

The **Academy** is housed on a farm campus in nearby Clinton Corners, where our children spend time **outdoors** learning about their natural surroundings and have opportunity for **play** and **exploration**. They eat a healthy snack and nutritious **meal** every afternoon and evening they spend at the farm.

Field trips to performances and cultural institutions, **travel**, leadership training, and a new **lap top** round out the program, allowing experience and confidence to blossom in our **young scholars**.



I WANT TO KNOW MORE



Who? Five-Acre Farm Academy serves gifted students from the Poughkeepsie City School District. Students who are curious and enjoy learning do well on the farm.

What? FAFA is an after school academic program providing an introduction to numerous liberal arts and natural sciences disciplines. Our scholars are introduced to analytical thinking and the practice of ethical action.

When? New cohorts are formed every other year, when students are in the 7th and 8th grade. Students travel by school bus to Five-Acre Farm twice a week after school for three hours. Students commit to the program through high school.

Where? FAFA has a farm campus surrounded by woods in Clinton Corners.

Why? We want to see our scholars reach their full personal and academic potential.

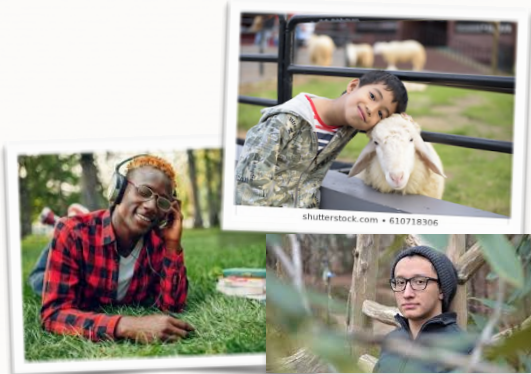
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Five-Acre Farm Academy is an academic-preparedness **after school** program for **gifted middle school and high school youth** in the **Poughkeepsie City School District**.





Left to right: Jordan, Cohort II, Danny, Cohort IV; Luis, Cohort I.

FAFA'S MISSION

FAFA provides a platform for the gifted children of Poughkeepsie to realize their personal and academic potential.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE ACADEMICALLY GIFTED?

Academically gifted students are capable of performing at a higher intellectual level than others of their same age, experience, and environment. Gifted students come from all racial, ethnic, and cultural populations, as well as all economic strata.



Sunset on the farm.



Wildflowers in a nearby field.

The FAFA curriculum is designed to make kids think. It is designed to get them outside in nature and moving their bodies.

It supports them in becoming decent human beings in an increasingly complicated world.



Mavi and Cary in front of the Little House classroom.



Francis comes running for scratch.

WHO ARE FAFA KIDS?

Five-Acre Farm Academy kids are the best and the brightest. They love learning and are actively curious about the world. They like to use their minds to create and collaborate and explore. Our scholars don't mind working hard and are tolerant of risk. They value being part of a close-knit community and are willing to take responsibility for themselves.

WHY IS FAFA IMPORTANT FOR POUGHKEEPSIE?

Five-Acre Farm Academy supports the gifted children of Poughkeepsie in realizing their potential. This creates opportunities for our students personally and improves the community, as well. All students, regardless of economic situation, deserve equal access to a quality education.



Downtown Poughkeepsie.



5th grade scholars from PMS.