We live a Disciplined Life.

Perspectives
At Perspectives, our A Disciplined Life® education model teaches the whole child.

We combine academic rigor, social emotional learning, and experiential opportunities to establish a culture of trust, curiosity and achievement.

Our holistic model fosters ethical leadership and cultivates agency guiding students to lead productive and meaningful lives. For over twenty years, the Perspectives network has served public school students in grades 6-12 on our city's southside.

Our college preparatory practices leverage technology through personalized learning platforms, certification programs, career development, and early college credit to prepare our students for college, career, and life.

A Disciplined Life®, our social emotional learning curriculum and set of practices, is the foundation of Perspectives. The teaching of our 26 principles is the pathway to positive self-perception, healthy relationships, and the tools for productivity.

We use the city as a classroom. Our experiential opportunities expose our students to an array of new perspectives. Students at Perspectives gain new confidence and insight from field studies, community action initiatives, and career shadowing.
OUR APPROACH

We live a disciplined life

**Academic Rigor**
We teach challenging and relevant college preparatory curriculum that deepens critical thinking. We personalize instruction and leverage technology to drive student growth, while also using project based learning to develop problem solving skills.

**Social Emotional Learning**
Our 26 principles of A Disciplined Life® guide our actions and performance, building a culture of trust, curiosity and achievement. Each week, students engage in 180 minutes of social emotional learning to further develop positive self-perception, healthy relationships, and the tools for productivity.

**Experiential Opportunities**
We use the city as our classroom. Our students access opportunities and cultivate agency through field studies, community action initiatives, and career shadowing. We partner with leading universities, corporations and foundations to create meaningful learning experiences for students.
A Holistic Approach to Education

WE OFFER

- A Disciplined Life Curriculum
- STEM Focused Curriculum
- Personalized Learning
- AP Courses
- Early College Credit
- Career Shadowing
- IT/Software Certification Programs
- Network For Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) Program
- One to One Technology
- Competitive Athletic Teams
- Comprehensive After School Programming
- Social Justice Initiatives
- Ethical Leadership Development
- Field Studies
- College Tours
- Project Based Learning
- Fine Art Electives

For a more comprehensive list of our offerings, visit pcsedu.org.
ACADEMIC RIGOR

We reach a higher standard

We create a culture where learning is organic. Our curriculum is designed for students to deeply engage with their coursework, and where teachers create a space of collaboration and support. Our students think critically and are inquisitive about their learning and are intentional in seeking wisdom from their teachers and peers.

GRADES 6-8

Cultivate positive self-perception, foster healthy relationships, and tools for productivity

Evolve growth mindset

Engage in personalized learning to develop reading and math proficiency

Accelerate critical thinking

Lead community action initiatives

Jump start High School credit opportunities

Experience field studies

Begin to explore colleges and careers through tours and panels
GRADES 9-12

Cultivate positive self-perception, foster healthy relationships, and tools for productivity

- Evolve growth mindset
- Engage in personalized learning to develop reading and math proficiency
- Foster ethical leadership through A Disciplined Life® classes
- Prepare for college with Dual Enrollment and AP Courses
- Deeply prepare for the SAT and standardized examinations
- Explore range of colleges and careers through tours and shadowing
- Lead community action initiatives
- Experience field studies
- Create personal post high school plan

ALUMNI SUPPORT

After graduation, our students have access to essential support to help them pursue their dreams:

- College success mentoring
- Summer employment opportunities
- Continued career guidance

“At Perspectives, the ultimate goal is to nurture the attributes and talents that make ethical leaders. This is a brilliant concept – one our world needs today, and one that should be a model for others.”

ARNE DUNCAN
Former US Secretary of Education
SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

We evolve ethical leaders

A Disciplined Life® is a culture we create through our set of 26 principles, CORE5 practices, and social emotional learning curriculum. Our 26 principles guide our actions, building a community of trust, curiosity, and achievement that develop positive self-perception, healthy relationships, and the tools for productivity.

HOW WILL A DISCIPLINED LIFE®...

6th  Broaden my perspective of myself?
7th  Guide me to be a good friend?
8th  Guide me to be an ethical leader?
9th  Guide me as an intensive thinker?
10th Support social change in our world?
11th Influence my college and career path?
12th Support my college career and life success?
“When young people like me are expected to study our 26 principles the same way we study academic curriculum, we evolve as ethical leaders—people who use intelligence and values to lead their lives.”

TRINITY STARNES
Class of 2019

A DISCIPLINED LIFE® SUMMIT

Every year, students choose an ADL principle to present at the end of year. This summit teaches students to:

Study A Disciplined Life Principle
Set goals
Gather data
Analyze data & make assessments
Demonstrate social emotional learning growth
Evolve as ethical leaders

THE ADL WEBSITE

4 units & 10 Lessons per quarter
Aligned learning standards
Progress planners
Interim assessments
Summit projects
Peace steps
Critical conversations cycle

For the full list of principles, see inside back cover or visit pcsedu.org.
EXPERIENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES

We expand our perspective

Students gain exposure and cultivate agency through field studies, career shadowing, and community action initiatives. Perspectives offers After School Enrichment and Athletic Programs, and enhances learning opportunities for students through our partnerships with the local business community and service programs.

CAREER SHADOWING PLACEMENTS

Akuna
AAR
Bo Dome
Lundbeck
Circuit Court of Cook County
Citi Community Development
EY (formerly Ernst & Young)
The Art Institute of Chicago
So much more
**PROGRAM PARTNERS**

- After School Matters
- UMOJA
- Louder than a Bomb
- City Colleges
- NFTE
- Magnetar
- Girls Scouts of America
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Illinois Institute of Technology
- One Goal
- Peer Health Exchange
- Genesys Works

**CORPORATE PARTNERS**

- AAR Corp.
- Akuna Capital
- Allstate
- Baldwin Richardson Foods
- Citi Community Development
- EY (Ernst & Young)
- Exelon
- Horizon Pharma
- Lundbeck
- Winston & Strawn

For a more comprehensive list of our partnerships and programs, visit pcsedu.org.

“For us at Horizon, our partnership with Perspectives is more than just writing a check. We have a vested interest in lending our time, knowledge, energy and passion in ways that are mutually beneficial.”

**HOLLY COPELAND**

Director of Public Relations and Corporate Social Responsibility
Experiential Opportunities

FIELD STUDIES
- Cultural field trips
- Exposure to fine arts
- Interactive learning expeditions
- Team building projects
- Touring Chicago museums
- So much more

COLLEGE TOURS
- Bradley University
- Eastern Illinois University
- DePaul University
- Loyola University
- Northern Illinois University
- Northwestern
- University of Chicago
- University of Illinois
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- Western Illinois University
- So much more
ATHLETICS

Football
Basketball
Soccer
Baseball & Softball
Volleyball
Cheerleading
Wrestling
Track & Cross Country

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CLUBS

Culinary Club
Girls Who Code
Majorettes & Dance teams
Louder Than A Bomb
STEP Team
Peace Team
Big Brothers Big Sisters
Robotics

Student Council
Yearbook and Newspaper
Technology Club
National Honors Society
Art Club
Gay/Straight Alliance
Girl Scouts
Marching Band
OUR RESULTS

We work to rise above

ACCELERATING GROWTH

We provide our middle school students added support in math and reading to accelerate growth and close any gaps by eighth grade graduation.

6TH

7TH

8TH

Freshman on Track rating (leading indicator of high school graduation)

90%

98%

50%

Graduation rate according to the Illinois State Board of Education Report

of students graduate earning college credits/professional certifications

100%

GRADUATES ACCEPTED INTO COLLEGE
We study the 26 principles of A Disciplined Life®

Positive Self-perception
1 Accept only quality work from yourself  2 Take responsibility for your actions  3 Seek wisdom  4 Be open-minded  5 Think critically and be inquisitive  6 Love who you are  7 Demonstrate honesty and integrity  8 Be generous  9 Be a life-long learner  10 Live a healthy lifestyle

Healthy Relationships
11 Communicate effectively  12 Challenge each other intellectually  13 Show gratitude  14 Solve conflicts peacefully  15 Respect differences  16 Be positive and supportive  17 Show compassion

Tools for Productivity
18 Demonstrate a strong work ethic  19 Use your time wisely  20 Listen actively  21 Be punctual and prepared  22 Be organized  23 Be reflective  24 Be reliable  25 Take initiative  26 Demonstrate perseverance
OUR MISSION

All Perspectives Charter Schools will provide students with a rigorous and relevant education, based on the ethical principles of A Disciplined Life®, preparing them for life in a changing world and helping them further become intellectually reflective, caring and ethical people engaged in a meaningful life.