

# Guide to the **School Records Collection: Ithaca Public Schools** **General – Students and Curricula**

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### COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The records in this box document the experiences of students within Ithaca's public schools, ranging from the mid-19th century to the end of the 20th, with particular attention paid to the late 1800s. Courses of study, printed curricula, examination questions, and library catalogues demonstrate the content of students' education at different points in time, while report cards, attendance records, student forms, programs from concerts and plays, and newspaper clippings about school events provide information about their day-to-day lives in the classroom and in extracurricular activities. Good behavior and academic performance were rewarded with various certificates and merit cards, which sometimes included hand-drawn illustrations and personalized notes from teachers. Also included in this box are records concerning the open-air school, a specialized program in the public schools for students with health complications that operated during the early 20th century.

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