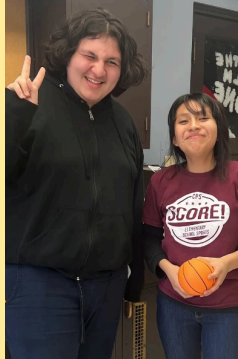




Communities  
In Schools®

Chicago



Every young person has a story. It's a story that's unique, as unique as our city, from the North Side to the South Side to the West Side. It's a story that's been impacted by the number of challenges now facing our community and our world. It's a story that's just begun.

Communities In Schools (CIS) of Chicago empowers our city's young people to embrace their stories and continue writing their next chapters. In partnership with schools and community partners, we help students:

- Build relationships with their peers, with their families, with their teachers, and with other caring adults that drive their success;
- Gain strategies for keeping their mental, physical, and emotional health strong;
- Explore their passions and expand their horizons;
- Improve their academic performance, behavior, and attendance;
- And, ultimately, stay on the path to graduation.

**CIS of Chicago is dedicated to removing any immediate and systemic barriers that stand in the way of young people. We surround them with a community of support so they can stay in school and achieve in life.**

This year, our team will positively impact the lives of 78,000 students at 238 Chicago public schools. Now, more than ever, we are supporting our young people, their families, and their school communities. We are meeting the moment, and we are deepening our impact.

# Our Vision:

## Every student graduates prepared for success.

### Graduation.

It's a key differentiator. Graduates not only earn more over their lifetimes; they experience better health and wellness outcomes, too.

There's nothing magical in the diploma itself. Instead, the K-12 journey equips young people with the skills for lifelong learning, coping, socialization, and goal-setting that prepare them for continued success. But even the most tenacious student can be diverted from the path to graduation early on.

CIS of Chicago supports students holistically so they have everything they need to succeed. In the 2023-24 school year, CIS of Chicago will support more than 78,000 students in 238 Chicago public schools. We carry out our work through two core programs:

### Our Partnership Program

coordinates the supports and resources of a vast network of community partners to the schools in our partner network. Supports are equitable and inclusive, addressing the specific needs of diverse schools and families.

### Our Intensive Program

embeds a master's-level professional, or Student Supports Manager, in 38 of the 238 schools to provide supportive guidance, goal-setting, and other tailored interventions to students who are off-track in their attendance, behavior, or grades.

Student Supports Managers also help students build social and emotional skills that help them succeed in school and be well-equipped for life beyond graduation.

In recent years, the five-year high school graduation rate in Chicago is 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 and graduation is not assured so that we can create and sustain equitable outcomes for all students.



In the 2023-24 school year, we are working with 238 school partners:

- **200 Partnership Program sites,** where our team collaborates with school staff to leverage the power of community partner supports for students and families
- **38 Intensive Program sites,** where an embedded CIS Student Supports Manager works with students, families, and the entire school

The CIS of Chicago team and our 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



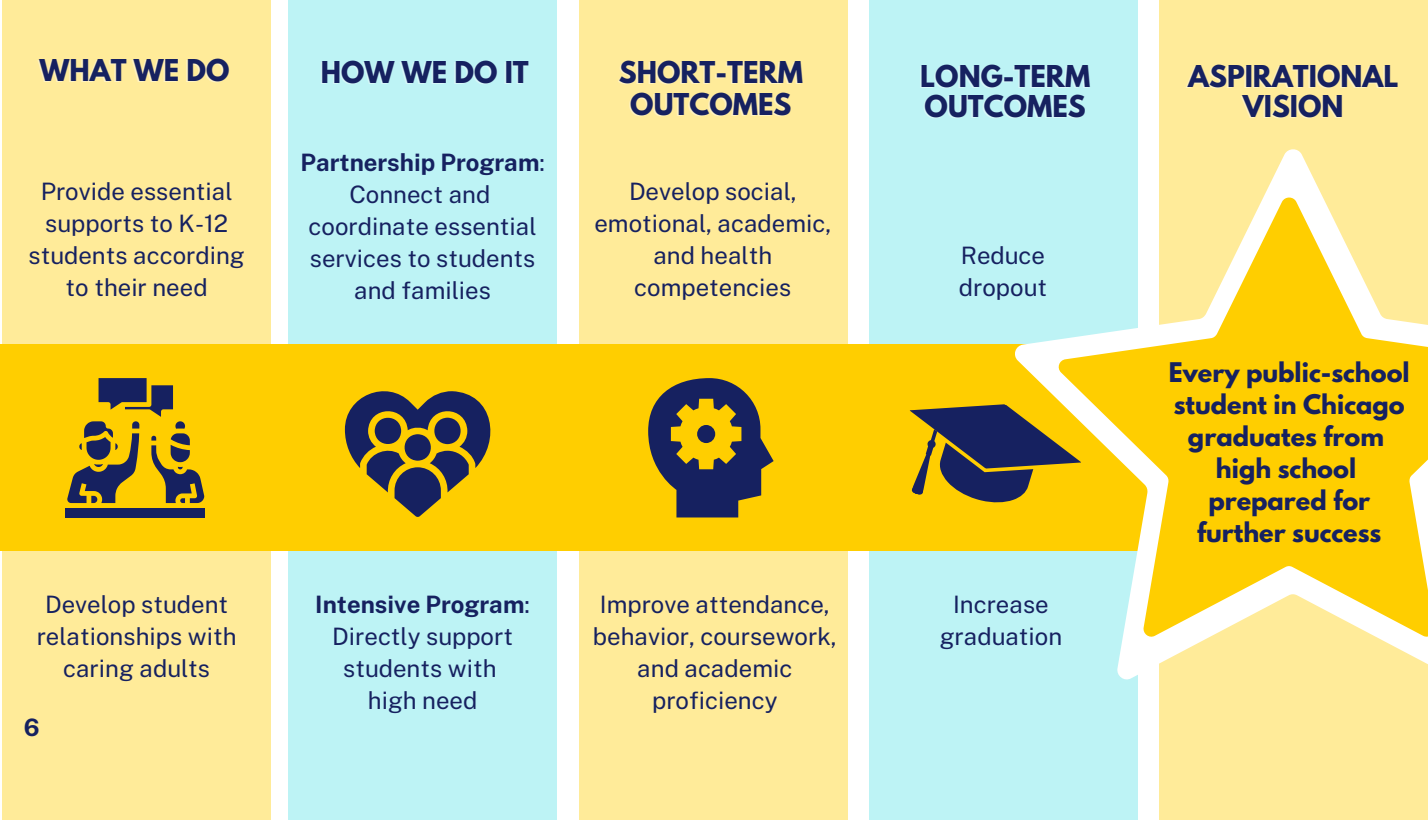


In June 2023, principals and other school leaders were surveyed about the impact of CIS of Chicago's partnership. These were their responses:

- **96 percent** reported that since partnering with CIS of Chicago, their school accesses more needed services.
- **94 percent** reported that since partnering with CIS of Chicago, their school can better identify and address student needs.
- **78 percent** reported that the services that CIS of Chicago connects helps students stay on track academically.
- **78 percent** reported that CIS of Chicago helps prevent future dropout problems, putting students on the path to long-term success.

Of the more than 5,400 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.

# Our Theory of Change



# School Partners: 2023-24

## **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

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

## **Michele Clark Academic Prep**

## **Magnet High School**

## **Henry Clay Elementary School**

Grover Cleveland Elementary School

Johnnie Coleman Academy

Columbia Explorers Academy

Christopher Columbus Elementary School

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**

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 School

Gage Park High School

Stephen F. Gale Community Academy

Galileo Scholastic Academy

Matthew Gallistel Elementary Language Academy

Marcus Moziah Garvey Elementary

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**

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  
Joseph Lovett Elementary School\*

James Madison Elementary School\*  
George Manierre Elementary School\*  
**John L. Marsh 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 Miñoso Academy  
Ellen Mitchell Elementary

Irvin C. Mollison Elementary School  
Monarcas Academy

**James Monroe Elementary**

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**

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\***

Ogden International High School  
The Ogden International School of  
Chicago – Jenner Campus  
William J. Onahan Elementary School\*  
James Otis World Language Academy  
John Palmer Elementary School  
Francis W. Parker Elementary  
Community Academy  
Parkside Elementary 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**

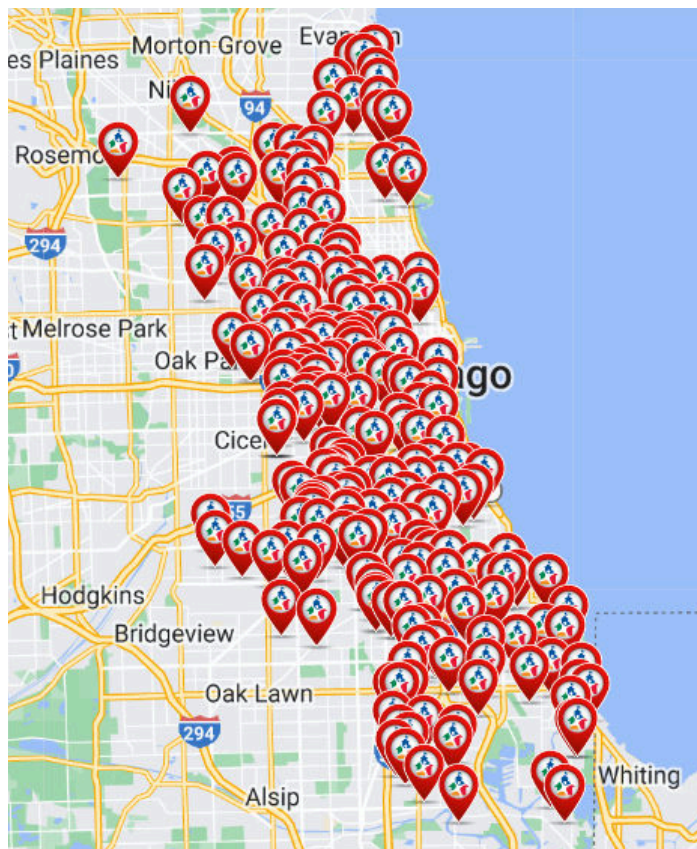
Brian Piccolo School of Excellence  
**Pilsen Community Academy**

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 School\*  
**Oliver Westcott School**  
John Whistler Elementary  
Edward H. White Elementary Career Academy  
Carter G. Woodson South Elementary School  
Emiliano Zapata Elementary Academy\*

*\*Indicates new partner schools for 2023-24. Bolded font indicates an Intensive Program site.*

# Community Partners: 2022-23

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.

All programming is provided at no cost to the schools or students, and they have major impact.

Students who benefitted from support programs and services through CIS' community partner network performed better in math and reading.

## ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

826CHI  
Adler Planetarium  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago  
Center on Halsted  
Chicago Blackhawks  
Chicago Innovation Foundation  
CircEsteem  
Compudopt  
Cook County Farm Bureau  
Dolores Kohl Education Foundation  
Dream On Education\*  
Educate. Radiate. Elevate.\*  
Focus Fairies Mentoring\*  
Forest Preserve of Cook County  
FUSE  
Girls Who Code  
Greater Chatham Initiative  
Learning Edge\*  
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago  
Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum  
Plant Chicago\*  
Saxena Lab at UIC\*  
Science Olympiad

Shedd Aquarium  
SitStayRead  
SparkShop  
Success Bound\*  
Supplies for Dreams  
The Actuarial Foundation  
The Anti-Cruelty Society  
White Sox  
Working In The Schools (WITS)

## ARTS AND CULTURE

Abrahamic Center for Cultural Education (ACCE)  
American Writers Museum  
Art Encounter  
Art Institute of Chicago  
Brainchild Collective/Design Dance  
Center on Halsted  
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  
Ensemble Español  
Escape Artistry  
Freddie Almazan  
Goodman Theatre  
Haitian American Museum of Chicago\*  
Ignition Community Glass  
Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures  
Joffrey Ballet  
KWOE Foundation  
Lifeline Theatre\*  
Lynx Project  
Lyric Opera of Chicago  
Marwen  
MeMA Music  
Museum of Contemporary Art  
Music of the Baroque  
Narrative 4  
National Museum of Mexican Art  
Natya Dance Theatre  
Northlight Theatre  
Old Town School of Folk Music  
Poetry Foundation

## ARTS AND CULTURE (CONTINUED)

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Pro Football Hall of Fame  
Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts  
Silk Road Rising  
Smart Museum of Art  
Steppenwolf Theatre Company  
Storycatchers Theatre  
Travis Manion Foundation  
Visceral Dance Chicago\*  
Wellness4Every1  
WFMT Bach to School  
Writers Theatre  
You Are A Star/StarDreamers  
Storytellers

## BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

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Blue Bird Day & Eyas Landing\*  
Catholic Charities  
Center for Conflict Resolution\*  
Center on Halsted  
Charlie Health\*  
Chicago Chess Foundation  
Chicago Survivors  
Chiro One  
Common Sense Education  
Cook County State's Attorney  
CPS - Crisis Management Unit  
Creative Passages\*

Elizabeth Tawose Productions\*  
Elyssa's Mission  
Erasing the Distance  
Erika's Lighthouse  
Friends of the Children Chicago\*  
Garfield Park/Hartgrove Hospitals  
Greater Chatham Initiative  
GRO Community\*  
Guardian Lane  
HEART  
Hope for the Day\*  
Illinois Holocaust Museum &  
Education Center  
Illinois Safe Schools Alliance Program  
of PHIMC  
Imagination Theater  
Insight Project for Kids  
InterAction\*  
International Children's Media Center  
Lutheran Social Services of Illinois  
Move This World\*  
Mujeres Latinas en Acción  
My Familytree Storybook  
NAMI Chicago  
Nancy Gardner, LCSW  
National Campaign to Stop Violence  
National Indo-American Museum  
Once Upon Our Time Capsule\*  
Phoenix Clinic Chicago  
RAINBOWS  
Resource Center for Autism and  
Developmental Delay  
Rivertown Hospital/Streamwood  
Hospital

SGA Youth & Family Services  
The Anti-Cruelty Society  
The Anti-Defamation League  
The Legacy Project\*  
The Nora Project  
The Peace Exchange  
The Schools Group  
UCAN  
University of Illinois Extension  
Urban Therapeutic Solutions  
White Sox  
Willow House  
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YWCA Metropolitan Chicago

## COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

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Abrahamic Center for Cultural  
Education (ACCE)  
All Stars Project\*  
Argonne National Laboratory  
BMO Harris Bank  
Bottom Line  
CareerSpring\*  
Chicago Area Health Education  
Center  
Civic Leadership Foundation  
CPS - Office of Student Health and  
Wellness (OSHW)  
Credit Abuse Resistance Education  
(CARE)  
DePaul University Athletics



## COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS (CONTINUED)

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago\*  
Fifth Third Bank  
Future Founders Foundation  
Garfield Park/Hartgrove Hospitals  
Harry S. Truman College  
HEART  
Illinois Holocaust Museum &  
Education Center  
Joffrey Ballet  
Junior Achievement of Chicago  
Ladder Up  
Metropolitan Water Reclamation  
District of Greater Chicago  
Museum of Contemporary Art  
Pulitzer Center  
Southwest Airlines\*  
The Anti-Cruelty Society  
The Anti-Defamation League  
University of Chicago Admissions  
University of Chicago Basketball  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Zurich

## FUNDAMENTAL NEEDS

A Just Harvest  
Alice's Kids  
Blessings in a Backpack

Catholic Charities  
Cradles to Crayons  
Delta Dental of Illinois  
Her Drive Co.  
Nourishing Hope  
Prosper Chicago  
Soles4Souls\*  
The Period Collective

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Ageless Eyecare  
American Red Cross of Greater  
Chicago  
Between Friends  
Candor Health Education  
CDPH - Immunization Program  
CDPH - Tropical Optical  
Chicago Alliance Against Sexual  
Exploitation  
Chicago Children's Advocacy Center  
Chicago City Soccer Club  
Chicago Community Oral Health  
Forum  
Chicago Department of  
Transportation  
Chicago Fire  
Chicago Fire Department  
Chicago Police Department  
Chicago Run  
Chicago Women's Health Center  
Colgate Bright Smiles Bright Futures  
Common Threads

ConnecTeen  
Cook County Farm Bureau  
Delta Dental of Illinois  
Erie Family Health Center  
Fit Kids  
Girls in the Game  
Global Project Hope  
Haymarket Center  
Howard Brown Center: BYC  
Imagination Theater  
Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago  
Metropolitan Family Services  
Pilot Light  
Planned Parenthood of Illinois  
Resilience  
Respiratory Health Association  
Rush University Medical Center  
Sarah's Inn  
The Anti-Cruelty Society  
The Evolved Network\*  
U.S. Teqball Federation  
University of Illinois Extension  
Vision Service Plan  
YWCA Metropolitan Chicago

*\*Indicates community partners  
new to the CIS of Chicago network  
in 2022-23.*



# Our Accomplishments in 2022-23

Graduates of the Class of 2023 are crystallized in time as students who experienced adversity over the course of their educational journeys but persevered. The pandemic closed schools during their freshmen year, they navigated remote learning during their sophomore year, and they returned to in-person learning their last two years, demonstrating tremendous resilience to earn their diplomas.

**Each step of the way, our team at Communities In Schools of Chicago walked with our city's students – tailoring our supports at every turn – to make sure that they had everything they needed to succeed in school and life.**

We provided students and families with holistic supports that addressed their social, emotional, and mental health so they could stay focused on coming to school, learning from their teachers and peers, and continuing on the path to graduation. And we supported our school and community partners so that they could continue serving young people. We're proud of the major impact our team had during the 2022-23 school year.

In the 2022-23 school year, we:

**Supported 69,483**  
Chicago students

**Furnished 11,576**  
families with essential needs items

**Connected 1,965**  
programs and services to schools

**Served 1,363**  
targeted students with counseling and guidance

**Linked 204**  
community organizations to schools

**Partnered with 200**  
Chicago Public Schools

A photograph of three children sitting at a yellow table in a classroom, working on a puzzle. The child on the left is a girl with braids and colorful hair ties. The child in the middle is a girl with long dark hair. The child on the right is a boy wearing a face mask and a dark blue t-shirt with 'GARDENAS' and a graphic. They are surrounded by shelves filled with red storage bins and various classroom supplies. A box of '35 Mini Puzzles' and a small white teddy bear are on the table.

## **SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING**

CIS of Chicago programs support the growth and development of our city's young people by providing them with the skills to better understand themselves, manage their emotions, and build healthy relationships with others.



### **YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID**

Several CIS team members are trained facilitators in Mental Health First Aid, and they lead sessions throughout the school year that empower adults with the tools to support young people experiencing a mental health crisis.

MRS. ESTRADA



### TENACITY AWARDS

CIS recognizes one student at each of our Intensive partner schools who has overcome barriers to their learning and persevered to stay on the path to graduation. In 2022-23, 31 students were presented with a Tenacity Award.

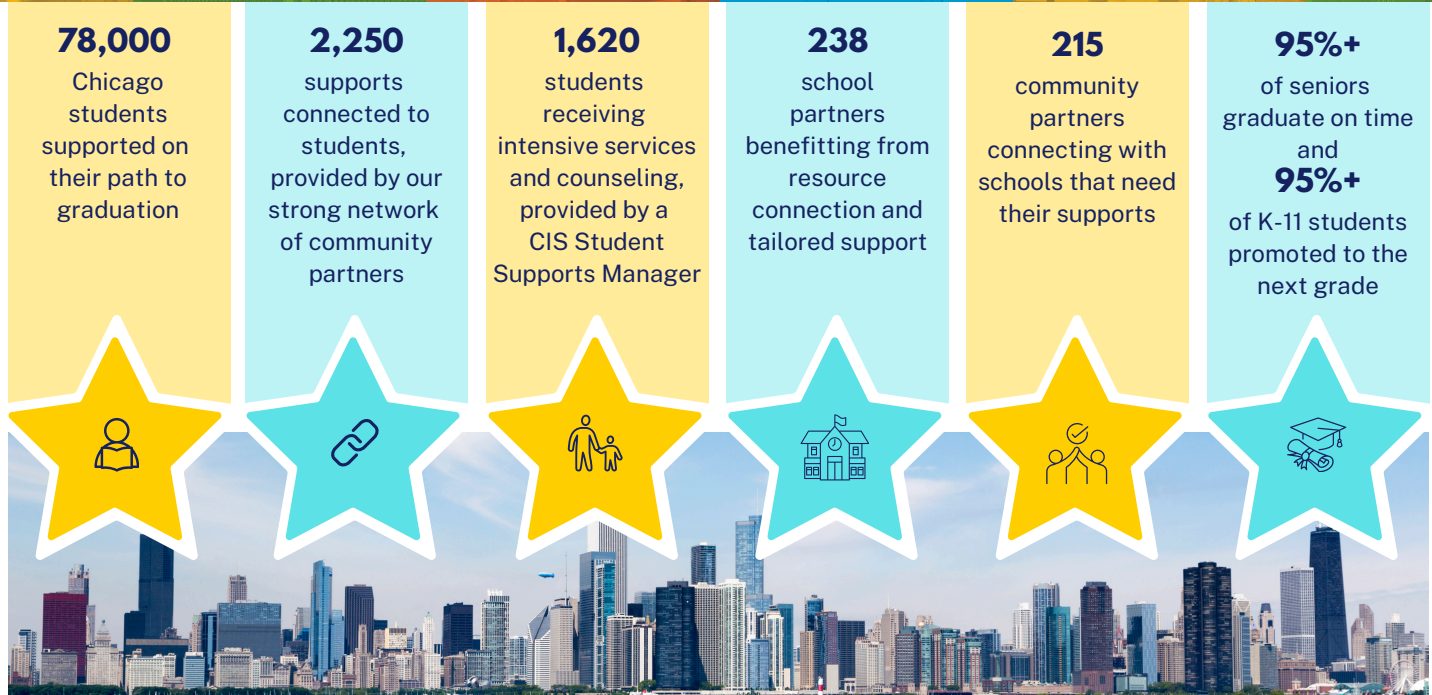
Communities  
Schools.  
**tenacious.**



## DO THE WRITE THING (DtWT)

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. Each year, two Chicago students serve as ambassadors at the DtWT Summit in DC.

# Our Goals in 2023-24



# In the Words of Our Students and Partners

## CIS OF CHICAGO STUDENTS



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"In a time where I was unmotivated, felt isolated, and alone, Ms. Estrada (my CIS Student Supports Manager) taught me that I can trust others and that I can trust myself. Having her around to listen to me, encourage me, and teach me new skills helped me to become a better and healthier person. I know that I can do great things in the future and I can follow my dreams."

**– Jaylin, a CIS student**



"For some people, their house is not their home. For some (people), school can be their home. Having someone like Ms. Bajzek (my CIS Student Supports Manager) can make school a home for a lot of students, and it's important to have somewhere that feels like that."

**– Adamaris, a CIS student**

## CIS OF CHICAGO PARTNERS



"(CIS) increases our ability to bring arts programming and education to more Chicago students and schools in underserved neighborhoods."

**– Culture Shock Chicago,  
a CIS community partner**



"CIS of Chicago has afforded our scholars numerous ways to use the city of Chicago as a classroom, to employ conflict resolution skills, enrich their talents and skills, and nurture their engagement in school."

**– Principal Tamara Davis,  
Herzl Elementary School,  
a CIS school partner**

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