

Charter and Contract High Schools

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

Architecture, Construction, and Engineering (ACE) Technical Charter School

<http://www.acetechnical.org>

5410 S. State St. P: 773-548-8705
Chicago, IL 60609 F: 773-548-8706
Grades 9-12 Year Opened: Fall 2004

ACE Tech aims to increase the number of urban, low-income, and minority youth who enter postsecondary educational opportunities within the architecture, construction, and engineering professions after high school graduation.

ASPIRA Charter School - Early College

<http://aec.aspirail.org>

3986 W. Barry Ave. P: 773-252-0970
Chicago, IL 60618 F: 773-267-3568
Grades 9-12 Year Opened: Fall 2007

ASPIRA opened in fall 2007 as the third ASPIRA School Campus. Its mission is to provide a high quality secondary education, leading to a high school diploma and dual enrollment/early college opportunities for Chicago's at-risk youth. Through a partnership with Northeastern Illinois University, ASPIRA Early College offers students the opportunity to earn a high school diploma as well as college credits. Contact the school to meet with an academic advisor and fill out an application.

Austin Business and Entrepreneurship Academy

<http://www.abeacademy.org>

231 N. Pine Ave. P: 773-534-6316
Chicago, IL 60644 F: 773-534-6267
Grades 9-12 Year Opened: Fall 2006

Founded by the Westside Ministers Coalition in partnership with American Quality Schools, the Austin Business and Entrepreneurship Academy is a school of high standards providing students with a strong academic foundation, business knowledge, social skills, and practical experiences to enable them to pursue economic opportunity for themselves and create economic opportunity for the Austin community.

Chicago High School for the Arts

<http://www.chiarts.org/site>

3200 S. Calumet Ave. P: 773-534-9710
Chicago, IL 60616 F: 773-534-9720
Grades 9-10 (9-12 at capacity) Year Opened: Fall 2009

The Chicago High School for the Arts (ChiArts) provides a diverse population of artistically gifted Chicago high school students with intensive pre-professional training in the arts, combined with a comprehensive college preparatory academic curriculum. ChiArts is a leader in artistic and academic innovation, and collaborates with and provides access to the world-class artistic and intellectual resources of Chicago's arts and higher education institutions. Currently, the school is especially interested in students with talent in instrumental music.

Chicago Talent Development

<http://www.ctdhs.net>

223 N. Keeler Ave. P: 773-534-0845
Chicago, IL 60624 F: 773-534-0846
Grade 9-10 (9-12 at capacity) Year Opened: Fall 2009

Chicago Talent Development High School will realize the vision of a respectful, caring, and motivating learning community that challenges all students and adults to develop their unique gifts and talents and realize their highest academic and human potential. The mission of Chicago Talent Development High School is to graduate all students prepared for success in college, career, and civic life.

Chicago Virtual Charter School

<http://www.k12.com/cvcs>

38 S. Peoria St. P: 312-267-4486
Chicago, IL 60607 F: 312-267-4489
Grades 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.

Community Services West Academy

<http://www.cps.edu/Schools/Pages/school.aspx?unit=1225>

1239 S. Pulaski Rd. P: 773-522-5133
Chicago, IL 60623 F: 773-522-5250
Grades 9-12 Year Opened: Fall 2008

CSW Career Academy is the first high school of its kind in the city of Chicago, providing students with a career choice in Culinary Arts and provisions for paid internships while transitioning to the world of work and/or continuing post secondary pursuits for a degree in the Culinary Arts. Students learn to earn as they expand their life options. The school accepts students between the ages of 16-21 who have at least 10 high school credits.

DuSable Leadership Academy of Betty Shabazz International Charter School

<http://bsics.net/index.html>

4934 S. Wabash Ave. P: 773-535-1170
Chicago, IL 60615 F: 773-535-1912
Grades 9-12 Year Opened: Fall 2005

DuSable Leadership Academy Charter High School (DLA) is a college preparatory, African-centered high school. It offers a rigorous college preparatory curriculum which provides students with positive cultural content. Technology infusion is the hallmark of instruction at DLA, and all classrooms are Internet accessible.

Henry Ford Academy: Power House High Charter School

<http://www.powerhousehigh.org>

931 S. Homan Ave. P: 773-533-7600
Chicago, IL 60624 F: 773-533-7601
Grades 9-11 (9-12 at capacity) Year Opened: Fall 2008

Located in the North Lawndale neighborhood on the West Side of Chicago, Henry Ford Academy: Power House High is an exemplary school that prepares all students for college and career success through a proven academic program and community involvement. Power House High's focus includes small school and small class sizes; hands-on, project-based learning experiences; an innovative curriculum and school design; environmental sustainability and green technology; utilization of community resources; and parents as partners.

North Lawndale College Prep Charter School - Christiana Campus

<http://nlcphs.org>

1615 S. Christiana Ave. P: 773-542-1490
Chicago, IL 60623 F: 773-542-1492
Grade 9-12 Year Opened: Fall 1998

North Lawndale College Prep integrates high academic expectations with community service, work experience, and technology education, to encourage and enable students in the North Lawndale community to attend and graduate from college.

North Lawndale College Prep Charter School - Collins Campus

<http://nlcphs.org>

1313 S. Sacramento Dr.
Chicago, IL 60623
Grades 9-12

P: 773-542-6766
F: 773-542-6995
Year Opened: Fall 2007

The North Lawndale College Prep (NLCP) curriculum combines traditional college preparatory academics with community service and work experience. More than 75% of the students live in North Lawndale, while the remainder come from all over Chicago. NLCP believes students require personalized support and is committed to staying small, with a maximum enrollment of 500 students.

Urban Prep Academy for Young Men - East Garfield Park

<http://www.urbanprep.org>

2908 W. Washington Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60612
Grades 9-10 (9-12 at capacity)

P: 773-534-8860
F: 773-534-8914
Year Opened: Fall 2009

Urban Prep's innovative program is based on the four Urban Prep Arcs: Academic Rigor, Activities Participation, Service to the Community, and Professional and College Exposure. Urban Prep connects these arcs to encircle the student with support and a comprehensive education ensuring that all graduates are prepared to succeed in college.

Urban Prep Academy for Young Men Charter School - Englewood Campus

<http://www.urbanprep.org>

6201 S. Stewart Ave.
Chicago, IL 60621
Grades 9-12

P: 773-535-9724
F: 773-535-0012
Year Opened: Fall 2006

Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men is Chicago's first and only charter public school designed for the specific needs of young men. Small class sizes, diverse athletic programs, devoted teachers, positive male role models, a focus on reading, writing, and public speaking, and a comprehensive approach to education will ensure that every graduate is admitted and succeeds in college.

Young Women's Leadership Charter School

<http://www.ywlcs.org>

2641 S. Calumet Ave.
Chicago, IL 60616
Grades 7-12

P: 312-949-9400
F: 312-949-9142
Year Opened: Fall 2000

The Young Women's Leadership Charter School of Chicago inspires urban girls to engage in rigorous college preparatory learning in a small school focused on math, science, and technology that nurtures their self-confidence and challenges them to achieve.

Youth Connection Charter School (YCCS)

<http://www.yccs.org>

10 W. 35th St.
Chicago, IL 60616
Grades 9-12

P: 312-328-0799
F: 312-328-1045
Year Opened: Fall 1997

YCCS offers diversified portfolio of alternative education "choice" campuses for off-track students and out-of-school youth that provide multiple pathways to graduation. YCCS takes an ecological approach to addressing the unique challenges of our students, by providing comprehensive programs that seeks to break the cycle of underachievement of at-risk and high-risk students.