

International Montessori School of Albania

Creating lifelong learners







Welcome

Welcome to the International Montessori School of Albania.

At our school all our energies go into providing a quality, internationally-focused education for all our children.

We pride ourselves on the high quality of our teachers, staff, materials and facilities.

As experts in teaching children, you will find a school with a warm welcome and a strong sense of community. We hope to be welcoming you very soon to Montessori Albania.

“Creating lifelong learners”



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“The most important period of life is not the age of university studies but the first one, the period from birth to age six.”

Dr Maria Montessori

The first and only Montessori School in Albania welcomes children from 9 months—6 years of age. Montessori trained international staff will provide the best quality teaching according to the Montessori philosophy and methodology. The entire Montessori curriculum and activities are provided in English.



Mission and philosophy

Our mission

Montessori Albania encourages independent, self-directed learning for life in a child-centered international community valuing peace, respect for others and pride in individual differences.

Our philosophy

International Montessori school of Albania (IMSA) was founded in 2008 to foster a love of learning and to educate children to be caring, socially responsible citizens in their community and world. Montessori Albania seeks to educate the whole child, applying the Montessori philosophy, in an internationally-oriented environment. The philosophy is based on the principles of Dr. Maria Montessori (1870-1952) whose holistic vision of education focuses on the cognitive, social, emotional and physical needs of the child. For Dr Montessori, and for IMSA, education at an early age is preparation for life.





Goals of a Montessori Education

- Create in the child a sense of self-discipline, independence, concentration, motivation and sensitivity to things around him.
- Educate the whole child, with activities and lessons designed to promote the development of social skills, emotional growth, physical co-ordination and cognitive preparation.
- Develop a positive attitude towards school and learning.
- Develop a healthy sense of self-confidence.
- Provide a carefully planned, stimulating environment where children are free to respond to their natural drive to work and learn.
- Help the child develop the kindness, courtesy and self-discipline that will allow him to become a full member of society.
- Help the child learn how to observe, inquire and explore ideas independently.



"Help me do it alone"

Dr Maria Montessori

Sense of Order

Concentration

Coordination

Independence





Montessori Method

In our Montessori classroom, **every exercise, method and piece of equipment** takes advantage of a child's inherent desire to learn. Children are free to work in groups or on their own. They may sit at a table or move around the room. Here, the curriculum and teachers' role are all carefully designed to honor self-paced growth while encouraging social cooperation. In our mixed-aged classrooms every day, students practice **activities in practical life, sensorial, math, language, science, history, geography, art, writing** and **music**. Every day, children and adults honor kindness, compassion, mutual respect and peace.

Each classroom has top-quality, child-sized furnishings and learning materials. Children are taught how to use the Montessori materials and are then **free to move** about the room, selecting their activities and pursuing their work. Montessori materials are **specifically designed** to be self-correcting for errors, allowing children **to learn on their own**, under the guidance of the teacher.

Montessori Method in Action

Infant and toddler community (9 months—3 years)



“Character formation cannot be taught. It comes from experience and not from explanation”



Dr Maria Montessori



Montessori Method in Action Casa Community (3—6 years)

"The environment must be rich in motives which lend interest to activity and invite the child to conduct his own experiences."

Dr Maria Montessori



Why Choose Montessori?

- *E*nglish speaking environment
- *I*nternational Montessori trained teachers and staff
- *I*nternational community of children helping and respecting each other
- *C*hild-centered learning
- *F*reedom of movement leading to independence
- *M*ixed nationality classes
- *M*ixed-aged classrooms
- *G*ood student-teacher ratio
- *W*eekly music and gym classes
- *H*ealthy school meals based on nutritional guidelines
- *N*ew, clean modern school with safe environment
- *L*arge indoor and outdoor evergreen play area





Parent References

"My kids love going to the Montessori school and the concept works like magic. They are "working" (learning by doing) and having fun. I happily recommend "Montessori Albania" to any other interested parent. **Your children will love it!"**

Alexandra, Max' and Jakob's Mum



"My daughter was shy when she joined Montessori Albania, but after only a couple of months she is now very sociable, interacts well with children and has gained a lot of self-confidence."

Claire, Anisa's Mum



"After almost two years at Montessori, Nicol is more independent, happier and creative. She is observant, has intense periods of concentration and most of all is a free child. If you want raise happy children, the best choice in Albania is Montessori."

A.V, Nicol's Mum



"We are very happy with the education our son is receiving at Montessori Albania. He can't wait to go to school everyday."

Catherine, Mathis' Mum







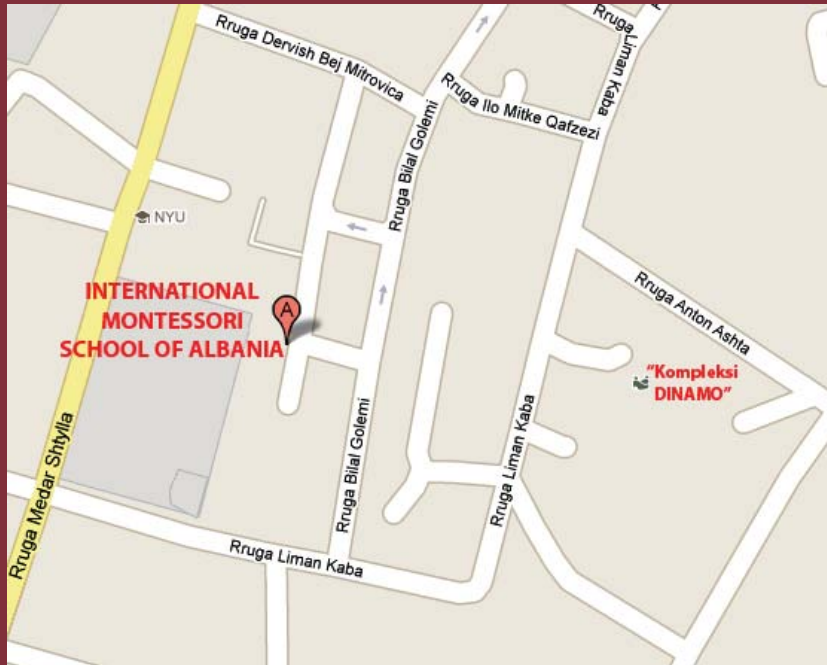
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