

Collins Academy's Dual Mission

To prepare every student for college, careers and community life and train Chicago's future teachers in a reflective, supportive environment

Collins Academy's Founding Principal

Ten years of classroom teaching experience in English and Language Arts

Three years as assistant principal of school in the Austin community

Principal-in-Residence at Manley Career High School (principal training program through New Leaders for New Schools)

One year principal planning and training at Chicago Academy High School

Collins Academy High School is a non-selective enrollment neighborhood school of choice.

We do not look at grades, test scores or any other performance criteria for admission. All interested students and parents are encouraged to apply.

Student applications will be accepted starting October 27, 2007 for incoming 9th graders only. Completed applications are to be submitted in person by March 14, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. to be considered.

Collins Academy High School is a Chicago Public School operated by the Academy for Urban School Leadership (AUSL). Collins is both a high school and a teacher training site for Chicago's future educators.

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COLLINS ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL



*Rigorous, relevant
learning
for every student
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Preparing Every Student for College, Careers and Community Life

College Prep Curriculum

Graduation Requirements:

English (4 years)

Math (4 years)

Science (4 years)

History (3 years)

Fine Arts (2 years)

Spanish (2 years)

Other courses and activities

Career Exposure:

Work Internships

Job Shadowing

Career Day

Career Fairs

Formal Study

Guest Speakers

School Culture

Consistent Discipline

Early Intervention

Social Support

Hard Work

High Expectations

Respect for All

Teacher Training

Master teachers mentor teacher-trainees (residents) for an entire year.

Residents in turn provide academic assistance and social support for students.

Family & Community Engagement

Effective, regular communication with families and community

Parent & community participation on advisory councils

Family & community presence at bi-weekly assemblies

Parent volunteers

Variety of activities to build school & family partnership

Strategic partnerships with community organizations to serve our students & families

Enrichment Opportunities

Sports

Student Council

Drama

Newspaper

Yearbook

Summer University Programs

Dual Enrollment with Universities

Work Internships

Smaller Learning Communities

Students have the same counselors for 2 years in 9th & 10th Grades (Lower School) and the same counselors in 11th & 12th Grades (Upper School)

Seminar Series taught by advisory teacher including life skills, college preparation, and community service

Bi-weekly assemblies to build school spirit, celebrate core values, and display student work, talent, and accomplishments

