growth and enrichment for our students, teachers and staff. We'll dazzle you with a live and silent auction, a mission moment dedicated to our teachers, a paddle raise to launch funding for new opportunities, adult beverages, tasty food and so much more! We'll raise our glasses in celebration to our students, their love of learning, and the exciting things coming for our school community!

As a public charter school, our funding needs are greater than those of neighborhood public schools. Your sponsorship and support for *Roaring 20s Festa* plays a huge part in helping us continue our mission, and ultimately change the world by delivering capable, independent, inspiring students!

We anticipate 250 people at Festa this year, and it's a valuable community of families from 60 different zip codes in Colorado.

Please browse our sponsorship opportunities, and partner with the only Montessori charter school for Preschool through High School in the United States!

We invite you to be a part of this exciting chapter in our story!



# SOME COMPASS MONTESSORI FACTS



The Compass Montessori Children's House (CH) program for children ages 3-6 builds cognitive skills through Montessori works as well as social skills through grace and courtesy. CH works, or lessons, help children strengthen and improve their fine motor skills, as Maria Montessori believed the hands are an instrument of the brain. Compass Montessori offers a full day, 5 day per week program allowing for consistency and normalization for

young learners. According to a Harvard study, quality Early Childhood Education (ECE) helps prevent the achievement gap by building the cognitive and social skills necessary for school readiness. Studies have shown that participation in ECE leads to statistically significant reductions in special education placement and grade retention and increase in high school graduation rates



The Compass Montessori Middle School program for children ages 12-15 is built around a 'Farm School' curriculum, which integrates learning with three practical occupations that students cycle through during the three-year program. The Farm occupation is responsible for planting, nurturing, and harvesting food from the land and caring for the animals. The Community and Kitchen occupation transforms the harvest from the farm to provide a

daily meal to the Golden campus' 300 students and items for the store and special events. The Store occupation runs the school store, stocked with items entirely made and created by students. Taken together, the three occupations form an interdependent micro-economy that is the structural basis for the Farm School's plan of educational study and work.



The Compass Montessori Elementary program is for children ages 6-12 and split between Lower Elementary for 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> grades and Upper Elementary for 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades. The elementary level and environment are one of great strength and understanding. It is in the elementary years that we build on the foundation started in the Children's House. The academics and concepts of learning are a strong focus, but through the interest of the child, the learning takes place.



The Compass Montessori High School program for children 15-18 is a fully accredited program that meets or exceeds Jeffco graduation requirements. While students are required to complete classes in Math, Science, History, English, Foreign Language, and Electives just like any Jeffco high school, Compass students are responsible for planning their own schedules, as it supports independence and executive function development and is imperative for success in university studies. In the last five years, 80% of our graduates have matriculated to higher education and CTE certificate programs, compared to the district average of 64%. Compass high school students score above average on the SAT, one of several standardized tests used to assess competencies. In 2013, 100% of Compass High School students were accepted into their top-choice university and were awarded more than \$1,000,000 in merit-based scholarships.



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# ABOUT MONTESSORI

## Who was Maria Montessori?

Maria Montessori was the first woman to practice medicine in Italy. A scholar of biology, psychiatry, anthropology, and medicine, she graduated from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Rome in 1896. As a physician, Dr. Montessori was in touch with young children and became profoundly interested in their development. She studied children of all races and cultures in many countries around the world, soon seeing the universality of the laws of human development. Through her studies of educational methods, she declared two principles as the foundation of Montessori pedagogy: the universal characteristics of the human child, and the child as a unique, unrepeatable, respectable, and admirable individual to be unconditionally accepted as one of life's most marvelous expressions. She continued her observations throughout her life, widening and deepening her understanding until her death in 1952. The Montessori method has since spread to nearly every country throughout the world and reached the United States in 1963. A devoted humanitarian, she was three-times nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for her advocacy efforts toward a more peaceful humanity. <https://amiusa.org>

## What is Montessori Education?

Montessori is a method of education that is based on self-directed activity, hands-on learning and collaborative play. In Montessori classrooms children make creative choices in their learning, while the classroom and the highly [trained teacher](#) offer age-appropriate activities to guide the process. Children work in groups and individually to discover and explore knowledge of the world and to develop their maximum potential. <https://montessori-nw.org>

The basis of Montessori practice in the classroom is mixed age group individual choice of research and work, and uninterrupted concentration. Group lessons or lectures by an adult are seldom found in a Montessori classroom, and learning abounds. At any one time in a day all subjects -- practical work, math, language, science, history, geography, art, music, etc. -- will be being studied, at all levels, facilitated by careful observation, individual lessons, record keeping, and guidance from the teacher. Children thus taught often surpass both the level of education of their peers, and the knowledge of the adult in all areas -- then they learn to find answers for themselves. [www.montessori.edu](http://www.montessori.edu)



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