Charter and Contract Elementary Schools

The schools listed below are still accepting applications for September 2010. Each school has its own application, requirements, and selection procedures. Contact the schools directly for more information.

Academy for Global Citizenship
http://www.agcchicago.org

4647 W. 47th St. P: 773-582-1100
Chicago, IL 60633 F: 773-582-1101
2010-2011 grade levels: K-3 (K-8 at capacity) Year Opened: Fall 2008
The Academy for Global Citizenship (AGC) empowers students to positively impact the community and world beyond. In pursuit of this mission, AGC is committed to serving the whole child, modeling academic excellence, developing inquirers, cultivating international awareness, fostering environmental stewardship and facilitating collaboration within the community.

Amandla Charter School
http://amandlacharterschool.org

6800 S. Stewart Ave. P: 773-535-7150
Chicago, IL 60621 F: 773-535-7151
2010-2011 grade levels: 5- 6 (5-12 at capacity) Year Opened: Fall 2008
Amandla Charter School is a middle-high school offering a college preparatory option in the Englewood community. It is a non-selective school and open to all, regardless of test scores or prior academic performance.

ASPIRA Charter School (at Haugan)
http://haugan.aspirail.org

3729 W. Leland Ave. P: 773-252-0970 ext. 555
Chicago, IL 60625 F: 773-267-3568
2010-2011 grade levels: 6-8 Year Opened: Fall 2005
The mission of the Haugan Middle School Campus is to provide a small school environment that will prepare middle-school students to meet the challenges of a high school college-preparatory curriculum. Through a technology-rich, student-centered, project-based curriculum, students will build academic and real world skill, and become successful and productive life long learners.

Barbara A. Sizemore Academy of Betty Shabazz International Charter School
www.bsics.net/index.html

6936 S. Hermitage Ave. P: 773-535-9144
Chicago, IL 60636 F: 773-779-5668
2010-2011 grade levels: K-6 (K-8 at capacity) Year Opened: Fall 2005
Barbara A. Sizemore Academy (BASA) provides a rigorous and culturally relevant program using African-centered themes that integrate social skills and traditional values and improves competencies in reading, oral and written language, math, science and technology and the arts.

Catalyst Charter School - Howland
http://www.catalystschools.org

1616 S. Spaulding Ave. P: 773-534-1753
Chicago, IL 60623 F: 773-534-1727
2010-2011 grade levels: K-8 Year Opened: Fall 2006
Catalyst schools serve as catalysts for transforming inner-city communities by developing highly educated, concerned, committed citizens of character who understand their role as agents for change within their communities. Catalyst schools strive to awaken minds and hearts to life, love and knowledge, so that young people and their families in underserved communities are further empowered to determine their destinies.

Chicago International Charter School - Lloyd Bond Campus
http://www.chicagointl.org

13300 S. Langley Ave. P: 773-468-1300
Chicago, IL 60827 F: 773-253-0988
2010-2011 grade levels: K-8 Year Opened: Fall 2009
The Chicago International Charter School (CICS) is a multi-campus charter school run by the Chicago Charter School Foundation (CCSF). CCSF's mission is to operate K-12 charter schools that provide a rigorous, college-preparatory education to every student, thereby bringing innovation, choice, and competition to education in Chicago.

Chicago Mathematics and Science Academy (CMSA) Charter School
http://www.cmsaonline.net

7212 N. Clark St. P: 773-761-8960
Chicago, IL 60626 F: 773-761-8961
2010-2011 grade levels: 6-12 Year Opened: Fall 2004
The goal of CMSA is to prepare students for college by creating an effective learning environment of high expectations and standards through a rigorous curriculum focusing on math, science, and technology. CMSA's higher expectations and standards are reflected in its graduation requirements, promotion, and discipline policies. CMSA students take writing, ACT prep, and AP classes, in addition to a wide array of electives.

Chicago Virtual Charter School
http://www.k12.com/cvcs

38 S. Peoria St. P: 312-267-4486
Chicago, IL 60607 F: 312-267-4489
2010-2010 grade levels: K-12 Year Opened: Fall 2006
Chicago Virtual Charter School offers a mastery-based curriculum that matches a rigorous core curriculum with students' abilities delivered virtually and face-to-face. Families commit to play a significant role in their children's education. Students at CVCS spend the majority of their school day working virtually using the technology and materials provided to them by the school. Certified teachers work with students and parents in the learning process.

Erie Elementary Charter School
http://www.eriecharterschool.org

2510 W. Cortez St. P: 773-486-7161
Chicago, IL 60622 F: 773-486-7234
2010-2011 grade levels: K-5 Year Opened: Fall 2005
Erie Elementary Charter School (EECS) is a community where students, parents, and staff work together in true partnership to develop children who are confident in their culture and ethnic origin; are bi-literate in Spanish and English; achieve academic excellence; and are firmly placed on a path to higher education. EECS is a place where staff and teachers reflect and respect the diversity of the student body and where participation and input of students and their families are considered essential.

Frazier Preparatory Academy
http://www.frazierprep.org

4027 W. Grenshaw St. P: 773-534-6776
Chicago, IL 60624 F: 773-534-6778
2010-2011 grade levels: PreK-8 Year Opened: Fall 2007
Frazier Preparatory Academy's rigorous and engaging education model features the highly regarded Paragon curriculum in which students learn how the essential challenges of life today have been and continue to be faced by people throughout the world; and how our essential ideas, knowledge, institutions, systems, and material effects have been developed in response to those challenges across the ages of recorded history.

Garfield Park Preparatory Academy
http://www.garfieldparkprep.com

3250 W. Monroe St. P: 773-534-0835
Chicago, IL 60624 F: 773-534-0836
2010-2011 grade levels: K-4 (K-8 at capacity) Year Opened: Fall 2009
Garfield Park Preparatory establishes strong academic foundations for children in East Garfield Park to prepare them for successful secondary and post-secondary experiences. This will be accomplished through state-of-the-art educational practices that include individualized teaching, research-based curricula, and data-driven instruction; the full integration of community supports through established partnerships; and a culture of high academic achievement.

Hope Institute Learning Academy
http://www.hopeinstitutelearningacademy.org

1628 W. Washington Blvd. P: 773-534-7405
Chicago, IL 60612 F: 773-534-7623
2010-2011 grade levels: K-3 (K-5 at capacity) Year Opened: Fall 2009
Hope is built on the philosophy and model of Maximum Benefit: that all students, regardless of learning style, socioeconomic background, or disability are supported to achieve optimally. This includes a focus on personalized education, experiential learning, research-based curriculum and instruction, data-driven decision making, and the effective deployment of resources and personnel in order for all students to achieve Maximum Benefit.

KIPP Ascend Charter School
http://www.kippascend.org

1616 S. Avers Ave. P: 773-521-4399
Chicago, IL 60623 F: 773-521-4766
2010-2011 grade levels 5-8 (PreK-8 at capacity) Year Opened: Fall 2003
The team at KIPP Ascend is guided by a simple, yet powerful mission: to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and character traits required to succeed in top-quality high schools, universities, and the competitive world beyond. At KIPP Ascend Charter School, we "climb the mountain" to college! (Spaces currently available in kindergarten and grade 5 only.)

L.E.A.R.N. Charter School - 2009 Campus
http://www.learncharter.org

212 S. Francisco Ave. P: 773-826-0370
Chicago, IL 60612 F: 773-826-0109
2010-2011 grade levels: K-4 (K-8 at capacity) Year Opened: Fall 2009
The L.E.A.R.N. - 2009 Campus objective is to ensure that effective student-centered instruction is provided daily, in a resource-rich environment, where students receive a high level of attention and support. For example, each LEARN scholar will receive individualized instruction (small groups, one-on-one) at his/her instructional level regardless of grade level.

L.E.A.R.N. Charter School - Excel Campus
http://www.learncharter.org

2401 W. Congress Pkwy. P: 312-243-7001
Chicago, IL 60612 F: 312-432-1180
2010-2011grade levels: K-4 (K-8 at capacity) Year Opened: Fall 2008
L.E.A.R.N. Charter prepares its students to be self-reliant, contributing citizens of tomorrow in a nurturing environment today. L.E.A.R.N.'s curriculum is framed within the core knowledge program to infuse cultural and practical themes into learning. L.E.A.R.N. provides innovations such as small class size and an extended school day and year. (Spaces currently available in grades K-2 only.)

Legacy Charter School
http://www.legacycharterschool.org

4217 W. 18th St. P: 773-542-1640
Chicago, IL 60623 F: 773-542-1699
2010-2011 grade levels: PreK-7 (K-8 at capacity)Year Opened: Fall 2005
Legacy Charter School is an outstanding center for teaching and learning for children and families that recognizes and nurtures the full potential of every child, provides a foundation for a college education, and educates students to be creative and critical thinkers and responsible citizens in school, at home, and in the broader community.

Passages Charter School
http://www.passagescharterschool.org

1643 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. P: 773-433-3530
Chicago, IL 60660 F: 773-769-3229
2010-2011 grade levels: K-7 Year Opened: Fall 2001
Passages Charter School students love to learn. They work in small, cooperative groups, and project-based learning is an important and exciting part of the curriculum. As students study one continent and then another, covering every part of the world over a two year cycle, they draw on the vast cultural resources of our ethnically diverse families. (Students are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.)

Perspectives Charter School - Calumet Middle School Campus
http://www.perspectivescs.org

8131 S. May St. P: 773-358-6300
Chicago, IL 60620 F: 773-358-6399
2010-2011 grade levels: 7-8 Year Opened: Fall 2007
Calumet Middle School, where scholarship and "A Disciplined Life" shape futures, is a school that offers an academically rigorous curriculum coupled with an emphasis on community action, healthy lifestyle, and social and emotional well-being. Graduates of the Calumet Middle School are high school ready, college-bound, social activists, and future leaders.

Perspectives Charter School - IIT Math and Science Academy Campus
http://www.perspectivescs.org

3663 S. Wabash Ave. P: 773-358-6800
Chicago, IL 60653 F: 773-358-6055
09-10 grade levels: 6 – 11 (6-12 at capacity)Year Opened: Fall 2008
Perspectives prioritizes academic rigor, high achievement, and a "college for certain" environment. We grow educators, engage parents as partners, and connect students to the community. The Perspectives unique character building curriculum called, "A Disciplined Life" underlies the school's efforts to address students as a whole person and provides them with skills that will support their transition to higher education and beyond.

Perspectives Charter School - Rodney D. Joslin Campus
http://www.perspectivescs.org

1930 S. Archer Ave. P: 312-225-7400
Chicago, IL 60616 F: 312-225-7411
2010-2011 grade levels: 6-12 Year Opened: Fall 1997
Perspectives prioritizes academic rigor, high achievement, and a "college for certain" environment. We grow educators, engage parents as partners, and connect students to the community. The Perspectives unique character building curriculum called, "A Disciplined Life" underlies the school's efforts to address students as a whole person and provides them with skills that will support their transition to higher education and beyond. (Space available in all grades except grade 8.)

Plato Learning Academy
http://www.plato-academy.org

5545 W. Harrison St. P: 773-413-3090
Chicago, IL 60644 F: 773-413-3095
2010-2011 grade levels: K-7 (K-8 at capacity) Year Opened: Fall 2008
Plato Learning Academy is a school which prides itself on its motto: "Working Collaboratively, Thinking Critically, Achieving Academically." Plato offers a rigorous curriculum, high standards, and a safe, disciplined environment. Plato Learning Academy is committed to excellence in the teachers and the instructional methods utilized.

Providence Englewood Charter School - Bunche Campus
http://www.pecs.k12.il.us

6515 S. Ashland Ave. P: 773-434-0202
Chicago, IL 60636 F: 773-434-0196
2010-2011 grade levels: K-8 Year Opened: Fall 2006
Providence Englewood's mission is to provide a proven, effective foundation for college preparatory education to urban students who otherwise would not have this opportunity. The school shares a singular focus on its college preparatory goal, with values embedded in the belief that education for college leads to lifelong achievement and success. It is grounded on four pillars of success: Expectations, Accountability, Curriculum, and Instruction. (Space available in all grades except grade 8.)

UNO Charter School - SPC Daniel Zizumbo Campus
http://www.unocharterschools.org

4248 W. 47th St. P: 773-579-3470
Chicago, IL 60632 F: 773-376-5605
2010-2011 grade levels: K-8 Year Opened: Fall 2008
The UNO Charter School Network (UCSN) maintains structured and challenging school environments focused on clearly outlined goals and standards. This philosophy applies not only to students, but to all faculty and staff of the school, who are held to high levels of accountability and performance. (Applications only accepted until April 30th.)

UNO Charter School - PFC Omar E. Torres Campus
http://www.unocharterschools.org

4248 W. 47th St. P: 773-579-3475
Chicago, IL 60632 F: 773-376-5645
2010-2011 grade levels: K-8 Year Opened: Fall 2008
The UNO Charter School Network (UCSN) maintains structured and challenging school environments focused on clearly outlined goals and standards. This philosophy applies not only to students, but to all faculty and staff of the school, who are held to high levels of accountability and performance. (Applications only accepted until April 30th.)

UNO Charter School - Bartolomé de las Casas Campus
http://www.unocharterschools.org

1641 W. 16th St. P: 312-432-3224
Chicago, IL 60608 F: 312-432-1066
2010-2011 grade levels: K-8 Year Opened: Fall 2006
The UNO Charter School Network (UCSN) maintains structured and challenging school environments focused on clearly outlined goals and standards. This philosophy applies not only to students, but to all faculty and staff of the school, who are held to high levels of accountability and performance.

UNO Charter School - Carlos Fuentes Campus
http://www.unocharterschools.org

2845 W. Barry Ave. P: 773-279-9826
Chicago, IL 60618 F: 773-279-9852
2010-2011 grade levels: K-8 Year Opened: Fall 2006
UNO - Carlos Fuentes Campus, implements a curriculum that sets high expectations and provides individualized monitoring. The curriculum includes balanced reading instruction in all grades to ensure that all students master the fundamental skills for success in later grades. Students develop math skills through Saxon Mathematics and gain support through computer-evaluated accelerated math and reading programs. (Applications only accepted until April 30th.)

UNO Charter School - Octavio Paz Intermediate Campus
http://www.unocharterschools.org

2317 W. 23rd Pl. P: 773-890-1054
Chicago, IL 60608 F: 773-890-1069
2010-2011 grade levels: K-8 Year Opened: Fall 1998
The UNO Charter School Network (UCSN) maintains structured and challenging school environments focused on clearly outlined goals and standards. This philosophy applies not only to students, but to all faculty and staff of the school, who are held to high levels of accountability and performance. (Applications only accepted until April 30th.)

UNO Charter School - Octavio Paz Primary Campus
http://www.unocharterschools.org

2317 W. 23rd Pl. P: 773-890-1054
Chicago, IL 60608 F: 773-890-1069
2010-2011 grade levels: K-3 Year Opened: Fall 1998
The UNO Charter School Network (UCSN) maintains structured and challenging school environments focused on clearly outlined goals and standards. This philosophy applies not only to students, but to all faculty and staff of the school, who are held to high levels of accountability and performance. (Applications only accepted until April 30th.)

UNO Charter School - Officer Donald Marquez Campus
http://www.unocharterschools.org

2916 W. 47th St. P: 773-321-2200
Chicago, IL 60632 F: 773-321-2250
2010-2011 grade levels: K-3 Year Opened: Fall 2007
The UNO - Officer Donald Marquez campus provides a disciplined environment with high academic expectations and intensive English instruction. The curriculum helps students master fundamental literacy and develop math skills to enter Chicago's best high schools. (Applications only accepted until April 30th.)

UNO Charter School - Rufino Tamayo Campus
http://www.unocharterschools.org

5135 S. California Ave. P: 773-434-6355
Chicago, IL 60632 F: 773-434-5036
2010-2011 grade levels: K-3 Year Opened: Fall 2005
UNO-Rufino Tamayo Campus implements a curriculum that sets high expectations and provides individualized monitoring. The curriculum includes standards-based instruction that ensures all students master fundamentals for success in later grades. Students develop math skills through Saxon Mathematics and gain support through computer-evaluated accelerated math programs. Tamayo uses Structured English Immersion in place of bilingual instruction. (Applications only accepted until April 30th.)