

**South Carolina Education Oversight Committee (EOC)
Annual Standards Assurance Form**

School Year: 2019-20

**Application to Participate in
Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children (ECENC) Program**

Please complete the information requested below concerning your independent school. This information will be listed on the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee's website, <https://eoc.sc.gov/>.

Independent School Name:	Montessori Academy of Spartanburg
Independent School Contact Person:	Elisa Troz
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City, State, Zip Code:	Spartanburg, SC 29306
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Please review the standards below that are based on Act 247 of 2018. An "eligible school" is defined as "an independent school including those religious in nature, other than a public school, at which the compulsory attendance requirements of Section 59-65-10 may be met." Please indicate whether your school has met or intends to meet each standard to ensure the following academic and reporting requirements are met. The South Carolina Education Oversight Committee reserves the right to request additional documentation to show the school is in compliance with state law. Failure to meet these standards or reporting requirements will result in your school being denied or removed from participation in the program.

STANDARDS	YES	NO
1. Offers a general education to primary or secondary school students.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Is located in this State.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Has an educational curriculum that includes courses set forth in the state's diploma requirements, graduation certificate requirements for special needs children and where the students attending are administered national achievement or state standardized tests, or both, at progressive grade levels to determine student progress.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Has school facilities that are subject to applicable federal, state, and local laws.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is a member in good standing of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the South Carolina Association of Christian Schools, the South Carolina Independent Schools Association, or the Palmetto Association of Independent Schools.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Provides a specially designed program or learning resource center to provide needed accommodations based on the needs of exceptional needs students or provides onsite educational services or supports to meet the needs of exceptional needs students or is a school specifically existing to meet the needs of only exceptional needs students with documented disabilities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS	YES	NO
<p>1. If your school received any grants from Exceptional SC in school year 2018-19, then your school will report to the EOC the number and total dollar amount of grants received in the 2018-19 school year from Exceptional SC by September 1, 2019.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>2. Your school will submit to the EOC by September 1, 2019 a statement of services that documents your school:</p> <p>(a) provides a specially designed program or learning resource to provide needed accommodations based on the needs of exceptional needs students; or</p> <p>(b) provides onsite educational services or supports to meet the needs of exceptional needs students; or</p> <p>(c) exists specifically to meet the needs of only exceptional needs students with documented disabilities.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>3. Your school will submit to the EOC by November 15, 2019 the <u>school-level</u> assessment results for all grades in the school and for each grade with at least (10) students tested. Results should be provided for English language arts (reading) and mathematics achievement of students in each grade tested in school year 2018-19.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>4. If your school received grants from Exceptional SC in school year 2018-19, the school will submit by November 15, 2019 <u>individual student test scores</u> on national achievement or state standardized tests for any student in grades one through twelve who received a grant from the program during school year 2018-19. The data will be collected using a secure portal. No personally identifiable information will be published; instead, the information will be aggregated.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>5. If your school received grants from Exceptional SC in school year 2018-19, the school will submit to the EOC a copy of a compilation, review, or compliance audit of the organization's financial statements as relating to the grants received, conducted by a certified public accounting firm by November 15, 2019.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I assure that all documents submitted to the SC Education Oversight Committee for the purpose of applying as an eligible school, as defined by state law, is true, accurate, and complete under penalty of perjury in accordance with Section 16-9-10 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. Failure to report to the EOC the required data will result in the school being removed from the list of approved schools.

Signature: Elisa Mroz

Date: 3/12/19

Print Name of Signature Above: Elisa Mroz

Title: Head of School

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**Document A
Grants Received**

**Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children (ECENC) Program
2019-20**

Independent School Name: Montessori Academy of Spartanburg

An independent school participating in the ECENC Program is required to submit the following information by **September 1**:

How many students in kindergarten through grade 12 were enrolled in your school in the prior school year? 31

What is the total number of grants and total amount of grants received in the prior school year from Exceptional SC? Please complete the following chart and sign below.

If no grants for any qualifying student were received from Exceptional SC in the prior school year, please indicate with "0" grants received and "\$0" in total amount of grants received from Exceptional SC.

Total Number of Grants Received	Total Amount of Grants Received
# <u>2</u>	\$ <u>8874.00</u>

Total number of grants is the number of individual children/students who received a grant even if the school received more than one grant for a specific child/student.

Signature: Elisa Mroz

Date: 8/28/19

Print Name of Signature Above: Elisa Mroz

Title: Head of School

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Document B
Statement of Services

**Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children (ECENC) Program
2019-20**

Independent School Name: Montessori Academy of Sptbg

An independent school participating in the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children is required to submit a Statement of Services by **September 1** that documents that the school:

- (a) provides a specially designed program or learning resource to provide needed accommodations based on the needs of exceptional needs students; or
- (b) provides onsite educational services or supports to meet the needs of exceptional needs students; or
- (c) exists specifically to meet the needs of only exceptional needs students with documented disabilities.

Please sign below and attach a statement of services.

Signature: Elisa Mroz

Date: 8/28/19

Print Name of Signature Above: Elisa Mroz

Title: Head of School

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Statement of Services

Montessori Academy maintains and fosters an authentic Montessori education while providing a safe developmentally appropriate environment for students ranging from 8 weeks through 8th grade. Montessori Academy allows students to become actively involved in their education. This affords them the opportunity to learn at a pace that best suits each child. The Montessori Method gives children freedom within limits to choose the materials that facilitate their needs and abilities. For this reason, Montessori Academy is able to accommodate children with ADHD, high functioning autism spectrum disorders, hearing and vision impairments, processing disorders and dyslexia.



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November 21, 2019

Though the Stanford 10 was administered to students at the Montessori Academy of Spartanburg in grades 2 through 8 in 2018-2019, none of the grades tested in ELA and Mathematics had 10 or more students. Therefore, Montessori Academy of Spartanburg is exempt from submitting to the Education and Oversight Committee School-Level Assessment Results.

Thank you,

Elisa Mroz

Elisa Mroz, Head of School

Terry S Morris, CPA PA

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Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

Montessori Academy International, Ltd.
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I have performed the procedures as outlined in the letter to Montessori Academy International, Ltd. from the S.C. Education Oversight Committee relating to Act 247 of the SC General Assembly as approved on May 18, 2018. These procedures were agreed to by the management of Montessori Academy International, Ltd. This engagement to apply agreed upon procedures was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the management of Montessori Academy International, Ltd. Consequently, I make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The requirements, procedures, and associated findings are as follows:

Requirement: The independent school can document and verify that all grants received under the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program in 2018-2019 were for eligible children enrolled in the school.

Management Representation: Management has indicated that the eligibility determination is made by Exceptional SC. According to management, Montessori Academy International Ltd. obtains disability documentation for each student from the student's parent or guardian. The documentation is submitted to Exceptional SC for review and determination of eligibility.

Procedure: To verify that grants received under the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program as passed through Exceptional SC were for children enrolled in the School, accountant agreed scholarship by student name as received in check payments from Exceptional SC to the school's records of attendance.

Results: School attendance records were examined noting all students that received scholarships from Exceptional SC attended the school during the 2018-2019 school year.

Requirements: The independent school can document the total amount of each grant per child from every scholarship funding organization (SFO). The independent school can document that no grant exceeded \$11,000 during school year 2018-19.

Procedure: To verify the total amount of each grant per child from the SFO, accountant examined copies of scholarship payment checks received from Exceptional SC. Accountant agreed the scholarship amount received to the school's tuition records.

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Results: Accountant verified that each grant was recorded to the individual student tuition account in the school accounting records, noting that all grants received were from Exceptional SC scholarship funding organization. No grant received from Exceptional SC exceeded \$11,000 per student.

Requirement: The independent school returned a prorated amount of the grant to the SFO if any student withdrew during the school year.

Management Representation: Management has indicated that no scholarship recipients withdrew from Montessori Academy International Ltd. during the 2018-2019 school year.

Procedure: Accountant agreed scholarship recipient name to school attendance records for each of the four quarters of the 2018-2019 school year.

Results: No exceptions. Attendance records indicated each scholarship recipient attended the school for each quarter of the 2018-2019 school year.

Requirement: The total amount of each grant was used for tuition which is defined as "the total amount of money charged for the cost of a qualifying student to attend an independent school including, but not limited to, fees for attending the school and school-related transportation."

Procedure: Accountant agreed grant amount received from Exceptional SC to the school tuition billing records to determine that all scholarship amounts received were applied to the student's tuition billing record.

Results: No exceptions.

I have performed the procedures, where applicable, as indicated in the letter from the S.C. Education Oversight Committee, as described in the first paragraph of this report. I was not engaged to, and did not perform an audit of the school's financial statement, internal controls, or accounts, the objective of which would be an expression of an opinion on specified elements, accounts, or items. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. Had I performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to my attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the use of the management of Montessori Academy International, Ltd. and specified users as approved by the school's management and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes.

Terry S Morris, CPA PA

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November 15, 2019