Communities In Schools (CIS) of Chicago is the leading education nonprofit in Chicago dedicated to building brighter futures for our city’s young people. By removing barriers that stand in their way, our team empowers students to stay on the path to graduation.

CIS of Chicago’s team of professionals surrounds students with a community of support so they can achieve in school and in life. We do this important work in partnership with Chicago schools and community organizations. Together, we help create an environment that allows students and families to thrive.

Chicago students and schools faced unique challenges in the 2021-22 school year. After the pandemic closed classrooms, students returned to the school building, but issues exacerbated by COVID-19 persisted.

Increased mental health challenges, learning loss, an uptick in behavioral issues, and more created added pressure for school communities and families. CIS of Chicago was a key partner, ensuring that students had the resources they needed to succeed.

Last year, our team positively impacted the lives of 58,000 students at 175 Chicago public schools. This school year, we are expanding our support – and impact – to more students, families, and teachers across Chicago, benefitting the entire city.
CIS of Chicago supports young people on their path to graduation. During the 2022-23 school year, our organization will work with 70,000 Chicago public-school students.

We carry out our work through two core programs:

Our Partnership Program coordinates the supports of a vast network of community partners to 200 Chicago public schools. Supports are equitable and inclusive, addressing the specific needs of diverse schools and families.

Our Intensive Program embeds a master’s-level clinician in 30 of the 200 schools to provide supportive guidance, goal-setting, and other tailored services to students who are off-track in their attendance, behavior, or grades.

Research shows that when students receive essential supports like these, they do better in math and reading and are more likely to graduate from high school prepared for further life success.

The five-year high school graduation rate in Chicago is now 84 percent for all students. However, that rate is not even across all school populations.

CIS prioritizes working in communities where student need is high and graduation is not assured.

Even the most tenacious student can be diverted from the path to high school graduation, long before they reach their senior year. Anything from cyberbullying to the death of a loved one can stand in a student’s way of reaching graduation day.

Graduation is an important differentiator for many reasons. It’s not that there’s something magical in the diploma itself. It’s the ongoing learning, coping skills, socialization, and goal-setting embedded in the K-12 journey that invests graduation with such power.
OUR THEORY OF CHANGE

WHAT WE DO
Provide essential supports to K-12 students according to their need

HOW WE DO IT
Partnership Program:
Connect and coordinate essential services to students and families

SHORT-TERM OUTCOMES
Develop social, emotional, academic, and health competencies

LONG-TERM OUTCOMES
Reduce dropout

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

Develop student relationships with caring adults

Intensive Program:
Directly support students with high need

Improve attendance, behavior, coursework, and academic proficiency

Increase graduation
In the 2022-23 school year, we are working with 200 school partners, including:

- **170 Partnership Program sites**, where our team collaborates with school staff to leverage the power of community partner supports for students and families.

- **30 Intensive Program sites**, where an embedded CIS Student Supports Manager works with students, families, and the entire school.

Additionally, in five high schools across Chicago, a CIS Freshmen Rising Coordinator helps ninth graders transition from elementary school to high school by providing monthly check-ins, a weekly student group, and resources.

Research shows that if students are academically and socially on track in ninth grade, their odds of graduating improve significantly.
Acero Charter Schools – Brighton Park
Acero Charter Schools – Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz
Acero Charter Schools – Rufino Tamayo
Jane Addams Elementary School
Ariel Elementary Community Academy
Philip D. Armour Elementary School
Art in Motion Charter School
Ashburn Community Elementary School
Orville T. Bright Elementary School
William H. Brown Elementary School
Charles S. Brownell Elementary School
Burnham Elementary Inclusive Academy
Daniel R. Cameron Elementary School
Marvin Camras Elementary School
Lázaro Cárdenas Elementary School
Rachel Carson Elementary School
Catalyst Elementary Charter School
– Circle Rock
Willa 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 Colemon Elementary Academy
Columbia Explorers Elementary Academy
Christopher Columbus Elementary School
Daniel J. Corkery Elementary School
Mary E. Courtenay Elementary Language Arts Center
Crown Community Academy of Fine Arts Center
Charles R. Darwin Elementary School
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 School
William E.B. DuBois Elementary School
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
David G. Farragut Career Academy High School
Christian Fenger Academy High School*
Eugene Field Elementary School
Gage Park High School
Stephen F. Gale Elementary Community Academy
Galileo Math & Science Scholastic Academy
Matthew Gallistel Elementary Language Academy
Marcus Moziah Garvey Elementary School
Johann W. von Goethe Elementary School
Alexander Graham Elementary School
Nathanael Greene Elementary School
John Milton Gregory Elementary School*
Robert L. Grimes Elementary School
Virgil Grissom Elementary School
Frank W. Gunsaulus Elementary Scholastic Academy
John Charles Haines Elementary School
Nathan Hale Elementary School
John H. Hamline Elementary School
Hanson Park Elementary School
Helge A. Haugan Elementary School
Stephen K. Hayt Elementary School
Helen M. Hefferan Elementary School
Charles R. Henderson Elementary School
Patrick Henry Elementary School
Irene C. Hernandez Middle School for the Advancement of Science*
Theodore Herzl Elementary School*
Charles N. Holden Elementary School
Charles Evans Hughes Elementary School
Edward N. Hurley Elementary School
Washington Irving Elementary School
Scott Joplin Elementary School
Jordan Elementary Community School
Percy L. Julian High School*
Joseph Jungman Elementary School
Thomas Kelly College Preparatory
Joshua D. Kershaw Elementary School
Joyce Kilmer Elementary School
Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Academy of Social Justice
John H. Kinzie Elementary School
Rudyard Kipling Elementary School
KIPP Chicago Charter School – KIPP Bloom*
L.E.A.R.N. – Excel Campus
Anna R. Langford Community Academy
Lawndale Elementary Community Academy*
Richard Henry Lee Elementary School
Legacy Charter School
George Leland Elementary School
Leslie Lewis Elementary School
Little Village Elementary School
Alain Locke Charter School
John L. Marsh Elementary School
Roswell B. Mason Elementary School*
Stephen T. Mather High School
Benjamin E. Mays Elementary School
George B. McClellan Elementary School
Genevieve Melody Elementary School
Ellen Mitchell Elementary School
Irvin C. Mollison Elementary School
James Monroe Elementary School*
Donald Morrill Math & Science Elementary School
John B. Murphy Elementary School
William K. New Sullivan Elementary School
Lillian R. Nicholson STEM Academy
William P. Nixon Elementary School
North Lawndale College Prep – Christiana*
North Lawndale College Prep – Collins*
Alfred Nobel Elementary School
Noble – DRW College Prep
Noble – Mansueto High School*
Ogden International High School
Ogden Elementary School
James Otis Elementary School
John Palmer Elementary School
Francis W. Parker Elementary Community Academy
Parkside Elementary Community Academy*
Ferdinand Peck Elementary School
Perspectives – Rodney D. Joslin Perspectives – Leadership Academy
Perspectives – Math and Science Academy
Perspectives – High School of Technology
Phoenix Military Academy High School
Brian Piccolo Elementary Specialty School
Pilsen Elementary Community Academy
Portage Park Elementary School
Adam Clayton Powell Paideia Community Academy
Asa Philip Randolph Elementary School
William C. Reavis Math & Science Specialty Elementary School
Albert R. Sabin Elementary Magnet School
Edward E. Sadowski Elementary School
Socorro Sandoval Elementary School
Maria Saucedo Elementary Scholastic Academy
Sidney Sawyer Elementary School
Theophilus Schmid Elementary School*
Mark Sheridan Math & Science Academy
William T. Sherman Elementary School
Jesse Sherwood Elementary School
James Shields Middle School*
John D. Shoop Math-Science Technical Academy
Mark Skinner Elementary School
John M. Smyth Elementary School
Eric Solorio Academy High School
South Loop Elementary School
Southside Occupational High School
John Spry Elementary Community School
Amos Alonzo Stagg Elementary School*
Charles P. Steinmetz College Preparatory High School
Adlai E. Stevenson Elementary School
Stone Elementary Scholastic Academy
Harriet Beecher Stowe Elementary School
George B. Swift Elementary Specialty School
Mancel Talcott Elementary School*
Douglas Taylor Elementary School
James N. Thorp Elementary School*
George W. Tilton Elementary School
Enrico Tonti Elementary School
Turner-Drew Elementary 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*
John A. Walsh Elementary School
James Ward Elementary School
Harold Washington Elementary School
George Washington Elementary School
George Washington High School
Daniel Webster Elementary School
Oliver S. Westcott Elementary School
John Whistler Elementary School
Edward White Elementary Career Academy
Carter G. Woodson South Elementary School*

*Indicates new partner schools for 2022-23. Bolded font indicates an Intensive Program site.
In June 2022, principals and other school leaders were surveyed about the impact of CIS of Chicago’s partnership. These were their responses:

- **100 percent** reported that since partnering with CIS of Chicago, their school accesses more needed services.

- **82 percent** reported that the services that CIS of Chicago connects helps students stay on track academically.

- **77 percent** reported that CIS of Chicago has helped prevent future dropout problems, putting students on the path to long-term success.

Of the 4,577 students we have provided with ongoing intensive support since 2009, **fewer than 1 percent dropped out**, and an estimated **99 percent either graduated or were promoted to the next grade** in the year that CIS of Chicago worked with them.
CIS of Chicago works with a network of nonprofits, cultural institutions, social service agencies, and individuals from across Chicago.

Community partner programs and resources align with five key focus areas: arts and culture; behavioral and mental health; college and career readiness; fundamental needs; and health and wellness.

CIS of Chicago also addresses parent and family engagement across all focus areas.

**ARTS AND CULTURE**

&Rise
All For Kidz
American Writers Museum
Art Encounter
Art Institute of Chicago
Chicago Chamber Music Society*
Chicago Children’s Theatre
Chicago Jazz Philharmonic*
Chicago Opera Theater
Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra
CodeCreate
CPS Lives
Culture Shock Dance Chicago*
Design Dance
Ensemble Español
Escape Artistry
Freddie Almazan*
Guitars Over Guns
Humor for Hope*
Ignition Community Glass
International Music Foundation / Classical Music Chicago
Joffrey Ballet
KWOE Foundation
Lynx Project*
Lyric Opera of Chicago
Music of the Baroque
Natya Dance Theatre
Negaunee Music Institute at the Chicago Symphony
Northlight Theatre
Old Town School of Folk Music
People’s Center for Cultural and Contemporary Arts
Poetry Foundation
Pro Football Hall of Fame
Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts
Silk Road Rising
StarDreamers / You Are A Star
Steppenwolf Theatre Company
Storycatchers Theatre
Travis Manion Foundation
Twist and Shout School of Performing Arts*
UChicago Presents
Wellness4Every1
WFMT Bach to School*
Writers Theatre

**BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH**

Abrahamic Center for Cultural Education (ACCE)
African American Family Research Institute
Catholic Charities
Center on Halsted
Chicago Behavioral Hospital
Chicago Chess Foundation
Chicago Survivors*
Chiro One
Common Sense Education*
Cook County State’s Attorney
CPS – Crisis Management Unit
Detective Lester Rodgers
Elyssa’s Mission
Erasing the Distance
Erika’s Lighthouse
Gads Hill Center
Garfield Park Behavioral Hospital / Hartgrove Hospital
Greater Chatham Initiative*
Guardian Lane
HEART
Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center
BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH (CONTINUED)

Illinois Safe Schools Alliance Program of PHIMC
Insight Project for Kids
International Children’s Media Center
Lutheran Social Services of Illinois
Mujeres Latinas en Acción
My Familytree Storybook
Nancy Gardner, LCSW
National Campaign to Stop Violence*
National Indo-American Museum
Northwestern Settlement House
Phoenix Clinic Chicago*
Positive Coaching Alliance
Project Increase
RAINBOWS
Resilience
Resource Center for Autism and Developmental Delays*
Response
Rincon Family Services
Riveredge Hospital / Streamwood Hospital
Sandie Johnson, LCSW
SGA Youth & Family Services*
The Anti-Cruelty Society
The Anti-Defamation League
The Nora Project
The Peace Exchange
The Schools Group
TMH Behavioral Services*

UCAN
Urban Therapeutic Solutions*
White Sox
Willow House
WTW11 / 98.7 wfmt
YWCA Chicago

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

Adler Planetarium
Argonne National Laboratory
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago
BMO Harris Bank*
Chicago Area Health Education Center
Chicago Children’s Museum
Chicago Fire
Chicago Innovation Foundation
Chicago Park District Natural Areas
ChickTech
CircEsteem
Civic Leadership Foundation
Comp-U-Dopt
Cook County Farm Bureau
CPS - Office of Student Health and Wellness (OSHW)
Credit Abuse Resistance Education (CARE)
DePaul University*
DePaul University Athletics*
Economic Awareness Council
Fifth Third Bank*
Future Founders Foundation
Girls Who Code
Harry S. Truman College*
HEART
Illinois Green Alliance
Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center
Illinois Safe Schools Alliance Program of PHIMC
Junior Achievement
Ladder Up*
LeadersUp
Legacy Youth Leadership
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
Multiplying Good
Operation HOPE, Inc.
Out of Eden Walk*
Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum
Pulitzer Center
Science Olympiad*
Shedd Aquarium
Supplies for Dreams*
The Actuarial Foundation
The Anti-Cruelty Society
Tutoring Chicago
UIC College of Business*
University of Chicago Admissions
University of Chicago Basketball
Vibha*
Westside Media Project*
Working In The Schools (WITS)
Zurich*

FUNDAMENTAL NEEDS

A Just Harvest
Alice’s Kids
Blessings in a Backpack
Catholic Charities
Chicago Beyond*
Chicago Community Oral Health Forum
Common Threads
Comp-U-Dopt
Cradles to Crayons
Delta Dental of Illinois
First Book
Her Drive Co.
Jackson Financial
Open Books
Prosper Chicago
The Period Collective
UI Health Pilsen*

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Advocate Children’s Hospital
Ageless Eyecare
American Red Cross of Greater Chicago
Between Friends
Candor Health Education
Caron Treatment Centers
CDPH – Immunization Program
CDPH – Tropical Optical
Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation
Community organizations play an important role in supporting teachers and students. CIS of Chicago’s team understands this deeply.

We bring relationships to life by understanding the opportunities for partners, offering creative strategies to connect programs, and helping to strengthen communication with schools.

— Karen Roddie, Associate Director of Community Partnerships
Students returned to the classroom in the 2021-22 school year, and Communities In Schools of Chicago was there, standing alongside them, as they readjusted to in-person learning.

We supported students as they navigated the school setting after a year and a half of remote learning. We connected them with important resources to accelerate their learning and growth. We provided critical mental and behavioral health services that helped them cope with stress and stay on the path to graduation. And we continued linking our network of community partners with schools and students who could benefit most from their services.

Our students, partners, and families saw us as a trusted resource they could count on in a changing educational landscape. In the 2021-22 school year, we:

- Supported 57,899 Chicago students
- Furnished 8,531 students and families with essential needs items
- Connected 1,508 programs and services to schools
- Served 1,364 targeted students with counseling, guidance, and social-emotional skill-building
- Linked 200 community organizations to schools
- Partnered with 175 Chicago Public Schools
### OUR GOALS IN 2022-23

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“Before working with Ms. Estrada (my CIS Student Supports Manager), I had a negative mindset and did not think I was capable of graduating and overcoming everything I have had to overcome in the past few years. Now, I look forward to the future and can focus on all the positive things that exist for me.”

– BRISA, A CIS OF CHICAGO STUDENT

“I can say for a fact that over the past four years in our partnership with CIS of Chicago we have trained over 7,000 children in nonviolence at over 45 elementary schools. We wouldn’t have this type of impact if it wasn’t for CIS of Chicago. I think the connections and bridges that CIS has with its network schools helps us make that impact.”

– THE PEACE EXCHANGE, A CIS OF CHICAGO COMMUNITY PARTNER

"Imagine a city that has opportunity for every kid, regardless of the neighborhood. That would truly be equity in education, and I am just so thankful to be a principal where CIS of Chicago has made that difference."

– PRINCIPAL OF SHOOP ACADEMY, A CIS OF CHICAGO SCHOOL PARTNER