



AVERAGE CLASS SIZE  
**16**  
STUDENTS

**7:1**  
STUDENT: FACULTY RATIO

GRADES K-8  
**395**  
STUDENTS

Our *vision* is to inspire and prepare our community for a lifetime of creating a better world.

## ONE SCHOOL • THREE DIVISIONS

	LOWER SCHOOL GRADES K-5	MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADES 6-8	THE LEARNING CENTER
STUDENTS PER SECTION	<b>15-20</b>	<b>18-22</b>	<b>4-6</b>
TUITION	<b>\$19.9K</b>	<b>\$21.9K</b>	<b>\$31.8K</b>

### VALUES

-  **Tzedakah**  
GIVING TO OTHERS
-  **Tikkun Olam**  
REPAIRING THE WORLD
-  **Gemilut Hasadim**  
DOING GOOD & KIND DEEDS
-  **Derech Eretz**  
HAVING RESPECT FOR ALL
-  **Limud L'shma**  
LEARNING FOR THE SAKE OF LEARNING
-  **Kehilah**  
OUR COMMUNITY

### TUITION ASSISTANCE

**15%**  
STUDENTS RECEIVED  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
OR SCHOLARSHIPS

**\$588K**  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
OR SCHOLARSHIPS  
AWARDED TO FAMILIES

**23%**  
STUDENTS OF  
COLOR

**14%**  
STUDENTS OF  
JEWISH DESCENT

**1990**  
FOUNDED



**McGillis** *different*



**The Learning Center**  
**Admissions Information**  
**2024/2025**

Thank you for visiting The Learning Center at The McGillis School!

McGillis is brimming with possibilities, and community is at the heart of everything we do. Our vision is to inspire and prepare our community for a lifetime of creating a better world for all.

The Learning Center is a school within a school where students have the opportunity to learn academically in a way that meets their needs in small homeroom classes. Teachers are certified in Orton Gillingham practices across multiple disciplines and we use the Wilson Reading Program for intervention. Students also participate in all specialty programs with their Lower School and Middle School peers, learning the importance of productive group dynamics and social responsibility. Central to our school’s core mission is providing learning experiences that empower children to become engaged and enthusiastic learners.

The McGillis School is built on the premise that diversity, equity, and inclusion matter. As a school rooted in Jewish values, culture, and history, we believe a diverse, inclusive community is essential to a rich educational experience, and we support each person in our community to reach their full potential.

We believe choosing the best school for your child also means finding the best partnership for your family. As we get to know one another, we hope it is obvious that we are more than just a place to learn; we are a community.

Here’s a glimpse into what some of our families have shared about why they love McGillis:

McGillis innovative  
“Strong leadership and outstanding teachers. There is a genuine interest from all faculty and staff in finding the best ways to educate students.”

McGillis doing good and kind deeds  
“Always striving to be good citizens while striving for academic success.”

McGillis learning for the sake of learning  
“A holistic approach to education that makes kids enjoy learning and teaches them problem-solving skills.”

McGillis community  
“A small, close-knit community where individuals are known and kids are taught to respect each other, the environment, and the community.”

We look forward to getting to know you!

Mary Kimball

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Admissions Process for The Learning Center (TLC)

The following steps are required as part of our admissions process, although some exceptions may be made based on a child’s age and profile.

Phase 1: Explore

We recommend that parents/guardians visit the campus for a personal tour and share their child’s unique educational needs with our TLC Director. We welcome your interest and your presence on our campus!

Phase 2: Apply

- Complete and submit the following:
- Application for Admission with non-refundable, \$50.00 processing fee
  - Psycho-educational evaluation completed within the last two years
  - Child’s most recent report card and individual education plan (IEP/Student Plan)
  - Teacher Recommendation

Phase 3: Student Visit

The Director of the TLC will schedule one and sometimes two classroom visiting days.

During these visits, the student will be placed in a classroom for the opportunity to be observed interacting with other students, following directions, transitioning between classrooms, and completing assignments to the best of the student’s ability. In addition, the student will be assessed by a specialist in our TLC.

A child’s evaluation from this visit is only one of a number of items that are given consideration during the admissions process.

Requirements for Admissions

- The Learning Center (TLC) accepts students in 2nd through 8th grades with a primary diagnosis of a language-based learning difference. Our program requires that students have the intellectual ability to acquire information and move forward in our curriculum. We are happy to discuss assessment options with you for your child.
- **Diagnosis:** The TLC program is designed to meet the needs of students who have a diagnosis of a specific language-based learning disability, such as dyslexia, dysgraphia, and dyscalculia.
- **Cognitive ability:** Students entering the TLC typically demonstrate high intellectual potential and lower than expected academic performance. They have solid abstract reasoning abilities and are able to progress in an academic environment.
- **Openness to new ways of learning:** A child with diagnosed dyslexia or a language-based learning difference needs to be receptive to new ways of learning and be willing to work hard to acquire strategies as a means of achieving academic independence.
- **Needs we do not address:** The TLC program is not designed to effectively meet the needs of students who have learning difficulties that are the result of primary emotional or behavioral problems, below average cognitive ability, Pervasive Developmental Disorder or Autism Disorder (including Asperger’s Syndrome), or Traumatic Brain Injury.

2023/2024 TUITION\*

The Learning Center: \$31,855

An enrollment deposit of \$3,000 is due upon submission of the enrollment contract. The non-refundable deposit will be applied to the balance on the student’s account.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

For your convenience, The McGillis School offers three (3) payment plan options for paying tuition and fees.

One-Payment Plan

The balance of tuition and fees is payable in one (1) payment due on or before June 1, 2023.

Three-Payment Plan

The balance of tuition and fees is payable in three (3) equal payments that are due as follows:

- 6/01/23 first payment due
- 9/01/23 second payment due
- 12/01/23 third payment due

Fee: \$275

Nine-Payment Plan

The balance of tuition and fees is payable in nine (9) monthly payments due on the first of each month beginning 6/01/23 and ending 2/01/24.

Fee: \$325

Methods of Payment

- Checks payable to The McGillis School
- AutoPay with ACH accounts (no fees) or all major credit card/debit cards (convenience fees apply)

\* Costs for current school year. Tuition will be updated in January 2024.

PROGRAMS & FEES

Lunch (K-2)	\$800
Lunch (3-5)	\$825
Lunch (6-8)	\$900
8th Grade Class Trip (Washington, DC)	\$2,000
Morning Care	\$5/day
AfterSchool	\$11/hour
Books & Classroom Supplies	No fee
Outdoor Education (OEE)	No fee
Class Field Trips	No fee
Athletics	No fee
Technology	No fee

TUITION ASSISTANCE

The McGillis School remains committed to building a diverse and inclusive community. We utilize Clarity as an independent and “blind” Tuition Assistance assessor of a family’s ability to pay tuition and/or qualify for Tuition Assistance. Submission of 2022 tax returns will be required to Clarity before Tuition Assistance is awarded.

Please apply for Tuition Assistance at the same time as applying for Admission.



The Learning Center is truly a game changer for us! I wish every child with a learning difference, struggling through a ‘one size fits all’ school system, could have the opportunity to join TLC – to truly experience the joy and excitement that comes from learning when learning is structured around them and their unique needs.

Millie Dorsey, McGillis parent