

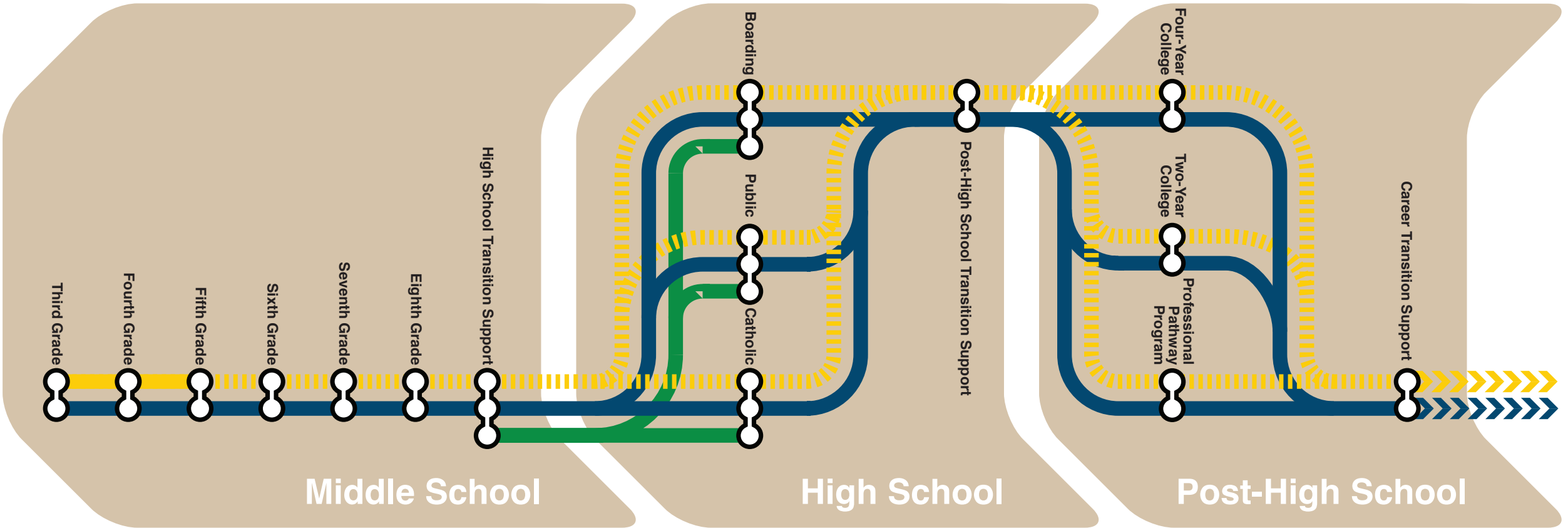


CHICAGO JESUIT ACADEMY






**CJA At A Glance**

# A Long-Term Commitment With A Loving Community



There are as many routes to success as there are students, and we are prepared to accompany our students and alumni however they chart their unique paths to meaningful employment. CJA's relationship with our students and alumni formally spans 17 years, but once a family joins the CJA community, they have the opportunity to be a part of it for life.

-  **Chicago Jesuit Academy Boys' Program**
-  **Chicago Jesuit Academy Girls' Program**
-  **High School Bridge Program**



# Elementary School

At CJA, we believe in *cura personalis* or “care for the whole person” which calls us to provide a loving and academically rigorous education including wrap-around services for every student so they may grow, thrive and develop their many gifts.



## Co-Institutional Model

Single-sex academic classes provide spaces for students to focus without distraction and help create a strong classroom community.



## Student Support Services

Our learning interventionists and speech pathologist provide tailored plans to meet the diverse academic needs of students.



## Healthy Students Program

All students receive a nutritious breakfast, lunch and snack each day and participate in extensive co-curricular activities that promote engaged and active lifestyles.



## Social Work & Nursing

A full-time school nurse and team of social workers support our students' physical and emotional well-being and development.



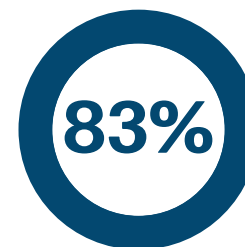
## Co-Teaching Model

Two adults in each classroom ensures faculty can individualize students' learning and build strong relationships across their classrooms.

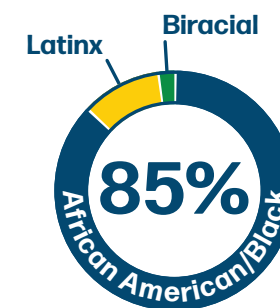


## Extended School Day & Year

CJA's extended school day and 11-month school year includes summer academic and experiential programming for all students.



83% of CJA students live in low-income households as defined by state household and income guidelines.



85% of CJA students identify as African American or Black, 11% as Hispanic or Latinx, and 4% as biracial.



97% of students completed the 2024 school year testing above, on or within one grade of their grade level in Math. 33% of these same students began the year two or more grade levels behind.



# College & Career Persistence

The College & Career Persistence (CP) Team accompanies alumni on their unique paths to meaningful employment, supporting them throughout high school, their post-secondary education and the start of their careers. Our alumni work tirelessly toward their goals alongside the CP team and are always welcomed back as leaders at CJA and in the broader community.



## High School Transition

The CP Team guides students in finding their best-fit high schools, starting with the application and scholarship process. Support continues throughout high school as CP Counselors walk with students to ensure they have the resources they need to persist and succeed.



## Summer Programming

Throughout the summer, alumni work with CP to engage in professional internships and employment opportunities, develop career skills and participate in various summer camps and experiential learning opportunities across the country.



## Post-High School Transition

As alumni consider their post-secondary pathways, CP provides comprehensive resources to ensure they are prepared for their unique paths after high school whether that be college, technical training and certificate programs or immediate workforce entry.



## Career Transition

The CP Team continues to be a strong advocate for alumni as they chart their unique paths toward meaningful employment, supporting their entry into careers that offer forward pathways, individual purpose and financial stability.



## What CJA Alumni Achieve



96% of our alumni have graduated from high school in 4 years vs. 67% of Black male CPS students from Chicago's Austin neighborhood.



CJA alumni are 7.3 times more likely to earn a post-secondary credential within six years of graduating from high school than their peers from Austin who attend CPS schools.

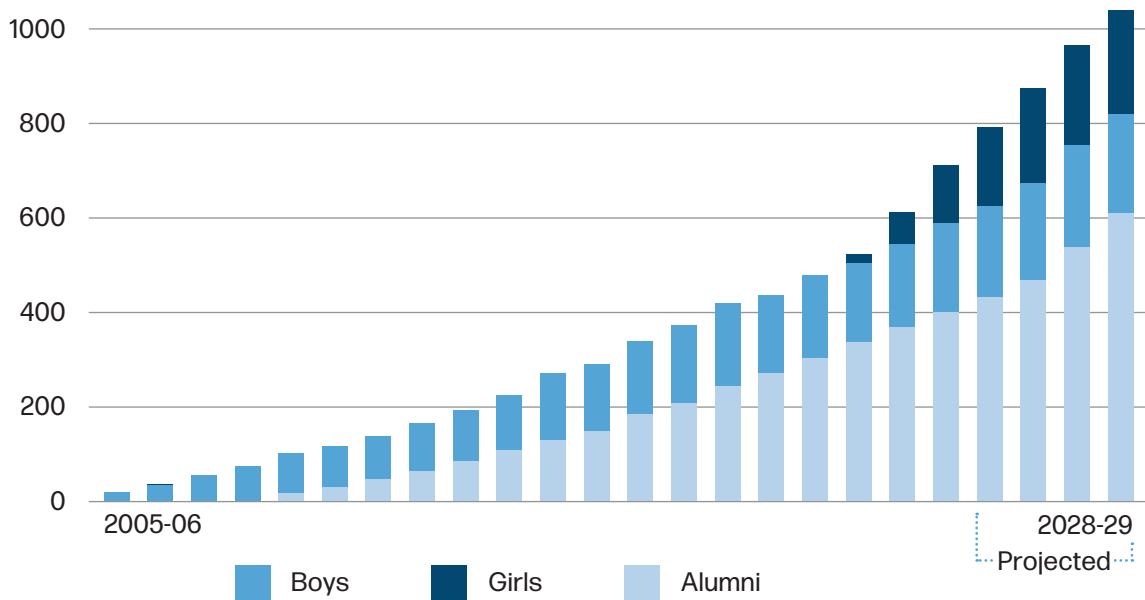




# Our Campus Expansion and Girls' Program

In 2005, we opened our doors as an all-boys school. Over the years, families with sons and daughters shared that navigating multiple school systems was a barrier to enrollment and there were no comparable schools for young women in our communities. In response to this need, we underwent a two-year, 50,000-square-foot campus expansion and enrolled our inaugural class of 3rd- and 4th-grade girls in the summer of 2021. We are currently enrolling a new grade of girls each year and, in school year 2027-28, we will serve both young men and women in grades 3 through 8. At that time, we will have doubled our enrollment to serve a total of 426 students and 535 alumni across our school community.

## CJA Students and Alumni, 2005-2029





# Scaling Our Impact: High School Bridge

Every child in Chicago has the right to a well-resourced high school education, but the placement process is complicated to navigate alone. High School Bridge (HSB) helps students attending elementary schools in communities impacted by systemic disinvestment find and succeed in their best-fit high schools, creating a strong foundation for post-secondary success and, ultimately, meaningful employment.

HSB accompanies 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th graders and their families as they identify, apply and enroll in a best-fit high school that is accessible geographically and financially, has proven academic and post-secondary success and meets their social-emotional needs. We continue our support of students as they persist through 10th grade, ensuring they have the tools necessary to build a strong foundation through their high school experience.

Students enrolled in a best-fit high school, like those recommended by HSB, are up to six times more likely to earn a college degree than students enrolled in their neighborhood CPS schools.\* Our goal is to support as many students as we can throughout Chicago in achieving these outcomes.

HSB has been growing the number of schools and students we serve since 2018. By the 2026-27 academic year, we will work with 19 partner elementary schools to serve over 2,000 students in finding and enrolling at their best-fit high schools.

\*Data from the University of Chicago's To&Through Project Milestone Tool tracks longitudinal educational outcomes including high school graduation, college enrollment and degree attainment for students who attend CPS public, public charter and selective enrollment high schools.

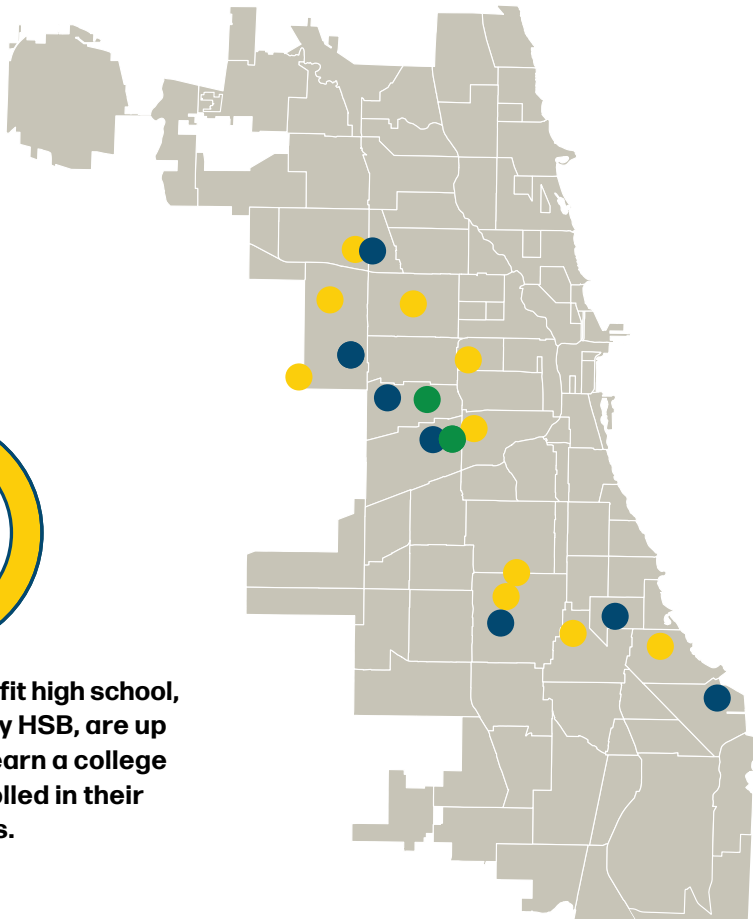


## HSB Partner Schools

- Catholic School
- CPS/Charter School
- Independent School



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### Current and Future Elementary School Partners

#### Catholic Schools

- Academy of St. Benedict the African
- Augustus Tolton Academy
- Maternity BVM
- St. Angela
- St. Ann
- St. Catherine-St. Lucy
- St. Genevieve
- St. Malachy
- St. Philip Neri

#### CPS/Charter Schools

- Chavez MAC
- Daniel Webster Elementary School
- Great Lakes Academy
- Hammond Elementary School
- Morton Elementary School
- Providence Englewood
- Spencer Elementary
- Wadsworth STEM

#### Independent Schools

- Altus Academy
- Holy Family



# Ways to Support

## Scholarship Opportunities

CJA relies entirely on the generosity of others to offer a full-scholarship, college-prep lower and middle school education to students who could not otherwise afford it. By funding a scholarship, you are supporting our students and alumni on their path to becoming leaders in their schools, careers and communities.

## Other Ways To Invest In CJA

### Corporate Giving

Corporate and foundation giving is a critical element to the success of Chicago Jesuit Academy. If you know of a company or foundation that would be interested in supporting our work, please contact CJA.

### Gifts of Securities

Some individuals find significant tax savings by making their gift in the form of appreciated securities. Please contact **Caroline Bourjaily** at **bourjaily@cjacademy.org** for CJA's account and DTC number.

### Legacy Giving

Making a provision in your will or endowing a gift for CJA leaves a legacy that enables us to provide quality education for students on the West Side of Chicago now and into the future.

To read more about planned giving opportunities, please visit **[chicagojesuitacademy.org/plannedgiving](https://chicagojesuitacademy.org/plannedgiving)**.

### Matching Gifts

Your company may have programs that could double or triple your gift to the students of Chicago Jesuit Academy. Many corporations offer matching gift programs to encourage charitable giving among current and retired employees and their spouses.

### Volunteer

Chicago Jesuit Academy depends on the dedication of many volunteers to help care for our students and alumni. Please contact our volunteer coordinator at **Thomas Beckley** **beckley@cjacademy.org** to learn about opportunities at CJA.

### In-Kind Donations

If you are interested in donating goods or services to CJA, please visit our Wish List at **[chicagojesuitacademy.org/support-us/wishlist](https://chicagojesuitacademy.org/support-us/wishlist)**.

If you would like to share additional items or services with us that are not already on our Wish List, please contact **Caroline Bourjaily**.





## Mission

Chicago Jesuit Academy is a loving and academically rigorous tuition-free Catholic elementary school for students and families from resilient communities impacted by historical disinvestment. We accompany our students and alumni from enrollment through the start of their careers as they develop their gifts and grow as men and women for others.

## Means

Located in Austin on Chicago's West Side, CJA admits students to all grades in our lower and middle school without regard for their race, ethnicity or religion, and CJA enrolls 3rd-, 4th- and 5th-grade students without regard for their past levels of academic achievement.

We use small class sizes, extended school days and an 11-month school year to give personal care to our students and help them develop as whole persons.

We accompany our alumni on their unique paths to meaningful employment and support them throughout high school, their post-secondary education and the start of their careers, always welcoming them back as leaders at CJA and in the broader community.

CJA students, alumni, parents, faculty, staff, volunteers and benefactors listen to and learn from one another and make disciplined sacrifices to accomplish our shared mission.

We partner with other schools and the broader community to create access to better educational resources, confront systemic racism and remove obstacles to educational equity.

We call one another to find God in all things and be men and women for others who are open to growth, loving, religious, intellectually competent and committed to doing justice.

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