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

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School Partners: 2023-24

Acero Charter Schools – Brighton Park
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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 School
J.W. von Goethe Elementary School
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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 School
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 School
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
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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
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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
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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

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
Riveredge 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
WTWW11/98.7wfmt
YWCA Metropolitan Chicago

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

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
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Joffrey Ballet
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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
Cranes 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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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

78,000 students
Chicago students supported on their path to graduation

2,250 students
supports connected to students, provided by our strong network of community partners

1,620 students
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In the Words of Our Students and Partners

CIS OF CHICAGO STUDENTS

"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