

Our Mission

The McGillis School empowers children to become enthusiastic learners and ethical and active citizens as they each create their own place in the world.



Our Vision

The vision of The McGillis School is:

- To offer a nurturing school community that empowers students to raise questions in order to build knowledge, understanding, and life-long enthusiasm for learning;
- To develop individual and social responsibility by integrating community service into the students' learning environment;
- To embrace the universality of Jewish values, including repairing the world and giving to others less fortunate, so that children of all backgrounds can learn to work together and contribute to society;
- To help students achieve their full potential by encouraging their pursuit of both their individuality and their appreciation of diversity.

Our Culture

The history of The McGillis School dates back to 1990, when a group of dedicated parents founded the Jewish Community Center Elementary School. The school became independent in 2002. Today, the school community encompasses students, faculty and administration from diverse backgrounds who learn and grow together through a secular curriculum and the support of friendship and respect. Our guiding principles reflect the school's roots:

Tzedakah	Giving to others
Tikun Olam	Repairing the world
Gemilut Hasadim	Doing good and kind deeds
Derech Eretz	Having respect for all
Limud L'shma	Learning for the sake of learning

Call our school at **801-583-0094** to arrange a tour!



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Experience More

The McGillis School offers a broad liberal arts education for students in grades one through eight.

At The McGillis School we believe that children learn best in a community setting, where the emotional well-being of the child serves as the foundation for learning. Students are taught to apply critical thinking, collaborate with

Accomplish More

Each Lower School classroom has the benefit of a full-time certified lead teacher and a teaching assistant. Opportunities to study with a specialist teacher in a particular field, such as art, music, foreign language, physical education, science lab and ethics occur weekly.

The Middle School program is based on a block schedule with extended periods of academic time in the core subjects. Students also study a foreign



The McGillis experience starts with a strong sense of community. Students and adults care for one another as a family.

— Steve P.

Through her McGillis School education, my daughter has been able to nurture her creative talents and has discovered that learning takes place everywhere, not just behind a school desk.

— Kaatje M.



McGillis School teachers encourage my children to come up with their own questions and evolve their own answers — in science, in literature, and in their hearts.

— Jean Marie T.



others, and solve problems in creative ways. Students learn by doing at The McGillis School. Understanding is reached by weaving connections between the “what” and “why” of subject matter to their own lives. We believe that students are active participants in the learning process. Positive relationships with teachers and peers enhance the climate of the school and therefore enhance the learning experiences for each child. Teachers recognize that students have a variety of learning styles; therefore, multiple approaches to content are presented in class. Small class sizes afford the opportunity for students to learn at their own pace when needed. Learning at The McGillis School is organic, dynamic, and child-centered.

The McGillis School has taught our daughter to enjoy schoolwork and homework, and has established in her a joy of learning at a young age.

— Tom G.



language and participate in a physical education class three to four days a week. Twice a week in the afternoons, students have the opportunity to participate in an electives program, which includes studies from the arts to engineering. Each student is a member of a mixed grade homeroom, which meets three times a week.

Share More

Within the two divisions of the school, there are both formal and informal opportunities for Lower and Middle School students to interact. Middle School students have Lower School reading buddies and Lower School students work in the science lab on projects designed for them by Middle School students. Middle and Lower School students share the same facilities at The McGillis School, enabling numerous connections between ages during the school day.

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