



MODIFIED CITIGATION ORDER

Citation Issued To: Montessori Teacher Training Institute 19900 El Toro Road Silverado Canyon, CA 92679	Citation Number: 25260025
	Total Fine Amount: \$3,505.00
Institution Code: 3013881	Order of Abatement Included: No

Elizabeth Elias issues this modified citation in her official capacity as Deputy Bureau Chief of Enforcement at the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, California Department of Consumer Affairs (hereinafter referred to as the "Bureau").

LICENSING HISTORY

1. On or about November 13, 2024, the Bureau renewed an Approval to Operate a Private Postsecondary Institution, Institution Code 3013881, to Montessori Teacher Training Institute, hereinafter referred to as the "Institution". This Approval to Operate will expire on or about November 13, 2029, unless renewed.

DISCIPLINE HISTORY

2. The Institution has the following discipline history:
 - [Affirmed Citation No. 1920313, issued August 12, 2020](#)
 - Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied February 22, 2021
 - [Citation No. 2021068, issued September 3, 2020](#)
 - Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied September 22, 2020

CITATION JURISDICTION

3. This administrative citation is issued to the Institution pursuant to California Education Code (CEC) section 94936; and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5 CCR) section 75020 et seq. for the violation(s) described below.

CITATION HISTORY

4. On or about October 1, 2025, the Bureau issued Citation No. 25260025. On or about October 20, 2025, the Bureau received an appeal with a request for an informal conference. The informal conference was held on December 15, 2025. New substantive information was presented during the informal conference; therefore, the Bureau modifies the citation as follows:

CAUSE FOR CITATION & MODIFIED ASSESSMENT OF FINE AND/OR ORDER OF ABATEMENT

5. The Institution is in violation of the following Bureau laws and regulations:

Violation #1:

5 CCR section 71920(b)(3) – Student Records, 5 CCR section 71930(e) – Maintenance of Records and CEC section 94900.5(c) – Required Institutional Records

Cause for Citation: On or about July 31, 2024, the Bureau conducted an announced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed a random sampling of student files and found that all student files reviewed failed to contain a School Performance Fact Sheet (SPFS) which is a required institutional record.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class A" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$2,501.00.

Administrative Fine: Modified. The Bureau modifies the administrative fine from \$2,501.00 to \$1,001.00. The Bureau modifies the violation from a "Class A" violation to a "Class B" violation.

Order of Abatement: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to ensure all student records follow the law pursuant to CEC sections 94902 and 94912. The Institution must submit a statement of attestation that they have corrected the violation and will ensure that all student records contain signed and dated SPFS. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

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Order of Abatement: Affirmed. The Order of Abatement has been satisfied.

Violation #2:

CEC section 94900(b) – Required Student Records, 5 CCR section 71920(b)(5) – Student Records and 5 CCR section 71930(e) – Maintenance of Records

Cause for Citation: On or about July 31, 2024, the Bureau conducted an announced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed a random sampling of student files and found that the graduated and withdrawn student files failed to contain a transcript of courses, the units on which the certificate was based, or the grades earned by the students.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a “Class B” violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$1,001.00.

Administrative Fine: Modified. The Bureau modifies the administrative fine from \$1,001.00 to \$501.00. The Bureau modifies the violation from a “Class B” violation to a “Class C” violation.

Order of Abatement: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to submit a statement of attestation that they will maintain required student records pursuant to CEC sections 94900 and 5 CCR sections 71920 and 71930. The statement of attestation must be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Order of Abatement: Affirmed. The Order of Abatement has been satisfied.

Violation #3:

CEC section 94900(b)(1) – Required Student Records and 5 CCR section 71930(e) – Maintenance of Records

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Cause for Citation: On or about July 31, 2024, the Bureau conducted an announced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed a random sampling of student files and found that the graduate student files reviewed failed to contain the degree or certificate granted and the date on which that degree or certificate was granted.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class A" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$2,501.00.

Administrative Fine: Modified. The Bureau modifies the administrative fine from \$2,501.00 to \$1,001.00. The Bureau modifies the violation from a "Class A" violation to a "Class B" violation.

Order of Abatement: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to submit a statement of attestation that they will maintain required student records pursuant to CEC section 94900 and 5 CCR section 71930. The statement of attestation must be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Order of Abatement: Affirmed. The Order of Abatement has been satisfied.

Violation #4:

5 CCR section 71920(b)(9) – Student Records and 5 CCR section 71930(e) – Maintenance of Records

Cause for Citation: On or about July 31, 2024, the Bureau conducted an announced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed a random sampling of student files and found the files reviewed failed to contain a document showing the total amount of money received from or on behalf of the student and the date or dates on which the money was received, consistent with 5 CCR section 71920(b)(9).

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class B" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$1,001.00.

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Administrative Fine: Modified. The Bureau modifies the administrative fine from \$1,001.00 to \$501.00. The Bureau modifies the violation from a “Class B” violation to a “Class C” violation.

Order of Abatement: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to ensure all student records follow the law pursuant to 5 CCR sections 71920 and 71930. The Institution must submit a statement of attestation they have corrected the violation and ensured that all student records contain refund information. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Order of Abatement: Affirmed. The Order of Abatement has been satisfied.

Violation #5:

5 CCR section 71920(b)(10) – Student Records and 5 CCR section 71930(e) – Maintenance of Records

Cause for Citation: On or about July 31, 2024, the Bureau conducted an announced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5 (a). Bureau staff reviewed a random sampling of student files and found that two withdrawn student files reviewed failed to contain a refund document consistent with 5 CCR section 71920(b)(10).

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a “Class B” violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$1,001.00.

Administrative Fine: Modified. The Bureau modifies the administrative fine from \$1,001.00 to \$501.00. The Bureau modifies the violation from a “Class B” violation to a “Class C” violation.

Order of Abatement: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to submit a statement of attestation that they will maintain required student records pursuant to 5 CCR sections 71920 and 71930. The statement of attestation must be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Order of Abatement: Affirmed. The Order of Abatement has been satisfied.

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COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER OF ABATEMENT

6. In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94936 and 5 CCR sections 75020 and 75040, the Bureau issues the order(s) of abatement described above. Evidence of compliance with the order of abatement must be submitted to the Bureau within 30 days from the date of issuance of this modified citation. Evidence of compliance with the order of abatement may sent by mail or email to:
 - Mail: Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
Attn: Discipline Unit – Aspen Grambusch
1747 North Market, Blvd., Suite 225
Sacramento, CA 95834
 - Email: bppe.discipline@dca.ca.gov
 - In the subject line, please include the Institution name and citation number.

COMPLIANCE WITH ASSESSMENT OF FINE

7. In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94936, and 5 CCR section 75020 et seq., the Bureau hereby orders this assessment of fines in the total amount of \$3,505.00 for the violations described above. Payment of the fines must be made to the Bureau within 30 days from the date of service of this modified citation. To assist the Bureau in processing the payment of fines, please submit the enclosed *Payment of Fine – Waiver of Appeal* form.

Payment must be sent to the Bureau by mail at:

- Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
Attn: Discipline Unit – Aspen Grambusch
1747 North Market, Blvd., Suite 225
Sacramento, CA 95834

NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

8. Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75040(d), the modified decision is considered final, unless a request for a hearing was filed timely.

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If the Institution requested a hearing and no longer chooses to proceed with the hearing, the Institution may request to withdraw the request for a hearing.

COMPLIANCE WITH FINE AND/OR ORDER OR ABATEMENT DISCLOSURE

9. Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75050, payment of the fine and/or compliance with any order of abatement does not constitute an admission of the violation charged and shall be represented as satisfactory resolution of the matter for the purposes of public disclosure.

Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75050, failure to comply with this citation order, its order of abatement, and/or administrative fine by the required due date is grounds for denial or discipline of an approval to operate. Where a citation is not contested and fine is not paid, the full amount of the assessed fine shall be added to the fee for renewal of the approval to operate. An approval to operate shall not be renewed without payment of the renewal fee and fine. The Bureau may also enforce the administrative fine as if it were a money judgment pursuant to CEC section 94936.

BUREAU CONTACT INFORMATION

10. If you have any questions regarding this Citation, please contact Aspen Grambusch, Citation Analyst by email at Aspen.Grambusch@dca.ca.gov or by phone at (279) 895-6005.

“Original Signature on File”

12/24/2025

Elizabeth Elias
Deputy Bureau Chief of Enforcement

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Enclosures:

- Payment of Fine
- Withdrawal of Request for Administration Hearing
- Declaration of Service by Certified and First-Class Mail