

Chicago Jesuit Academy
Key Facts for the Class of 2009

We are proud to announce that all of the members of our first graduating class, the Class of 2009, have earned admission to at least one of the following college prep high schools:

Chicago Waldorf School	Latin School of Chicago
Christ the King Jesuit College Prep	Loyola Academy
Culver Military Academy	Saint Ignatius College Prep
Holy Trinity High School	The Thatcher School
North Lawndale College Prep	Walter Payton College Prep

DEMOGRAPHIC SNAPSHOT	
Eligible for free or reduced-price lunch prior to admission	96%
Enduring a unique and extraordinary financial hardship prior to admission	4%
African-American	97%
Latino	3%
Catholic	4%
Lowest academic score (pre-admission)	2 nd percentile
Highest academic score (pre-admission)	99 th percentile
Class of 2009 average progress in Math during 2005-2006 academic year	2.56 grade levels
Class of 2009 average progress in Reading during the 2005-2006 academic year	2.16 grade level

Grade-Level Progress

- At the start of fifth-grade, the students in the Class of 2009 tested on average at a 3.6 grade level in reading. As eighth-graders, these students tested on average at a 10.5 grade level in reading.
- At the start of fifth-grade, the students in the Class of 2009 tested on average at a 3.8 grade level in mathematics. As eighth-graders these students tested at a 10.6 grade level in mathematics.
- In the language arts portion of the Terra Nova Standardized Test, our eighth-graders tested on average at an 11.1 level.
- From the fifth- through the eighth-grade, the Class of 2009 made approximately 7 years of grade-level progress.

Key Components the Jesuit Nativity-Model

- Extended School Day: 7:30AM – 6PM
- Extended School Year: Summer program mandatory for all students
- Small Class Sizes
- Rigorous curriculum that includes: reading, language arts, religious studies, social studies, mathematics, science, Spanish, physical education, fine arts and co-curricular activities including jazz band, baseball, basketball, track, soccer and more.

By the Numbers

- Per-student budget expenditure by Chicago Public Schools (CPS) is \$10,500 each year.¹
- Cost of a student's scholarship at Chicago Jesuit Academy (CJA) is \$12,000 each year.
- Average length of school day at neighborhood CPS school is 6.5 hours.
- Average length of school day at Chicago Jesuit Academy is 10 hours.
- Neighborhood CPS school's months of operation are 9 months.
- CJA months of operation are 11 months.
- Approximate annual savings CJA provides Illinois taxpayers is \$600,000.00 each year.
- Odds of an African American or Latino young man earning a college degree by the age of 25 if he attends a CPS high school² is 3 in 100
- Cost of tuition at Chicago Jesuit Academy Partner High Schools³:
 - Fenwick High School: \$9,850.00/year in 2008-2009
 - Loyola Academy: \$11,300.00/year in 2008-2009
 - St. Ignatius College Prep: \$11,580.00/year in 2008-2009
- On average, each student in the class of 2009 has earned a little over \$45,000 in high school scholarship funds. These funds have been secured through the generosity of their respective high schools and scholarship programs including the Daniel Murphy Scholarship Foundation, LINK and Midtown Feeder Award.

Benefits of a College Prep Education

- College graduates, on average, make \$52,671/year, three times as much as high school dropouts. Over a lifetime, **college graduates can expect to earn \$1.2 million more than dropouts.**⁴
- **Increased Civic Participation:** College graduates are three times more likely to vote than high school dropouts. They are also more likely to volunteer their time and donate blood.⁵
- **Less Crime:** High school dropouts are twice as likely to engage in crime.

¹ Emerald Morrow, "\$340 million deficit leaves CPS pleading with Springfield for help," 14 February 2008

² Consortium on Chicago School Research at the University of Chicago, "From High School to the Future"

³ Partner High Schools have made an institutional commitment to provide any CJA alumni who earn admission to their respective high schools with full financial aid to meet the material needs of CJA families and alumni.

⁴ Alliance for Excellent Education, "The High Cost of HS Dropouts," www.advanceillinois.org

⁵ The College Board, "Education Pays" www.advanceillinois.org

Questions & Answers:

Q: During this economy and in an increasingly competitive fund raising environment, how do we respond to friends' concerns about the cost of a Chicago Jesuit Academy education?

A: Chicago Jesuit Academy deliberately keeps class sizes very small to address the unique learning needs of each student. This individualized attention produces incredible results, and it also increases the cost of educating our students. However as a cost comparison, it is worth noting that a CJA scholarship is only \$12,000 per student. CPS spends \$10,500 per student to provide class sizes that are more than double those found at CJA. The CPS school year is also two months shorter than an Academy school year.

Q: How should we respond to concerns about our revenue model?

*A: Although CJA does not receive a State subsidy like charter schools do, we leverage our benefactors' scholarship investments through our high school partnerships with Fenwick, Loyola and St. Ignatius. Through these strategic partnerships, a \$48,000 four-year scholarship investment yields not only four years of excellent college prep middle-school education, but also four years of outstanding college prep high-school education. Together, this education provides our alumni with a clear path to their high school degree as well as the means to earn admission and scholarships to the college of their choice. A \$48,000 investment thereby secures 12 years of education worth at least \$350,000. **More concretely, every \$1 invested buys \$7 of education that would otherwise be impossible for our students to access.***