



GARY COMER COLLEGE PREP

A CAMPUS OF NOBLE STREET CHARTER SCHOOL

It is the **vision of Gary Comer College Prep** to develop well-rounded and successful college graduates.

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More than 80% of Gary Comer College Prep graduates are first-generation college students.

CAMPUS OVERVIEW

Gary Comer College Prep, a campus of the Noble Network of Charter Schools, started in 2008 as the first Noble campus on Chicago's South Side. The school started with one class of freshmen. They graduated their first class in June 2012 and 100% of alumni matriculated to college on the first day of class. With more than 1,000 visitors to the campus last year, continuous press recognition, and one of the highest value-add on the ACT of all high schools in Chicago, Gary Comer College Prep (GCCP) has quickly established itself as a national leader in serving low-income minority students.

At the core of our success are the pillars scholarship, discipline, and honor. Students at GCCP are expected to master a rigorous college-prep curriculum, learn a level of self-discipline that will allow them to succeed in college and life, and become well-rounded individuals. We help our students to find their passions while also learning the value of community service. The campus commits to hiring the very best teachers from around the country; in 2012, less than 5% of teaching applicants were hired. All GCCP students, parents, faculty, and administration keep a laser-like focus on our vision of being the best high school in the country at graduating low-income minority students from college.

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Noble Network Pillars

SCHOLARSHIP

DISCIPLINE

HONOR

Gary Comer College Prep

Core Values

GRIT

OPTIMISM

ZEST

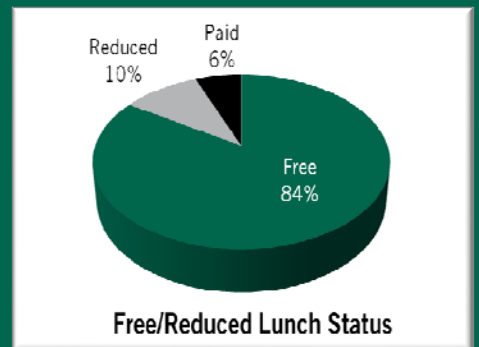
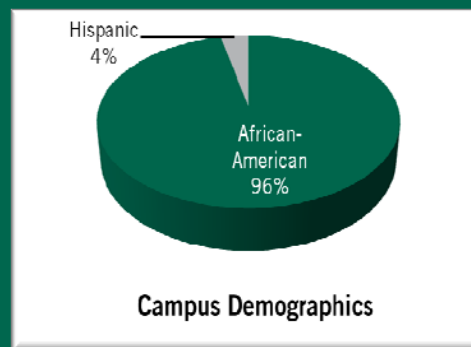
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GCCP STUDENT BODY



ENROLLMENT

Gary Comer College Prep serves more than 660 students in grades 9-12. In the fall 2011, the campus started a middle school that currently serves 150 sixth and seventh-graders. This year's senior class will send approximately 130 graduates heading off to college in June 2013. The charts above give an overview of the campus' demographics.

Gary Comer College Prep Alumni: Comprehensive Support and Unparalleled Success

- **100%** of alumni reported to class on the first day of school as college freshmen
- 94% of alumni are attending four year colleges and universities; 6 % are at two year institutions
- 30% of alumni matriculated to a top 75 national university or liberal arts college*
- Our alumni attend 49 different schools in 17 states
- All alumni receive an in-person visit from our alumni support team EACH semester
- One alumni counselor serves the graduates full-time to connect them with campus resources and assist them through college graduation
- As long as the class of 2012 is enrolled in school and communicating with GCCP, their cell phone plans are paid in full through college graduation in 2016



ACADEMIC RIGOR

Gary Comer College Prep graduates are college-ready. They take significantly more credits than their peers at other schools within Chicago Public Schools, and every student takes at least one AP course before graduation. We offer a wide range of courses for our students. Course selections are determined annually by student performance and teacher recommendations. We adapt our offerings as needed to give students the most rigorous curriculum possible. We also utilize our lecture hall to structure classes like lower level college courses at large public schools. Juniors and seniors may take a social studies class that is taught through a lecture and discussion session format to be as authentic as possible.

COURSE OFFERINGS

English and Language Arts	Math	AP Courses
English I, II, III	Algebra I, II	Biology
Multicultural Literature	Geometry	Calculus AB
World Literature	Trigonometry	Chemistry
Senior Literature	College Algebra	English Language & Composition
Fine Arts and Electives	Senior Math	English Literature & Composition
	Ballet	
Law	Pre-Calculus	Science
Early College Scholars	Physics I	US Government & Politics
Horticulture	Chemistry	U.S. History
Choir/ Advanced Choir	Science Topics	
Senior College Scholars	Biology	Human Geography
	Physics II	Accelerated/ Honors Courses
Teaching Assistant	Social Studies	Honors Algebra I
Yoga		
Physical Education	Human Geography	Honors Geometry
One Goal	U.S. History	Honors Algebra II/ Trigonometry
Foreign Language		
Spanish I, II, III		Honors Pre-Calculus

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Subject/Extracurricular	Credits
English and Language Arts	9
Math	8
Science	4
Social Studies	4
Foreign Language	3
Fine Arts and Electives	4
Physical Education	2
	Must pass yearly health and physical fitness tests
Community Service	40 hours
College Exploration*	approx. 40 hours
Enrichment**	1
Noble Discipline Code	Students must limit the number of demerits/detentions
* Students take campus visits, participate in on-campus pre-collegiate programs, and attend college awareness events each year.	
** Enrichment credits are earned through consistent participation in extracurricular activities and/or enrollment in evening or summer academic programs.	

GRADING

Grading Scale				GPA Weighting			
A+	97-100	C	73-76	A+	4.3	C	2
A	93-96	C-	70-72	A	4	C-	1.7
A-	90-92	D+	67-69	A-	3.7	D+	1.3
B+	87-89	D	65-66	B+	3.3	D	1
B	83-86	D-	60-63	B	3	D-	0.7
B-	80-82	F	0-59	B-	2.7	F	0
C+	77-79			C+	2.3		
For Pass/Fail Classes:				Honors class grades are weighted with .5 additional points; AP classes earn one additional point.			
90-100 = Pass							
89 or lower = Fail (0 credit)							

Noble is the largest and highest-performing non-selective high school in Chicago.



NOBLE

NOBLE OVERVIEW

Started as one campus in 1999, the Noble Network of Charter Schools has 12 high school campuses and 6,300 students in the city of Chicago. Almost eighty percent of students in the class of 2012 were the first in their families to attend college. This same class had 98% college enrollment.

RESULTS

Noble Street Charter School is proud to have all 9 of its campuses ranked in the top 10 for ACT scores amongst open-enrollment high schools in the city of Chicago. Our alumni are graduating from college at a rate exponentially higher than their peers from Chicago Public High Schools.

NOBLE NETWORK COLLEGE PLACEMENT RECORD

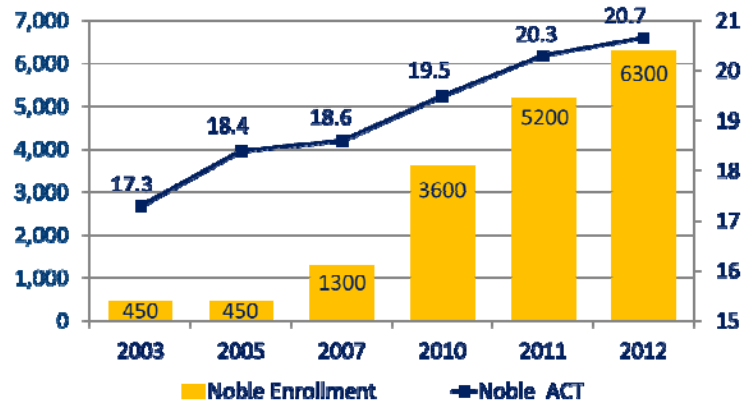
Noble Street's success in preparing students for college also confirms the power of the Noble model. Each year, more than 75% of our students enter our campuses below grade level, and each year 100% of our seniors graduate and are accepted to at least one college. Over 95% are pursuing post-secondary education.

NOBLE NETWORK OF CHARTER SCHOOLS



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Each year our ACT scores grown as we expand.



Noble Street Charter School's graduates have been accepted at the following four-year colleges and universities:

Amherst College	Hope College	St. Olaf College
Augustana College (IL)	Illinois Institute of Technology	Stanford University
Bates College	Illinois State University	Swarthmore College
Beloit College	Illinois Wesleyan University	Syracuse University
Boston College	Kalamazoo College	University of Chicago
Bradley University	Kenyon College	University of Dayton
Butler University	Knox College	University of Illinois at Chicago
Carleton College	Lafayette College	University of Illinois at Springfield
Carnegie-Mellon University	Lake Forest College	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Chicago State University	Loyola University Chicago	University of Iowa
Coe College	Marquette University	University of Miami
College of William & Mary	Monmouth College	University of Michigan
Colorado College	New York University	University of Missouri
Connecticut College	North Park University	University of Notre Dame
Cornell College	Northern Illinois University	University of San Francisco
Dartmouth College	Northwestern University	University of Southern California
Davidson College	Oberlin College	University of St. Francis
Denison University	Occidental College	University of Vermont
DePaul University	Pomona College	University of Wisconsin-Madison
DePaw University	Princeton University	Valparaiso University
Dominican University	Purdue University	Villanova University
Eastern Illinois University	Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville	Western Illinois University
Grand Valley State University	Southern Illinois University Carbondale	Williams College
Grinnell College	St. Louis University	Yale University



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COMER TO COLLEGE

We believe our Comer to College (C2C) program is the most comprehensive college completion plan for any high school in the country. The C2C Program addresses students' needs from their freshman year of high school through their senior year of college.

COURSES

EARLY COLLEGE SCHOLARS (ECS)

All of our students take our ECS course during their freshman year. ECS is a year-long college awareness and preparation course.

SENIOR COLLEGE SCHOLARS (SCS)

All of our students take SCS as a year-long course their senior year. SCS is designed to tackle all components of the college application and financial aid processes.



COMER TO COLLEGE COUNSELOR

All GCCP students will be supported through their college years by the Comer to College Counselor. This person will give students the tools and support they need to persevere through college.

COLLEGE EXPLORATION REQUIREMENT

Every student at GCCP must spend about 10 hours exploring colleges each year to be promoted to the next grade level and about 40 hours total to graduate. Students' visits are tracked to ensure students see schools of every type,

PROGRAMS

PRE-COLLEGIATE SUMMER PROGRAMS

Each summer Gary Comer College Prep sends its top students to study and live on campus at competitive pre-collegiate academic programs. In our first two years, our students have spent their summers learning at more than 50 schools from coast-to-coast, including Harvard, Princeton, Georgetown, Stanford, and UCLA.