



About the school – August 2019

Chicago Math and Science Academy (CMSA) is a public charter school serving Chicago students in grades 6-12. Since 2004, our mission has been to prepare students for college and beyond by creating an effective learning community with high expectations and a rigorous curriculum focused on math, science and technology.

- 185 days of instruction
- 90-minute math and reading classes
- Project Lead the Way Pre-Engineering Courses
- AP College Prep Program
- Award winning robotics program

About our students

The 600 students that attend CMSA live in and around the Rogers Park community. Like many public schools, our students represent our diverse city. 44 different countries are represented at our school.

- Sample demographic : 50% Hispanic, 34% African American, 11% Asian, 4% White
- 94% of students qualify for free or reduced lunch
- 95% of students live within 5 miles

Of significant importance:

High Graduation Rate: 98-100% of our seniors graduate and are accepted into college
CMSA Graduates have an 83% college retention rate which is one of the highest in the City, according to CPS's latest report.

Student Achievement

Chicago Math and Science Academy is *Where Excellence Thrives*. Our goal is to change the trajectory of our students' lives by providing equitable access to unlock the potential of every learner. We do this by maintaining excellent parent and student satisfaction and high staff retention rate while providing an intense, college-focused curriculum to our students. Our students respond to the culture of achievement and high expectations:

- Rated **Level 1+ Excellent School Rating by Chicago Public Schools four years in a row.**
- **#1 Public Charter High School in Illinois** according to News & World Report 3 years in row.
- CMSA among the top 20 schools in Chicago according to September 2019 Chicago Magazine issue.
- *Invest For Kids* Foundation Grant Awardee, 2019
- *Students Actively Integrate Learning (SAIL)* five year federal grant, 2018

Community and parent engagement

We see parents and the community as partners in our students' education. We believe that forging strong relationships benefit students and the community. A snapshot of this engagement work includes:

- Parent programs which include various leadership workshops and community fairs;
- Partnerships include Morningstar Financial, Big Brother Big Sisters, S&C Electric, Brio Skills, Family Bridges/Lazos de Familia, Devon Bank, Rogers Park Business Alliance, Rogers Park Builders Group Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society, Centro Romero, Genesys Works, Howard Area Community Center, North Park University, Loyola University, Northwestern University, Purdue University, University of Illinois Circle Campus, and DePaul University to name a few.

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