



Foundations College Prep Abstract
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The mission of Foundations College Prep is to empower underserved youth to thrive in college and life by teaching them to think critically, live with honor and strive for their personal best. We also aim to develop the foundational knowledge, tools and sustainable systems to support successful replication and broader change beyond our walls. The Foundations College Prep team is committed to building Chicago's highest performing open-enrollment high school, a school that will prepare students on the far South Side of Chicago to thrive in college at rates that equal or surpass those of their non-low-income peers.

The urgent need for quality schools on the far South Side of Chicago, a high-poverty area of Chicago that has historically underserved its students, has inspired us to develop creative, sustainable solutions that can not only accelerate learning and increase graduation rates, but also transform the lives of students. To achieve our ambitious goals, our innovative approach builds on three key strategies:

1. **Building upon the successes of the first generation of charter schools**
2. **Creating a 6th through 12th grade college preparatory continuum**
3. **Reimagining the use of time, technology and talent to accelerate and personalize learning**

On an annual basis, our goals focus on student growth toward, and achievement of, college readiness benchmarks. We expect all students to be on track for college by both academic and non-academic measures by the time they leave Foundations.