

Desert Garden Montessori

Programs, Schedules & Tuition 2025-2026

Programs		
Infant	6 weeks – 12 months	not walking
Toddler	12 months – 3 years	walking required; potty-trained not required
Primary	3 – 6 years	potty-trained required Kindergarten included
Lower Elementary	6 – 9 years	1st, 2nd, 3rd grades
Upper Elementary	9 – 12 years	4th, 5th, 6th grades
Middle School IB Middle Years Programme*	12 – 13 years	7th, 8th grades
High School IB Middle Years Programme*	14 – 15 years	9th, 10th grades
High School	16 – 18 years	11th, 12th grades

*DGM is authorized to offer The International Baccalaureate® (IB) Middle Years Programme (MYP) to grades 7 - 10

Schedules & Tuition (10-month academic school year)			
PROGRAM	SCHEDULE	HOURS	ANNUAL TUITION
Infant	School Day*	8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	\$19,000
Toddler & Primary	Half Day	8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	\$12,700
	School Day*	8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	\$15,835
Lower Elementary	School Day*	8:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.	\$13,725
Upper Elementary	School Day*	8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	\$13,725
Middle Years/High School	School Day*	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	\$16,900

*School Day includes afternoon care/supervision until 4:00 p.m. if needed

Annual Tuition covers the academic school year from August 2025 through May 2026 and will be prorated monthly (not weekly or daily) for students who start school after classes begin. Tuition is billed for the entire month during which your child starts school, regardless of the start date. No refunds or credits will be issued for absences for any reason, including lengthy absences for family travel during the academic school year.

*****IMPORTANT*****

DGM REQUIRES AN ANNUAL TUITION COMMITMENT FOR THE ENTIRE 10-MONTH ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR, REGARDLESS OF ATTENDANCE. THIS MEANS THAT, WHEN YOU ENROLL YOUR CHILD AND SIGN THE ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT, YOU ARE AGREEING TO PAY TUITION FOR THE ENTIRE 10-MONTH ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR (OR FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH DURING WHICH YOUR CHILD STARTS SCHOOL LATE AND FOR ALL MONTHS REMAINING IN THE 10-MONTH ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR), EVEN IF YOU WITHDRAW YOUR CHILD, AND EVEN IF YOU DO SO BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS; THERE IS NO GRACE PERIOD AFTER SIGNING THE ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT.

WE ENFORCE THE ANNUAL TUITION COMMITMENT WITHOUT EXCEPTION UNLESS:

- **You withdraw your child based on DGM's recommendation, i.e., DGM determines the school cannot meet your child's specific needs; or**
- **You provide 30 days written notice that you intend to voluntarily withdraw your child and to cancel the Enrollment Agreement, and you pay in full a \$2,000 Withdrawal Fee at the time you submit the required written notice. You will remain responsible to pay tuition for the final full month during which your 30-day written notice period ends.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Enrollment Fee: There is a **\$595 non-refundable** Enrollment Fee for each student. The Enrollment Fee is **due in full upon enrollment** and before the student's start date. No extensions or payment plans are permitted, and the Enrollment Fee is not pro-rated for late enrollees.

Early/Late Day Services: As a courtesy to our families, we provide care and supervision at no extra charge beginning at 7:00 a.m. for all Programs and until 4:00 p.m. for School Day Programs. Late Day Services do not apply to Half Day Programs.

Fees for Late Pick-up and Failure to Sign Out: Late Pick-up Fees apply after 12:15 p.m. for Half Day, after 4:00 p.m. for School Day, after 4:00 p.m. on Childcare Days, and after the school closes, which on most days is at 6:00 p.m. Please see the 2025-26 At-a-Glance Calendar for dates when closing times vary. You will be billed **\$30** per child who is picked up 1 to 15 minutes late, plus an additional **\$1** per child for each minute thereafter. **YOU MUST SIGN OUT YOUR CHILD WHEN PICKED UP!** If you fail to sign out your child when picked up, you will be billed **\$5** per child per occurrence.

Extended Day: Extended Day care/supervision is available until the school closes, which on most days is at 6:00 p.m. Please see the 2025-26 At-a-Glance Calendar for dates when closing times vary.

- Extended Day care/supervision is billed annually at **\$4,820 (\$482/month)** and is prorated monthly (not weekly or daily).
- No refunds will be issued for absences, regardless of the reason.
- Notice of cancellation must be submitted in writing to the Admissions Coordinator by the 15th day of the month, and cancellation will take effect on the first day of the following month. There is a **\$100** cancellation fee.

- The cost of Childcare Days (see below) is included for those enrolled in Extended Day.

Childcare Days: Childcare Days are days when the school is closed for classroom instruction but open for care/supervision from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please see the 2025-26 At-a-Glance Calendar for scheduled Childcare Days.

- The cost of Childcare Days is included for those enrolled in Extended Day (see above) and is billed separately for all others at a flat rate of **\$67** per day for Half Day and **\$120** per day for School Day.
- All students, including those enrolled in Extended Day, must pre-register for Childcare Days.
- There is a “No Show” fee of the daily flat rate and no refunds will be issued for absences, regardless of the reason.

Organic Lunch: DGM offers Organic Lunch to all students.

- Organic Lunch is billed annually at **\$2,060 (\$206/month)** and is prorated monthly (not weekly or daily).
- No refunds will be issued for meals missed during the month, regardless of the reason.
- Notice of cancelation must be submitted in writing to the Admissions Coordinator by the 15th day of the month, and cancelation will take effect on the first day of the following month. There is no cancelation fee, but there is a \$100 fee if you later re-enroll.
- The cost of Organic Lunch is included in tuition for Infant/Toddler/Primary Programs.

iTeam Learning Support Services: DGM’s iTeam (Integration Team for Emotional/Social, Academics, and Mindfulness) offers various Learning Support Services to students in need. Rates vary depending upon the services recommended for your child, and you will be asked to sign a separate iTeam Learning Support Services Agreement. Discounts do not apply to iTeam Tuition.

Summer Session: DGM offers a Summer Session during June and July for current and alumni students. Summer Session Tuition is based on the student’s Annual Tuition for the 2025-26 academic school year. Registration will begin in March 2025.

Athletic Fees: Additional fees ranging from **\$50** to **\$200** may apply for students who participate in individual sports (e.g., Spartan and Pickleball), for which you will be billed separately by invoice to your FACTS Incidental Expenses Account.

Enrichment Classes/Other Incidentals: DGM offers various Enrichment Classes after the school day for students age Toddler and older. The cost varies depending on the class and you will be billed separately by invoice to your FACTS Incidental Expenses Account, which also is used to bill for other incidentals, e.g., Hearing & Vision Screening and Athletic Fees.