



ACT (Advancing the Community of Tomorrow) FULL-TIME PRE-SCHOOL



PROGRAM & HOURS

3 to 4 years old (as of September 1) | 8:30am-3:00pm

Limited to 15 children maximum | Incredible teacher/child ratio for individualization

Rich curricula | games | lunch and rest | play-based prep for Kindergarten

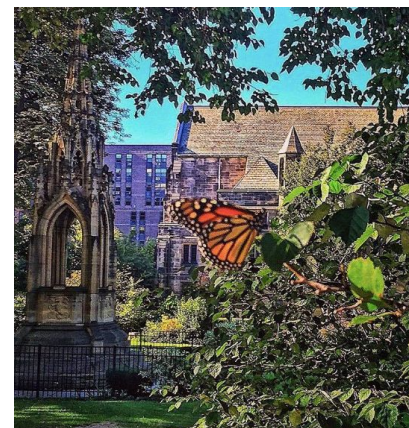
THE GROUNDS & MULTIPLE LEARNING SPACES



The Cathedral of St. John the Divine's 11 idyllic acres provide a natural outlet for your child's curiosity and desire to explore.

With an emphasis on plant and animal life, children study bees, squirrels and peacocks living on the grounds, leaf samples, worms, and classroom animals.

They plant bulbs, tend to plants, harvest vegetables, observe and draw flowers, recycle materials, picnic, sled, and build snow people. Your child's exposure to the great, big, beautiful world is an invaluable opportunity unique to ACT on the incredible Close, a campus rich with plant and animal life and filled with incredible gardens to explore.





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In class, students continue to learn and take responsibility for their environment through processes integral to the study of science: observation, classification, communication, measurement, inference, and prediction.

Our cozy classroom centers, decorated with children's artwork, dictated stories, class-made graphs and charts, and illustrated songs and poems, are conducive to creative learning and dramatic play.

Our other indoor facilities include a spacious kitchen fit for baking projects and a fully matted gym perfect for rainy days and winter, equipped with slides, tunnels, tricycles, scooters, a balance beam, soft blocks, balls of all kinds and sizes, hoops, hockey sticks, bowling pins and more. The on-grounds playground features rubberized surfaces, a sandbox, two climbers, and several standing spinners.



KINDERGARTEN READINESS



Scope and Sequence

Play-Based Learning

Project & Theme-Based Curricula:

- Pre-writing
- Pre-reading
- Social Studies
- Science
- Math
- Art

Young people leave ACT equipped to thrive in a variety of settings.



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SCHOOLS OUR GRADUATES HAVE ATTENDED

(sampling, not comprehensive)

Private Schools: Cathedral School, Dalton, Calhoun, St. Hilda & St. Hugh, Mandel, Riverdale Country, Bank Street, Ascension, Manhattan Country, West End Collegiate, Columbia The School, Dwight, Metro Montessori.

Public Schools: Hunter Elementary School, The Music School, Manhattan School for Children, Central Park East 1 and 2, Gifted and Talented schools and other dual language schools, PS 75, 165, 87, 166, 199, 9 and 84.

PARENT TESTIMONIALS

"Month after month, we watched her thrive emotionally, socially, and intellectually. She was challenged at her level and encouraged to go beyond. Her passions grew as did her confidence. In the end, she was invited to attend one of the city's most prestigious programs for advanced learners next fall! Thank you for getting to know us, for teaching us, guiding us, and supporting us. We are thrilled with our experience at ACT and firmly believe you laid down the stepping stones to pave us a path to some extremely exciting tomorrows. We firmly believe that we would not have been as prepared for the "New York Kindergarten experience" had we gone elsewhere."

Ethan and Lori Kent

"Finn's been at ACT since he was in Miss Pearl's toddler class and he and I went together! I dearly love having Finn at ACT, he loves it, and my husband and I both feel safe having him here. You are running such a beautiful program and it is so positively affecting Finn's development. Thank you for all that ACT does for our precious children."

Amy Wilder

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=103&v=mmTn8Lq25y8

Christian Lopez

APPLICATION & ADMISSIONS

We are committed to a first come, first served admissions policy. We believe deeply in the diversity and beauty of the neighborhood and the city and commit to reflecting this in our classroom. ACT accepts ongoing registrations until the class fills: please join us for an in-class visit to see if ACT is a good fit for your child. No pre-requisite testing.

FINANCIAL AID

We actively promote economic diversity and offer financial aid to qualifying full-time preschool families. Awards are first come, first served. Form on our website!

REGISTER NOW

Download and email, mail or bring in the PDF registration form.

[Credit Card Authorization Form](#) (if applicable). Come and visit us at ACT!