

Children's Day School

Mission

At Children's Day School, what you learn and who you become are equally important.

CDS is a welcoming community in the big city, a farm and garden among urban streets, an advocate for responsibility to others as well as individual achievement, an independent school with down-to-earth values, always asking how can we do this better.

We strive for balance so students become both academically successful and grounded. **They leave CDS confident, with the humility to listen, and the resolve to speak up for what they see as right.**

Beliefs

Learning is active

Students best develop a love of learning and an ability to think and understand through **active participation in personally and socially meaningful work**. The CDS curriculum is **grounded in the world around students**, from global issues to challenges in our city and neighborhood.

Differences lift us

Our community is woven together with families from a range of socioeconomic backgrounds, nationalities, cultures, races, faiths, sexual orientations, and gender identities. **We believe our differences lift us as people and learners.**

Community matters

CDS is a warm community where people look out for each other, **families find partners to help bring up their children, and everyone can feel safe, seen, and known**. We are open to connecting with others, which leads to **a sense of belonging and trust**. Students learn to take this spirit of openness out into the world.

Values

Be just and courageous

CDS students develop **a strong moral compass**. We believe that **everyone can take responsibility, find the courage to act, and create change**. Our students understand social justice issues and learn to advocate on behalf of themselves and others.

Share kindness and joy

CDS students see **kindness and generosity modeled all the time**. **Joy is encouraged and play is treasured**. CDS kids **love to be here**; you can feel it when you walk through the gate.

Stay grounded

Our garden, sheep, and chickens are magical for children and have something important to teach. **The children become grounded in who they are, in the earth and how things grow, in caring for animals and for each other.**