

**FRIENDS SELECT SCHOOL –
AT THE CENTER OF CENTER CITY**

Philadelphia serves as a classroom and laboratory for Friends Select students of every age and in every area of study. The examples below suggest some of the many city resources that students use routinely, beyond annual “blockbuster” exhibits.

Academy of Natural Sciences

Here, second and third graders study freshwater ecosystems and reptiles with Academy scientists a third of the school year.

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)
All grades participate in service learning.

Barnes Foundation

Cooperative art education programming.

Chinatown

Lower school students take walking tours of Chinatown, learn about Asian cultures and delight in visiting the restaurants.

Curtis Institute of Music

Some students who are in pre-professional music programs complete their academic work at Friends Select.

Fairmount Park

Athletes compete in soccer, baseball, softball and cross country on Fairmount Park fields. Crew rows from the Vesper Boat House on the Schuylkill River in the Park.

The Franklin Institute

Fifth graders preview new exhibits and provide designers with feedback; lower schoolers participate in weather station workshops.

Free Library of Philadelphia

Middle schoolers write reviews of newly published works of children’s literature.

Independence Hall, Carpenter’s Hall, The African American Museum in Philadelphia, The Atwater-Kent Museum and The Museum of Jewish History
These are among many Old City locations frequented by history classes.

Japanese House and Garden

Upper schoolers study Japanese architecture and culture.

Joseph Fox Bookshop

Students can meet writers and illustrators who participate in the Friends Select School/Joseph Fox Bookshop Author Series. Events are hosted at Friends Select.

Kelly Drive Sculpture Garden

Seventh graders study sculptures as part of their study of American Myth.

Kimmel Center and Academy of Music

Younger students are engaged by storytelling, while middle and upper schoolers enjoy opera and symphony.

MANNA

Ninth and tenth graders prepare meals for homebound HIV+ and AIDS patients.

Moore College of Art & Design

Students may participate in summer courses; many students earn scholarships for summer study.

Mütter Museum

Human biology classes study specimens exhibiting diseases and disorders.

Painted Bride, Artists’ House and other galleries

Art students attend gallery openings. Artists with current exhibits visit the school and conduct classes.

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts

Eighth graders tour current exhibits, while upper schoolers may work with PAFA graduate students.

Philadelphia Museum of Art

Students of all ages in art, history, literature and other classes visit frequently, often walking to the museum during double class periods. The ninth grade IDS research requirement is based at the museum.

Philadelphia Senior Center

Third and fourth graders look forward to monthly crafts, dancing and playing games with their “grandparent” partners.

Philadelphia Zoo

Biology students receive a behind-the-scenes tour and lecture by the reptile house zookeeper.

Please Touch Museum

Lower school students explore, discover and learn through the power of play in this unique, hands-on environment.

Reading Terminal

Upper school students complete photo and drawing assignments for art classes, and lower school students explore Reading Terminal as part of their cultural studies.

Suburban Station

Students travel easily to Friends Select School from close to 90 zip codes.

Temple Music Prep

Music classes use interactive keyboard labs.

The University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology

Eighth graders travel to the museum four times each year to study ancient Mesopotamia, Canaan, Egypt, India, Greece and Rome.

WHYY-TV

One of dozens of locations where eleventh or twelfth graders may complete urban internships.

