





There's no substitute for showing up. In person. In school. In life.

At Communities In Schools (CIS) of Chicago, we believe that being present matters.

It matters that Chicago's young people come to school, ready to learn. It matters that they stay in school, not just for their growth and development, but also so they can access the full complement of resources that support their social, emotional, and mental wellbeing. It matters that they graduate, prepared for continued success.

It matters that our team is present, too, empowering young people to achieve in school and in life.

This year, CIS of Chicago is present in 239 Chicago public schools across the city. We connect schools with essential programs and resources, and we provide tailored, one-on-one guidance to young people who need it most.

We invite you to join us in showing up for students this year. Join us in our mission of surrounding students with a community of support. Our young people need a strong sense of community and a strong sense of support now, more than ever.



Our vision is that every student graduates prepared for success.

But graduation is not assured for every Chicago young person. In recent years, the five-year high school graduation rate in Chicago has hovered above 80 percent for all students. However, that rate is not even across all school populations.

CIS prioritizes working in communities where student need is high so that we can create and sustain equitable outcomes for *all* students.

In the 2024-25 school year, the CIS of Chicago team will support more than 80,000 students in 239 Chicago public schools. We carry out our work through two core programs:

Partnership Program



Intensive Program





Partnership Program

Our Partnership Program connects each of our 239 school partners with essential programs and resources provided by our vast network of community partners, at no cost to the schools or students. Supports are equitable and inclusive, addressing the specific needs of diverse schools and families.

The organizations in our network of community partners provide tailored support to students in six key areas:

- Academic support
- Arts and culture
- College and career readiness
- Counseling and supportive guidance
- Health and wellness
- Parent and family engagement

In June 2024, principals and other school leaders were asked about the impact of CIS of Chicago's partnership. They reported that CIS of Chicago allows them to:

- **Access more needed services (97.6%).**
- **Connect with high-quality programs and opportunities (97.6%).**
- **Better identify and address student needs (90.5%).**
- **Improve levels of student engagement (84.5%).**



Intensive Program

Our Intensive Program embeds a CIS team member in 39 of the 239 schools to provide supportive guidance, goal-setting, and other tailored interventions to students who are off-track in their attendance, behavior, or grades.

Our staff members support students directly, one-on-one, to help them build social and emotional skills, succeed in school, and be well-equipped for life beyond graduation.

Of the nearly 7,000 students we have provided with ongoing intensive support since 2009, fewer than 1 percent dropped out.

During the last five years as our program has grown significantly, 99 percent either graduated or were promoted to the next grade in the year that CIS of Chicago worked with them.

Each year, CIS team members recognize one student at each of our Intensive partner schools with a **Tenacity Award**. These are students who have overcome challenges to their learning and have persevered to achieve their goals.



Our Theory of Change



What We Do

- Provide essential supports to K-12 students according to their need
- Develop student relationships with caring adults



How We Do It

- Partnership Program: Connect schools with essential services and resources that support students and families
- Intensive Program: Provide direct supports to students who need it most



Short-Term Outcomes

- Develop social, emotional, academic, and health competencies
- Improve attendance, behavior, coursework, and academic proficiency



Long-Term Outcomes

- Reduce dropout
- Increase graduation



Aspirational Vision

- Every public-school student in Chicago graduates from high school prepared for further success



School Partners: 2024-25

Acero Charter Schools – Brighton Park

Acero Charter Schools – Marquez

Acero Charter Schools – Rufino Tamayo

Acero Charter Schools – Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz

Jane Addams Elementary

Ariel Community Academy

Philip D. Armour Elementary School

Distinctive Schools | Chicago: Art in Motion

Ashburn Community Elementary School

Avalon Park Elementary School

Mariano Azuela Elementary School

Alice L. Barnard Elementary School

John Barry Elementary School

Clara Barton Elementary School

Beasley Academic Center

Beethoven Elementary

Hiram H. Belding Elementary School

Robert A. Black Magnet Elementary School

Carrie Jacobs Bond Elementary School

Edward A. Bouchet Math & Science Academy

Bowen High School

Joseph Brennemann Elementary School

Norman Bridge Elementary School

Ronald Brown Elementary Community Academy

William H. Brown Math & Science Magnet School

Charles S. Brownell Elementary School

Burnham/Anthony Mathematics & Science Academy

Daniel R. Cameron Elementary

Marvin Camras Elementary School

Lázaro Cárdenas Elementary

Rachel Carson Elementary

George Washington Carver Elementary*

Willia Cather Elementary School

Thomas Chalmers Specialty Elementary School

Salmon P. Chase Elementary School

Cesar E. Chávez Multicultural Academic Center

Chicago Collegiate Charter School

Frederic Chopin Elementary School

Walter S. Christopher School

CICS – Ralph Ellison

CICS – Prairie

CICS – West Belden

Claremont Academy Elementary School

Michele Clark Academic Prep Magnet High School

Henry Clay Elementary School

Grover Cleveland Elementary School

Johnnie Coleman Academy

Columbia Explorers Academy

John W. Cook Elementary School

Daniel J. Corkery Elementary

Courtenay Elementary Language Arts Center

Richard T. Crane Medical Preparatory High School

Crown Community Academy

Marie Curie Metro High School

Darwin Elementary

Nathan S. Davis Elementary School

Charles S. Deneen Elementary School

Oscar DePriest Elementary School

Robert Nathaniel Dett Elementary School

Everett McKinley Dirksen Elementary School

Arthur Dixon Elementary School

John B. Drake Elementary

W.E.B. DuBois Elementary School

Walter Henri Dyett High School for the Arts

Charles W. Earle Elementary School

John F. Eberhart Elementary School

Richard Edwards Elementary School

Erie Elementary Charter School

Edward Everett Elementary School

Fairfield Elementary Academy

Michael Faraday Elementary School

Farragut Career Academy High School

Christian Fenger Academy High School

Eugene Field School

Gage Park High School

Stephen F. Gale Community Academy

Galileo Scholastic Academy

Matthew Gallistel Elementary Language Academy

Marcus Mozhiah Garvey Elementary

Ruth Bader Ginsburg Elementary School

J.W. von Goethe Elementary School

Alexander Graham Elementary

Nathanael Greene Elementary School

John Milton Gregory Elementary School

Robert L. Grimes School

Virgil Grissom Elementary School

Frank W. Gunsaulus Elementary Scholastic Academy

John C. Haines Elementary School

Nathan Hale School

John H. Hamline Elementary School

Hanson Park Elementary School

John M. Harlan Community Academy High School

Helge A. Haugan Magnet School

Stephen K. Hayt Elementary School

James Hedges Elementary School

Helen M. Hefferan Elementary School

Charles R. Henderson Elementary School

Thomas A. Hendricks Elementary

Community Academy

Patrick Henry Elementary School

Irene C. Hernandez Middle School for the

Advancement of Science

Theodore Herzl Elementary School

William G. Hibbard Elementary School

Thomas J. Higgins Elementary Community

Academy

Charles N. Holden Elementary School

Charles Evans Hughes Elementary School

Edward N. Hurley Elementary School

Washington Irving Elementary School

Mahalia Jackson Elementary School

Scott Joplin Elementary School

Jordan Community School

Percy L. Julian High School

Joseph Jungman School

Thomas Kelly College Preparatory

Joshua D. Kershaw Elementary School

Joyce Kilmer Elementary School

Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Academy of Social

Justice

John Kinzie Elementary

Rudyard Kipling Elementary School

KIPP Chicago Charter School – KIPP Ascend

KIPP Chicago Charter School – KIPP Bloom

KIPP Chicago Charter School – KIPP One

Anna R. Langford Community Academy

Lawndale Elementary Community Academy

L.E.A.R.N. Charter Excel Campus

Richard Henry Lee Elementary School

George Leland Elementary School

Leslie Lewis Elementary School

Arthur A. Libby Elementary School

Little Village Academy

Little Village Lawndale High School –

Infinity

Little Village Lawndale High School –

Multicultural Arts

Little Village Lawndale High School – Social

Justice

Little Village Lawndale High School – World

Language

Alain Locke Charter School

Logan Square Elementary School

Joseph Lovett Elementary School

James Madison Elementary School

George Manierre Elementary School

John Marshall Metropolitan High School

Roswell B. Mason Elementary School

Stephen T. Mather High School

Benjamin E. Mays Academy

Genevieve Melody Elementary

Minnie Mifoso Academy

Ellen Mitchell Elementary

Irvin C. Mollison Elementary School

Monarcas Academy

Bernhard Moos Elementary School

Donald Morrill Math & Science Elementary
School

Mosaic School of Fine Arts

John B. Murphy Elementary

Henry H. Nash Elementary School

New Sullivan Elementary School

Nicholson Technology Academy

Florence Nightingale Elementary School

William P. Nixon Elementary School

North Lawndale College Prep – Christiana

North Lawndale College Prep – Collins

Alfred Nobel Elementary School

Noble – Butler College Prep

Noble – DRW College Prep

Noble – Gary Comer College Prep

Noble – Mansueto High School

Noble – UIC College Prep

William B. Ogden Elementary School

Ogden International High School

William J. Onahan Elementary School

James Otis World Language Academy

Owen Scholastic Academy*

John Palmer Elementary School

Francis W. Parker Elementary Community
Academy

Parkside Elementary Academy

Ferdinand Peck Elementary School

Perspectives – Rodney D. Joslin Campus

Perspectives – Leadership Academy

Perspectives – Math and Science Academy

Perspectives – High School of Technology

Phoenix Military Academy High School

Brian Piccolo School of Excellence

Pilsen Community Academy

Portage Park Elementary School

Adam Clayton Powell Paideia Community
Academy

A. Philip Randolph Elementary School

William Claude Reavis Elementary

Frank W. Reilly Elementary School

Theodore Roosevelt High School

Rowe Elementary School

Martha Ruggles Elementary School

Irma C. Ruiz Elementary School

Ryder Math & Science Specialty School

Sabin Magnet School

Edward E. Sadlowski Elementary School

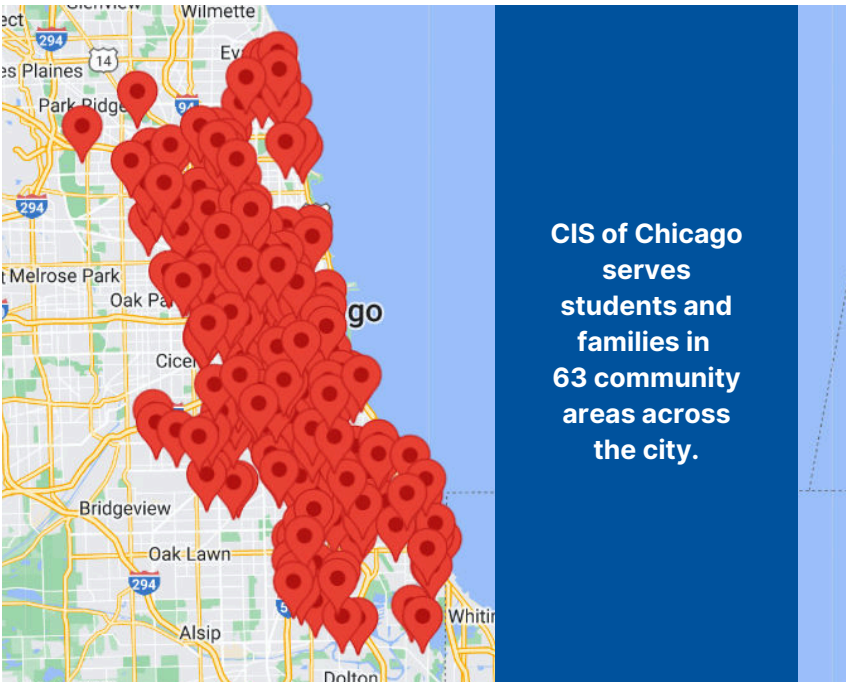
Socorro Sandoval Elementary School

**Maria Saucedo Elementary Scholastic
Academy**

Sidney Sawyer School
 Theophilus Schmid Elementary
 Nicholas Senn High School
 Mark Sheridan Math and Science Academy
 Sherman School of Excellence
 Jesse Sherwood Elementary
 James Shields Middle School
 John D. Shoop Math-Science Technical Academy
 Mark T. Skinner School
Smyser Elementary School
 John M. Smyth Elementary School
 Eric Solorio Academy High School
 South Loop Elementary School
 Southside Occupational High School
 John Spry Community School
 Amos Alonzo Stagg Elementary
 Charles P. Steinmetz Academic Centre
 Adlai E. Stevenson Elementary School
 Stone Scholastic Academy
 Harriet Beecher Stowe Dual Language School
 George B. Swift Specialty School
 Mancel Talcott Elementary School
 Douglas Taylor Elementary
 James N. Thorp Elementary School
 Edward Tilden Career Community Academy High School

Tilton Elementary
 Turner-Drew Language Academy
 Uplift Community High School
Jacqueline B. Vaughn Occupational High School
 Alessandro Volta Elementary School
 Carl Von Linne Elementary School
 Charles H. Wacker Elementary School
 Walsh Elementary
 James Ward Elementary School
 Laura S. Ward Elementary School
 Harold Washington Elementary School
 George Washington Elementary School
George Washington High School
Daniel Webster Elementary
 West Park Elementary Academy
Oliver Westcott School
 John Whistler Elementary
 Edward H. White Career Academy
 Carter G. Woodson South Elementary School
 Emiliano Zapata Elementary Academy

**Indicates new partner schools for 2024-25.
 Bolded font indicates an Intensive Program site.*



Community Partners: 2023-24

CIS of Chicago works with a network of more than 215 nonprofits, cultural institutions, social service agencies, and individuals from across Chicago and connects them directly to schools and students who need their services the most.

Students who benefitted from support programs and services through CIS' community partner network performed better in math and reading, which are leading indicators of graduation.

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

826CHI
Adler Planetarium
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago
Center on Halsted
Chicago Botanic Garden*
Chicago Innovation Foundation
Chicago Public Library Manning Branch*
Chicago Wolves*
CircEsteem
CompuDopt
Cook County Farm Bureau
Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund*
DePaul University Athletics
Dolores Kohl Education Foundation
Dream On Education
Educate. Radiate. Elevate.
FUSE
Girls Who Code
Illinois Science and Technology Coalition (ISTC)*
Math Circles of Chicago*
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
Museum of Science and Industry
Open Books
Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals*
Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum
Plant Chicago
Shedd Aquarium
SparkShop
Success Bound
Supplies for Dreams
The Actuarial Foundation
UChicago Neighborhood Schools Program*
White Sox

ARTS AND CULTURE

Abrahamic Center for Cultural Education (ACCE)
Albany Park Theater Project*
American Writers Museum
Art Encounter
Art Institute of Chicago
Chicago Architecture Center
Chicago Chamber Music Society
Chicago Children's Theatre
Chicago Jazz Philharmonic
Chicago Opera Theater
Chicago Philharmonic
Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra
Classical Music Chicago
CodeCreate
CPS Lives
CSO/Negaunee Music Institute
Culture Shock Dance Chicago
Deeply Rooted Dance Theater*
Ensemble Español
Escape Artistry
Goodman Theatre
Guitars Over Guns
Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures
Joffrey Ballet
K.W.O.E. Foundation
Lifeline Theatre
Lyric Opera of Chicago
Marwen
MeMA Music
Museum of Contemporary Art
Museum of Contemporary Photography*
Narrative 4
National Indo-American Museum
National Museum of Mexican Art
Northlight Theatre
Old Town School of Folk Music
Pegasus Theatre Chicago*

ARTS AND CULTURE

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People's Center for Cultural and Contemporary Arts
Smart Museum of Art
Steppenwolf Theatre Company
Travis Manion Foundation
Wellness4Every1
WFMT Bach to School
Writers Theatre
You Are A Star/StarDreamers Storytellers
Young Chicago Authors*

BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

Abrahamic Center for Cultural Education (ACCE)
Catholic Charities
Center for Conflict Resolution
Center on Halsted
Chicago Chess Foundation
Chicago Survivors
Chiro One
Common Sense Education
Cook County State's Attorney
CPS - Crisis Management Unit
CTS Health*
Elizabeth Tawose Productions
Elyssa's Mission
Erika's Lighthouse
Friends of the Children Chicago
Garfield Park/Hartgrove Hospitals
Greater Chatham Initiative
GRO Community
Guardian Lane
HEART
Hope for the Day
Humanity Rising*
Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center
Imagination Theater
International Children's Media Center
Lutheran Social Services of Illinois
Mujeres Latinas en Acción
NAMI Chicago
National Campaign to Stop Violence
Nourishing Hope
Once Upon Our Time Capsule
Pickles Group*
Pro Football Hall of Fame
Rainbows for All Children
Riveredge Hospital/Streamwood Hospital
Safe Families for Children*
SGA Youth & Family Services

T.R.A.P. Violence*
The Anti-Cruelty Society
The Anti-Defamation League
The Legacy Project
The Peace Exchange
The Schools Group
UCAN
Urban Therapeutic Solutions
White Sox
Willow House
YWCA Metropolitan Chicago

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

Abrahamic Center for Cultural Education (ACCE)
Argonne National Laboratory
BMO Harris Bank
Bottom Line
Bronzeville Children's Museum*
CareerSpring
Chicago Area Health Education Center
Chicago Debates*
Chicago History Museum*
Civic Leadership Foundation
Cook County Farm Bureau
Cook County State's Attorney
Credit Abuse Resistance Education (CARE)
Crossing Borders Music*
DePaul University Athletics
Economic Awareness Council
Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
Fifth Third Bank
Future Founders Foundation
Garfield Park/Hartgrove Hospitals
HAP Foundation*
Harry S. Truman College
HEART
Joffrey Ballet
Junior Achievement of Chicago
Ladder Up
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
Morningstar*
Multiplying Good
Museum of Contemporary Art
Northlight Theatre
Plant Chicago
Pulitzer Center
Roadtrip Nation*
Supplies for Dreams
UNICEF USA*
University of Chicago Admissions
University of Chicago Basketball
UStride

FUNDAMENTAL NEEDS

Alice's Kids
Betsy's Blankets*
Blessings in a Backpack
Capital One
Chicago Center for Arts and Technology*
Chicago Public Library Manning Branch*
Cradles to Crayons
Delta Dental of Illinois
Her Drive Co.
Morningstar*
Nourishing Hope
Open Books
Pilsen Food Pantry
Prosper Chicago
The Grace Network*
The Period Collective
WFMT Bach to School

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

&Rise
Advocate Children's Hospital
Ageless Eyecare
American Red Cross of Greater Chicago
BELA Recovery*
Between Friends
Candor Health Education
Caron Treatment Centers
CDPH - Tropical Optical
Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation
Chicago Blackhawks

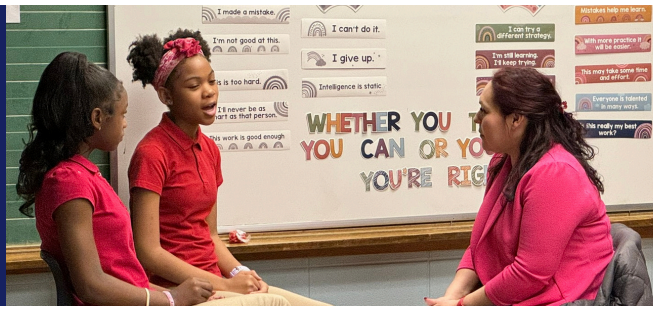
Chicago Children's Advocacy Center
Chicago Community Oral Health Forum
Chicago Department of Transportation
Chicago Fire FC
Chicago Police Department
Chicago Run
Chicago Women's Health Center
Colgate Bright Smiles Bright Futures
Common Threads
Connect Home Visiting Chicago
Cook County Farm Bureau
Crate Free USA*
Delta Dental of Illinois
Domestic Violence Outreach*
Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago
Fit Kids
Girls in the Game
Guardian Lane
Haymarket Center
Imagination Theater
Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
Mobile Care Chicago
Pilot Light
Planned Parenthood of Illinois
Resilience
Respiratory Health Association
Rush University Medical Center
Sarah's Inn
Square One
University of Illinois Extension
Vision Service Plan

**Indicates community partners new to the CIS of Chicago network in 2023-24.*

CIS of Chicago proudly co-sponsors **Do the Write Thing**, a national writing program that amplifies youth voice and calls for an end to violence.

In 2024, eighth-grader Rylei had the opportunity to serve as the Chicago ambassador at the National Summit in D.C.





Our Accomplishments in 2023-24

Our team at Communities In Schools of Chicago walked alongside our city's young people – tailoring our supports at every turn – to make sure they had everything they needed to succeed.

In the 2023-24 school year, we:

Supported
74,300
Chicago
students



Furnished
10,200
families with
essential needs
items

Connected
2,655
programs and
services to schools



Served
1,517
targeted students
with counseling
and guidance

Partnered with
238
Chicago Public
Schools









Linked
201
community
organizations to
schools

Our team also continued providing **Youth Mental Health First Aid** in the 2023-24 school year. The course equipped 122 teachers, partners, and other caring adults with the tools to recognize and respond to young people experiencing mental health distress.



Our Goals in 2024-25

	80,000 Chicago students supported on their path to graduation
	2,700 supports connected to students, provided by CIS community partners
	1,665 students receiving intensive services from a CIS team member
	239 schools benefitting from resource connection and tailored support
	215 community partners connecting with schools that need their supports
	95%+ of seniors graduate on time and 95%+ of K-11 students are promoted

Our Impact on Students and Partners

When **Gianna** was in high school, she met regularly with Ms. Maria, the CIS Student Supports Manager based at her school. They talked a lot about Gianna's life goals and what it would take for her to reach them. Over time, the two developed a trusting relationship.



After Gianna graduated from high school, she started working at a local nonprofit to teach a leadership course to K-8 girls, all while earning her associate's degree from City Colleges of Chicago.

"Ms. Maria has helped me with my success a lot because she taught me how to advocate for myself," Gianna said. "She helped me grow mentally and emotionally, to be in a better place. She taught me how to make decisions based on how I want my future to look, and I'm doing that each day."



Since 2019, CIS of Chicago has been partnering with the **Chicago Chess Foundation**, connecting their programs, which teach academic, social-emotional, and leadership skills through chess, directly to schools.

In 2024, the Chicago Chess Foundation named CIS of Chicago as its Community Partner of the Decade.



"Our organization is extremely proud to partner with CIS, and you inspire us to do the work that we do," said the CCF team. "We are empowered to reach our youth and communities through the efforts of CIS."



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