

**Isthmus Montessori Academy Charter School (IMACS) Proposal Addendum  
4K and 5K programming in partnership with IMA Inc.  
July 19, 2017**

Below is a break-down of the daily schedule for the Primary MMSD Program proposed, as well as a 4K wrap-around explanation for the IMA Inc. portion of the day.

**Primary Program schedule (start differ based on MMSD transportation schedule)**

8:00am-11:30am: 3K, 4K, and 5K all work together for an uninterrupted morning work period  
 11:30am-12:30pm: 3K, 4K "leave" for recess and lunch with IMA, Inc. staff, staying on the IMA Inc. portion of the facility for the remainder of the day  
 11:30am-12:30pm: 5K take recess and lunch  
 12:30-3:00pm: 5K continue the school day in the IMACS portion of the facility, with the two MMSD teachers

\*Recess is shared space and will have IMA, Inc. staff as well as MMSD staff monitoring students (the playground isn't big enough to separate children in any way.)

**IMA, Inc. 4K Wrap-around care**

Isthmus Montessori Academy opened its doors in 2012 with the intent of making AMI Montessori accessible to all children and families of the Madison area. Along the path towards a public charter, IMA, Inc. also worked towards and received the Five Star rating from Young Star. This rating allows families who qualify to receive the greatest amount of tuition assistance, an additional 25% tuition assistance. All of the [state subsidy money](#) received through WI Shares goes towards the individual families and is not allocated towards any general funds for IMA, Inc. Please note that not all schools or daycares in Madison follow this reimbursement model.

The IMA, Inc. 4K wrap-around care will be competitive with other 4K wrap-around sites in the area with equivalent staffing structures. Many programs charge a full-day amount for children who stay for the remaining half-day portion for wrap-around care. This is not the IMA Inc. intention. IMA Inc. plans to charge the tuition necessary to adequately compensate our staff and to afford necessary operating expenses. That said, the quality of wrap-around care dramatically affects the individual child's learning and developmental needs; and IMA Inc. plans on continuing a process of hiring high quality educators to meet these standards.

A review of the local daycare programs presented a half-day tuition range of \$500-\$1280 each month. A few of these facilities are Northside KinderCare, Sunny Ridge Childcare Center, Claudi's Kids, Precious Moments Daycare, and Smartie Pants Daycare. There was only one facility offering half-day care at \$500/month, the average is closer to \$700/month. IMA Inc. is not in a position to lock-in an amount at this time, without understanding the projected enrollment for how many children will enroll in the wrap-around care versus how many children will go home at the 11:30 am dismissal. That said, we had planned preliminary budgets to be in the range of \$600-\$800 per student per month which reflects the average tuition for half-day 4K in the vicinity of IMA, Inc.

Another bit of information regarding the 4K landscape and the facilities who offer wrap-around care and their hours of operation:

	<b>MMSD- Sandburg</b>	<b>Creative Learning</b>	<b>University Ave Discovery Center</b>
Free 4K	Tue-F 8:20-11:24 or 12:05-3:22	M-Thu 8:25-11:25	M-F 9:00-11:30
MMSD 4K weekly # of hours	12	12	12.5
Wrap around care: 5 half-days (1/2 day	N/A	\$ 824	\$1050

weekly rate)			
Wrap-around: 5 whole days (weekly rate)	N/A	\$1209	\$1347

Though Creative Learning and the University Ave. Discovery Center are not in our immediate vicinity; it provides information on what other childcare centers are charging with similar staffing structures. IMA, Inc. would fall below their monthly tuition, and as a continuation of our current practice; we would offer family's tuition assistance in any capacity that we could through family barter agreements, etc.

To be clear, IMA Inc. will follow the State subsidy only as this allows for us to practice Montessori with true fidelity to the method. Honoring State subsidies does not hinder families from receiving additional funds due to the five star rating. We also participate in Childcare Aware (for military families), [CCTAP](#) (for families with students), and others. We do not participate in the City of Madison Accreditation for the purposes of being able to truly practice the Montessori Method of education.