

about nyjtl

Founded in 1971 by Arthur Ashe, New York Junior Tennis & Learning (NYJTL) is the largest nonprofit youth tennis and education organization in the country, serving 90,000 K-12 students across 100 sites in New York City.

All programs are free and grounded in a mission to help youth thrive on and off the court through tennis, education, and character development.

Our flagship site, The NYJTL Cary Leeds Center for Tennis & Learning in the Bronx, serves as a citywide hub for enrichment and family engagement.



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**aces afterschool
program**

**a free, year-round
program from NYJTL**

Safe. Supportive. Enriching.



what is ACES?

At no cost to families, NYJTL's ACES Afterschool Program is one of NYC's largest comprehensive afterschool programs serving nearly 5,000 K-12 students annually through school-based programs across four boroughs. Our programs provide safe, supportive, and engaging environments where students can learn, grow, and thrive.

Funded primarily by NYC DYCD and NYS OCFS, ACES is tailored to meet the unique needs of each school community.

what we offer

ACES runs Monday-Friday, from school dismissal to 6:00 PM during the school year, and 8:00 AM-6:00 PM in the summer and during school holidays throughout the year.

Programming includes:

- Project-based learning exhibitions that showcase student growth across STEM, literacy, arts, tennis, and character education
- Weekend tennis and academic enrichment for students and families
- Monthly family engagement workshops
- Programming tailored to each school community
- Participation in ACES connects students to additional NYJTL opportunities, including citywide tournaments, enrichment events, and programs at the NYJTL Cary Leeds Center.



our whole-child approach

ACES supports students' academic, social-emotional, and physical development through:

- **Physical Health, Tennis & Nutrition:** Weekly tennis instruction, physical activity, and nutrition education that build confidence, coordination, and lifelong healthy habits.
- **Social-Emotional Learning and Mental Wellness:** Trauma-informed practices, peer mentoring, restorative circles, SEL-integrated curricula, and on-site wellness staff
- **Leadership & Future Readiness:** Field trips, guest speakers, and hands-on exposure to STEM, the arts, and leadership pathways
- **Academic Enrichment:** Literacy, STEAM, homework help, and standards-aligned instruction that reinforces school-day learning
- **Arts:** Dance, hands-on visual arts, and creative projects that encourage self-expression and collaboration

partnership with schools

ACES is developed in collaboration with school leaders to align with each community's goals. We co-create activity schedules, meet regularly with principals and staff, and tailor enrichment to focus on academics, SEL, arts, or athletics.

The program includes shared feedback loops, and coordination with school and parent leadership to ensure consistency, responsiveness, and collaboration.

proven impact

- **96%** of parents say their child is gaining skills that support school success
- **100%** of staff are trained in lesson planning, student engagement, and positive youth development
- Students report a **47%** improvement in stress management and a **21%** increase in emotional awareness
- **95%** of our ACES Afterschool sites are meeting or exceeding the national benchmarks for SEL data.

in the press

- **AMNY** | Robust mental health programs needed to support a twice-traumatized young generation



- **CBS** | NYC students playing tennis in unlikely places as after-school program aims to boost sport citywide



- **Brooklyn Paper** | An ace opportunity! Brooklyn teenagers serve as ball kids at U.S. Open



- **Spectrum NYI** | NYJTL improves lives of city youth through tennis and education



- **BronxNet** | Springing into action at NYJTL



- **ABC7** | NYC nonprofit's annual tennis tournament helps change young students' lives

