



2016 District Academic Progress Report

CPS: Success Starts Here

Chicago Public Schools (CPS) is the third-largest school district in the country, serving 396,000 students in 660 schools in the 2015-2016 school year. Our schools reflect our city's diversity: our students are 46% Hispanic, 39% African-American, 10% White and 4% Asian. 81% of our students are low-income, 17% are English learners and 13% are diverse learners. We are proud of the academic gains all of our students have made, thanks to the dedication of educators, staff, families and partners from across the city of Chicago—and we look forward to building on these trends in the years to come.

Student Outcomes: High School Graduation

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Percent of Students Graduating in 5 years	56.9%	59.3%	62.5%	66.3%	69.9%	73.5%	↑

Progress to Graduation

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
District Attendance Rate (K-12)	91.7%	92.5%	92.5%	93.1%	93.2%	93.4%	↑
Freshmen On-Track to Graduate	69.0%	74.5%	79.8%	82.6%	84.1%	87.4%	↑
One-Year Dropout Rate	11.2%	10.5%	8.4%	8.0%	7.9%	6.8%	↓

Progress in the Classroom

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)*							
NAEP Scale Score Grade 4 - Reading	203	—	206	—	213	—	↑
NAEP Scale Score Grade 8 - Reading	253	—	253	—	257	—	↑
NAEP Scale Score Grade 4 - Math	224	—	231	—	232	—	↑
NAEP Scale Score Grade 8 - Math	270	—	269	—	275	—	↑
Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Measure of Academic Progress (MAP)							
% of Students At/Above National Avg. - Reading	—	—	45.6%	51.5%	54.0%	59.1%	↑
% of Students At/Above National Avg. on - Math	—	—	45.1%	48.6%	52.2%	54.6%	↑
% of Students Making National Avg. Growth - Reading	—	—	—	62.0%	56.1%	61.8%	↑
% of Students Making National Avg. Growth - Math	—	—	—	55.4%	54.7%	56.4%	↑
Arts: Number of Schools earning Strong or Excelling Creative Schools Certification	—	—	196	333	377	398	↑

Note that this document will be updated throughout the school year as we receive additional results for the District.

Key

— No data available
 * NAEP data released every other year

Definitions of Reported Data

Academic Measure

Definition

Percent of Students Graduating in 5 years	This is the 5-year cohort graduation rate. It measures the percent of students who graduate within 5 years of their freshman year. CPS, like the State of Illinois and other districts across the country, reports both a 4-year and a 5-year graduation rate. CPS uses the 5-year rate as its official graduation rate because it is the best measure of the percent of students who go onto graduate.
District Attendance Rate (K-12)	This is the percent of students who attend school on an average school day.
Freshmen On-Track to Graduate	This is the percent of students who earn five or more credits and fail no more than 0.5 core courses during their 9th grade year. Being on-track in the freshman year is highly predictive of graduation, and this metric is nationally recognized for guiding individual schools to improve their graduation rates.
One-Year Dropout Rate	This is the percent of students in grades 9-12 that drop out during the year. This includes "unverified transfers" which are students who may have transferred, but for whom the school cannot verify the transfer occurred.
NAEP	The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is also sometimes called the "Nation's Report Card." It is administered by the US Department of Education every other year to a representative sample of students in grades 4 and 8 in reading and mathematics. The results for NAEP are only provided at the District, State and National levels, not at the school and student levels.
NWEA MAP	The Northwest Evaluation Association Measure of Academic Progress (NWEA MAP) is CPS's primary assessment measure for students in grades 2 through 8. The NWEA MAP is administered in the spring of each school year district-wide, and optionally in schools in the middle of the school year. The results are used at the classroom level to track students' progress toward learning goals and to tailor instruction to individual students. NWEA MAP results are also used in several of the indicators included in the SQR. For more information on the NWEA MAP, visit www.nwea.org/assessments/map
Arts: Number of Schools earning Strong or Excelling Creative Schools Certification	The Creative Schools Certification measures the level at which individual schools meet the goals and priorities outlined in the CPS Art Education Plan. To learn more, visit www.cpsarts.org/creative-schools-certification .

More data is available at www.cps.edu/schooldata. You can also visit each school's progress report online at www.cps.edu and searching for a school. The data on these websites will be updated as more data becomes available throughout the school year.

Learn more about CPS's vision for achieving its mission of providing a high-quality public education for every child in every neighborhood, that prepares them for success in college, career, and community at www.cps.edu/vision.