

# Assessment at Leelanau Montessori Public School Academy

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First and foremost, we are a school that adheres to the Montessori philosophy of educating children.

What is Montessori?

How does assessment look in an authentic Montessori school?

LMPSA believes our assessment practice must always be grounded in the scientific observations of the child. These observations must reflect the development of the whole child-cognitive, social, emotional, physical, and spiritual-regardless of disability, learning challenge, or special education need.

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How do our teachers observe the whole child?

It is clear and intentional observation. The teachers are approaching this like they would a lesson to show children. Some examples of this are:

Checklists

Time Samples

Rating Scales

Area Samples

Running Records

Tally sheets

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Gathering all of this information allows our teachers to learn more about the students in their environments.

Some questions the teachers might ask are:

What materials does he like? Who does she sit with often?

When does he tend to get tired? Why does she behave this way?

This is designed to create the best approach possible for your student. This approach might change several times over the course of the school year.

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We are also a public charter school that is expected to adhere to state of Michigan standards of public school curriculum.

Common Core State Standards Initiative

Next Generation Science Standards

What does that mean for our staff in terms of state accountability?

Formative assessments

Summative assessments

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Formative Assessments - designed to be done during the teaching process to modify teaching and learning activities to improve student attainment.

NWEA - Northwest Evaluation Association

LMPSA utilizes this test in Reading/Language and Mathematics

Here are your progress reports for your child. The following is a short video on reading this MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) report.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oWi11nhprxU>

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Summative Assessments - These are designed to evaluate student learning, skill acquisition, and academic achievement at the conclusion of a defined instructional period (i.e. end of the project, unit, course, school year).

M-STEP - Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress

LMPSA is expected to have all of their 3rd-6th grade students participate.

Students in 4th-6th grade will get their parent reports.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U8mevvSNmnA&feature=youtu.be>

# One last thought...

We recognize that standardized test scores are important, and confusing (not to mention sometimes stressful!), for a lot of people, so we are happy to support you however we can.

Standardized test scores are only a small part of how we evaluate student success in the Montessori model - and the goal is to support the experiences of students learning and growing.

We have an array of ways of thinking and knowing about whether or not a student is achieving what they should be when they should be, built on the strong interpersonal relationships made between students and faculty, and all of the work faculty and staff do that goes into making sure that our students are well prepared for the next phase of their life after leaving LMPSA.

# Questions??

I will be happy to answer them tonight, tomorrow, or  
in the coming days, weeks, and months!