
To Apply

Fill out the general PPS Early Learning Program Application, available online

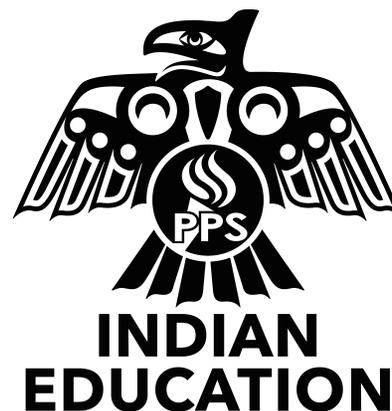
- Indicate that the Native Montessori Preschool is your top program choice
- Check 'Yes' when asked whether you are interested in enrolling in the Native Montessori program at Faubion
- Include your tribal affiliation when asked if you participate in cultural activities

AND contact the PPS Title VI Indian Education Program

- Forward a copy of your PPS Early Learning Program Application to indianeducation@pps.net and/or call (503) 916-6499 for additional information
- Title VI Indian Education's mission is to enhance the educational achievement and Native cultural awareness of American Indian/Alaska Native students in Portland Public Schools

“Our children are sacred little beings and as such we allowed our children to move and grow and learn and be with the force inside of them guiding them.”

Dave Archambault, TED Talk
(Indian School Whisperer)



Portland Public Schools Native Montessori Preschool



Faubion School Early Learning Center
2930 NE Dekum St, Portland, OR 97211

Native Montessori Program: Affirming Cultural Identity

The Native Montessori Preschool is a unique early childhood education experience.

The program utilizes an interconnected curriculum that affirms Indigenous cultural teachings. Children and families are encouraged to participate in cultural activities and share their own cultural experiences.



“Education is a natural process carried out by the child and is not acquired by listening to words but by experiences in the environment.”

Dr. Maria Montessori



Native & Montessori Values

In this classroom, Native themes and values are infused throughout the curriculum. The Montessori educational environment shares common values with Native learning styles and beliefs. For example, our community is mixed ages (3-5 year olds) which creates a familial learning environment similar to the extended family concept of tribes. Native traditions of learning supports students to learn from their peers regardless of age. In our community, children care for one another and learn from each other. As each child's Guide (teacher), our primary question in our daily work with children is, “What can be done to adapt the environment or materials to allow the child’s inborn potential to unfold?”



FAQ's

- School Hours are 8:50 AM - 3:15 PM
- Before and After Care available on school site
- Breakfast and lunch are provided
- Transportation is not provided
- Families are encouraged to participate in our AI & AN cultural curriculum provided on site
- We follow the regular PPS calendar of holidays and vacations



In order to qualify, your child/family must meet the following guidelines:

- Be at least 3 years old by September 1st
- Be completely toilet trained
- Have current immunizations
- Live within PPS boundaries
- Meet income eligibility standards & provide proof of income upon acceptance (see online application)