



Communities
In Schools®

Chicago





Communities In Schools of Chicago empowers young people to stay in school and achieve in life.

Every Chicago student, regardless of their identity, ability, or zip code, deserves access to resources and opportunity.

Communities In Schools (CIS) of Chicago connects students with essential community programs and resources, and we provide them with tailored, one-on-one support that keeps them in school, on the path to success.

Our work relies on strong, consistent partnership. We build relationships with students and families, school and community partners, supporters, and each other to create positive, lasting impact for tens of thousands of Chicago public-school students.

Because of CIS, students are more likely to come to school, stay in school, and graduate. Because of CIS, students have the resources and opportunities they need to achieve.

This school year, our team is present in 250 Chicago public schools, nearly 40 percent of the entire school district.

OUR CORE VALUES

Impact Relationships Social Justice Integrity



CIS of Chicago has supported the city's students since 1988 – for nearly four decades.

More than ever, the work we do matters.

Today's students experience many challenges that affect their ability to come to school and stay in school.

Since the pandemic, chronic absenteeism has risen to nearly 40 percent. This means that two out of five students missed at least 18 days of school during the 2024-25 school year.

More than 70 percent of Chicago public-school students are economically disadvantaged. In addition, the state of youth mental health continues to remain concerning with more than 40 percent of Chicago high school students experiencing symptoms of depression.

CIS of Chicago responds to these challenges by providing an integrated, yet tailored, approach. We partner with schools, teachers, community organizations, families, and the students themselves to propel young people on the path to graduation.

We invite you to learn more about our two proven programs and our positive impact.

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, and grades



Long-Term Outcomes

- Reduce dropout and increase graduation
- Help students develop lifelong skills

Aspirational Vision:

**Each and every public-school student in Chicago
graduates from high school prepared to succeed.**





Partnership Program

The Partnership Program is our whole-school approach. It connects students at each of our 250 school partners with essential programs and resources provided by our vast network of community partners. Supports are equitable and inclusive, addressing the specific needs of 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 2025, principals and other school leaders were asked about the impact of CIS of Chicago's partnership.

100% of respondents said that CIS of Chicago allows them to:

- **Access more needed services**
- **Connect with high-quality programs and opportunities**
- **And better identify and address student needs**



Intensive Program

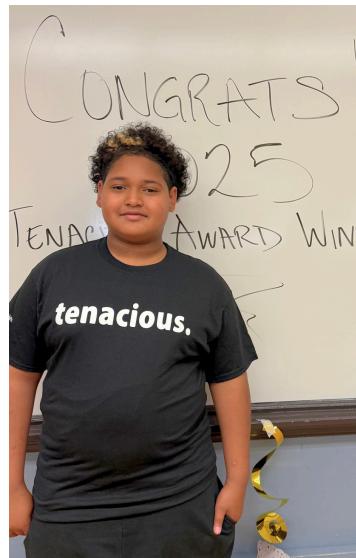
The Intensive Program is our individual-student approach. It embeds a CIS of Chicago team member in 40 of our 250 partner schools to provide direct, individualized support to students who need it most.

CIS school-based team members meet with students, one-on-one and in groups. They help students set goals around their attendance, behavior, grades, or social and emotional skills, and they give students the tools they need to make progress on their goals.

Since the 2018-19 school year, CIS of Chicago has provided more than 9,000 students with ongoing intensive support.

Case-managed students achieved the following outcomes:

- <1% of students dropped out
- 95% of seniors graduated
- 98% percent of PreK-11th graders were promoted to the next grade



School Partners: 2025-26

CIS of Chicago partners with 250 public schools across the city. Schools are selected through an application and interview process that lays the foundation for long-term success.

Aero Charter Schools – Brighton Park

Aero Charter Schools – Marquez

Aero Charter Schools – Rufino Tamayo

Aero Charter Schools – SPC Daniel

Zizumbo*

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

John C. Burroughs Elementary School*

Daniel R. Cameron Elementary

Marvin Camras Elementary School

Lázaro Cárdenas Elementary

Rachel Carson Elementary

George Washington Carver 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 – Longwood*

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

James Farmer Jr. 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. Haugen Magnet 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
Horace Mann Elementary School*
John Marshall Metropolitan High School
Roswell B. Mason Elementary School
Stephen T. Mather High School
Benjamin E. Mays Academy
Francis M. McKay Elementary School*
Genevieve Melody Elementary
Minnie Miñoso Academy
Arnold Mireles Elementary 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
Mount Vernon Elementary School*
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
Alfred Nobel Elementary School
Noble – Butler College Prep
Noble – DRW College Prep
Noble – Gary Comer College Prep
Noble – ITW David Speer Academy*
Noble – John and Eunice Johnson College Prep*
Noble – Mansueto High School
Noble – UIC College Prep
North Lawndale College Prep
William B. Ogden Elementary School
Ogden International High School
Isabelle C. O'Keeffe Elementary 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

William H. Seward Communications Arts Academy*

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

South Shore Fine Arts Academy*

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

John Greenleaf Whittier Elementary School*

Carter G. Woodson South Elementary School

Emiliano Zapata Elementary Academy

*Indicates new partner schools for 2025-26.

Bolded font indicates an Intensive Program site.



CIS of Chicago serves students and families in 64 of 77 community areas across the city.

Orange pins on map are Intensive Program sites, and blue pins are Partnership Program sites.

Community Partners: 2024-25

CIS of Chicago works with a network of more than 200 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.

These organizations are committed to joining us in supporting the academic, social-emotional, physical, and mental well-being of Chicago students.

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

Adler Planetarium
American Writers Museum
Argonne National Laboratory
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago
Chicago Blackhawks
Chicago Innovation Foundation
Chicago Public Library Harold Washington Branch*
Chicago Public Library Manning Branch
Chicago Wolves
Cook County Farm Bureau
Creating Pathways & Access for Student Success*
Dolores Kohl Education Foundation
Educate. Radiate. Elevate.
Forest Preserves of Cook County
Friends of the Children Chicago
Girls Who Code
Griffin Museum of Science and Industry
Her Rising Initiative*
International TEFL Academy*
Ladies of Virtue (LOV)*
Math Circles of Chicago
Mercy Home for Boys and Girls*
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
Midtown Metro Achievement Centers*
National Campaign to Stop Violence
Northwestern University Brain Awareness Outreach*
Open Books
Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum
Plant Chicago
Pro Football Hall of Fame
Project OneTen*
Rang*

Reading In Motion*
Science Olympiad
Shedd Aquarium
SitStayRead
SparkShop
Supplies for Dreams
Tutoring Chicago

ARTS AND CULTURE

Albany Park Theater Project
Art Encounter
Art Institute of Chicago
Artists in Public Schools
Auditorium Theatre
Chicago Architecture Center
Chicago Blues Revival*
Chicago Children's Theatre
Chicago Jazz Philharmonic
Chicago Opera Theater
Chicago Philharmonic
Classical Music Chicago
CSO/Negaunee Music Institute
Culture Shock Dance Chicago
Ensemble Espanol
Goodman Theatre
Guitars Over Guns
Haitian American Museum of Chicago
Joffrey Ballet
Lookingglass Theatre Company
Lyric Opera of Chicago
Marwen
Museum of Contemporary Art
Music of the Baroque
Natyra Dance Theatre
Northeastern Illinois University Dance*
Northlight Theatre
Old Town School of Folk Music
Pegasus Theatre Chicago

ARTS AND CULTURE (CONTINUED)

People's Center for Cultural and Contemporary Arts
Raven Theatre*
Smart Museum of Art
Steppenwolf Theatre Company
Visceral Dance Chicago
WFMT Bach to School
Writers Theatre
You Are A Star/StarDreamers Storytellers
Young Chicago Authors
Crossing Borders Music
Wellness4Every1

BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

Anixter*
Athletes for Hope*
Box United*
Center for Conflict Resolution
Center on Halsted
Chicago Children's Advocacy Center
Chicago Survivors
Children's Research Triangle*
Chiro One
Common Sense Education
Cook County State's Attorney
CTS Health
Elizabeth Tawose Productions
Erika's Lighthouse
Gabriel's Light*
Gilda's Club Chicago
Greater Chatham Initiative
GRO Community
Guardian Lane
HAP Foundation
HEART
Her Rising Initiative*
Hope for the Day
Humanity Rising
Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center
Imagination Theater
International Children's Media Center
K.W.O.E. Foundation
Mujeres Latinas en Acción
NAMI Chicago
Narrative 4
National Campaign to Stop Violence
No Shame On U*
Once Upon Our Time Capsule
ParenTeach Institute*
Phoenix Clinic Chicago

Pickles Group
Pilsen Wellness Center*
Rainbows for All Children
Safe Families for Children
SGA Youth & Family Services
T.R.A.P. Violence
The Anti-Cruelty Society
The Anti-Defamation League
The Encompassing Center*
The Grace Network
The Legacy Project
The Lola Foundation*
The Peace Exchange
The Schools Group
University of Illinois Chicago*
University of Illinois Extension
White Sox
Willow House
YWCA Metropolitan Chicago

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

ACE Mentor Chicago*
Ahead Academy*
Argonne National Laboratory
Black Fire Brigade*
Bottom Line
Bright Financial Literacy*
Bronzeville Children's Museum
CareerSpring
Chicago Area Health Education Center
Chicago Debates
Chicago Fire Department
Chicago History Museum
Chicago Scholars*
Chicago State University*
Civic Leadership Foundation
Cook County Farm Bureau
Credit Abuse Resistance Education (CARE)
Crossing Borders Music
DePaul University Athletics
Everfi*
Federal Bureau of Investigation - Chicago*
Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
Fifth Third Bank
Future Founders Foundation
HAP Foundation
Illinois Green Alliance
Junior Achievement of Chicago
Ladder Up
Lumity*
Malcolm X College*
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
Midtown Metro Achievement Centers*

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS (CONTINUED)

Morningstar
Multiple Community Partners
My Block, My Hood, My City*
Olive-Harvey City College*
Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals
Pulitzer Center
Roadtrip Nation
Roosevelt University*
Teens Take on Climate*
The Anti-Cruelty Society
University of Chicago Admissions
University of Chicago Basketball
Wintrust Bank*
Women Employed*

FUNDAMENTAL NEEDS

Alice's Kids
Betsy's Blankets
CarePortal*
Chicago Department of Public Health
Common Pantry*
Cradles to Crayons
Her Drive Co
Jesse White Foundation*
Legal Aid Chicago*
Moran Center*
mRelief*
Multiple Community Partners
National Immigrant Justice Center*
Nourishing Hope
Safe Families for Children
Soles4Souls
The Grace Network
The Period Collective
Working In The Schools (WITS)



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

&Rise
Ageless Eyecare
Alternatives Inc.*
American Red Cross of Greater Chicago
Between Friends
Black Fire Brigade*
Candor Health Education
Caron Treatment Centers
Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation
Chicago Blackhawks
Chicago Children's Advocacy Center

Chicago Department of Public Health
Chicago Department of Transportation
Chicago Fire Department
Chicago Fire FC
Chicago Police Department
Chicago Run
Chicago Wolves
Chicago Women's Health Center
Colgate Bright Smiles Bright Futures
Common Threads
Cook County Farm Bureau
Crate Free USA
Delta Dental of Illinois
Domestic Violence Outreach
Fit Kids
Girls in the Game
Haymarket Center
Imagination Theater
Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
M.A.D.E. Foundation*
Metropolitan Family Services
Northwestern RADAR*
OneSight
Planned Parenthood of Illinois
Resilience
Respiratory Health Association
Rush University Medical Center
Sarah's Inn
Selah Freedom
Square One
University of Illinois Extension
Wellness4Every1

*Indicates community partners new to the CIS of Chicago network in 2024-25.



Our Accomplishments in 2024-25

In the 2024-25 school year, our CIS of Chicago team stood alongside young people, supported them, and created opportunities with them to invest in their well-being, make healthy decisions, and succeed in school and in life. We:

**Supported
83,601
Chicago
students**



**Furnished
19,920
families with
essential needs
items**

**Connected
2,895
programs and
services to schools**



**Served
1,561
targeted students
with counseling
and guidance**



**Partnered with
239
Chicago Public
Schools**

**Linked
220
community
organizations to
schools**

Our team also continued providing **Youth Mental Health First Aid** in the 2024-25 school year. The course equipped 185 teachers, partners, and other caring adults with the tools to recognize and respond to young people experiencing mental health distress.



Our Goals in 2025-26

	87,000 Chicago students supported on their path to graduation	
	3,000 supports connected to students, provided by CIS community partners	
	1,700 students receiving intensive services from a CIS team member	
	250 schools benefitting from resource connection and tailored support	
	220 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

CIS of Chicago's two-program model allows the team to tailor our work, school by school, student by student.

At Rowe Elementary School on the Northwest Side, our CIS Student Supports Manager Jacob built relationships with school leaders, teachers, and parents to hear how he could best support students.

One priority for Rowe was safety education and emergency preparedness. The school had just moved K-3 students to a new building located on a street with heavy traffic. In response, Jacob connected all second-grade classes with the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT), one of CIS' community partners

Through CIS' relationship with CDOT, Jacob was able to ensure that Rowe received the full benefit of their programs and services. CDOT's SAFE Ambassadors came to Rowe for a classroom lesson on walking safety, and they came back to the school for an outdoor experiential walking tour so the students could apply their knowledge.

Jacob then reinforced the experience through his individual support at Rowe. He met with students on his caseload and empowered them to continue working towards their own goals for developing lifelong skills and staying in school.





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