

Montrose Elementary School of Innovation

*Preparing a Community of Leaders
Today for Tomorrow*



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Welcome to Montrose Elementary School of Innovation

A STEAM Magnet School

Montrose Elementary School of Innovation (MESI) engages students with new and innovative ways of learning to best prepare them for a rapidly changing world. Problem- and inquiry-based experiences infuse technology, creativity, collaboration and critical thinking into our everyday STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) learning environment. Each day, our talented and caring teachers engage students in hands-on activities that encourage them to problem solve, work collaboratively and understand the relevancy of what they are learning.

"The culture at Montrose Elementary has always been fantastic. There is a real responsibility and care for others. The staff give fast responses. They are absolutely willing to engage. And there is a real sense of 'These people care.'"

—Joey, parent



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What Makes Montrose Elementary School of Innovation Unique

Magnet School

MESI is a STEAM magnet school – a public school with a specialized curriculum. There is no fee to attend, and transportation is provided. Students living in the MESI neighborhood boundary are automatically enrolled in the school. In addition, anyone within the district (and from a member district within the Northwest Suburban Integration School District – NWSISD) can apply for one of the open seats available at each grade level. Those families who open enroll apply through a lottery process with NWSISD.

Unique Experiences Through STEAM

STEAM programming at MESI ignites creativity and innovation by blending broadcasting/journalism, computer science, robotics and more into hands-on learning experiences. Students become storytellers, interviewers, coders, and engineers – crafting news reports, programming animations, and designing robots that solve real-world problems. Through collaboration and critical thinking, they build confidence in technology, communication and problem-solving, preparing them for success in an ever-changing world.



Problem-Based Learning

Problem-based learning (PBL) is a framework for learning while solving real-world challenges. Collaborative and hands-on, PBL asks students to identify big ideas, ask good questions, discover and solve challenges, gain in-depth subject area knowledge, develop 21st century skills and share their thoughts with the world. At MESI, we intentionally provide students opportunities to participate in PBL through our Innovation Programming.

Performing Arts

Students have the opportunity to engage in vocal, instrumental and theatrical experiences as part of our performing arts programming. They interact with piano, world drums, ukuleles and more, and theatrical performances such as plays and musicals also complement the student learning experience.



AVID Showcase School

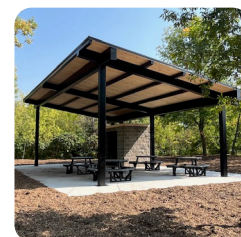
MESI was selected to showcase its college and career readiness culture for educators around the Midwest.

Project Lead the Way

Project Lead the Way empowers students to adopt a design-thinking mindset through compelling activities, projects, and problems that build upon each other and relate to the world around them. As students engage in hands-on activities in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science, they become creative, collaborative problem solvers ready to take on any challenge.

Environmental Learning Center

Students and staff enjoy a 4.5-acre environmental learning center that features space for classes, trails, and animal feeding stations.



Strong Parent Involvement

MESI's parents support the school by planning family events, volunteering in classrooms, arranging conference meals for teachers, and much more.

Other Important Information

Transportation: Vision Transportation of Buffalo provides bus service for BHM Schools. Families get free busing from anywhere within the district to Montrose Elementary and can designate up to one alternate location, such as daycare or a relative's house, for pick-up and drop-off. Contact Vision of Buffalo at 763.682.3232 for more information.

KidKare: On-site KidKare extends your child's learning day while providing high-quality care in a safe and fun environment. KidKare is offered before and after school, full days on most non-school days, and during the summer. All-day preschool programming is also available for children ages 3-5. Call 763.682.8787 for more information.



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