




***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.



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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.



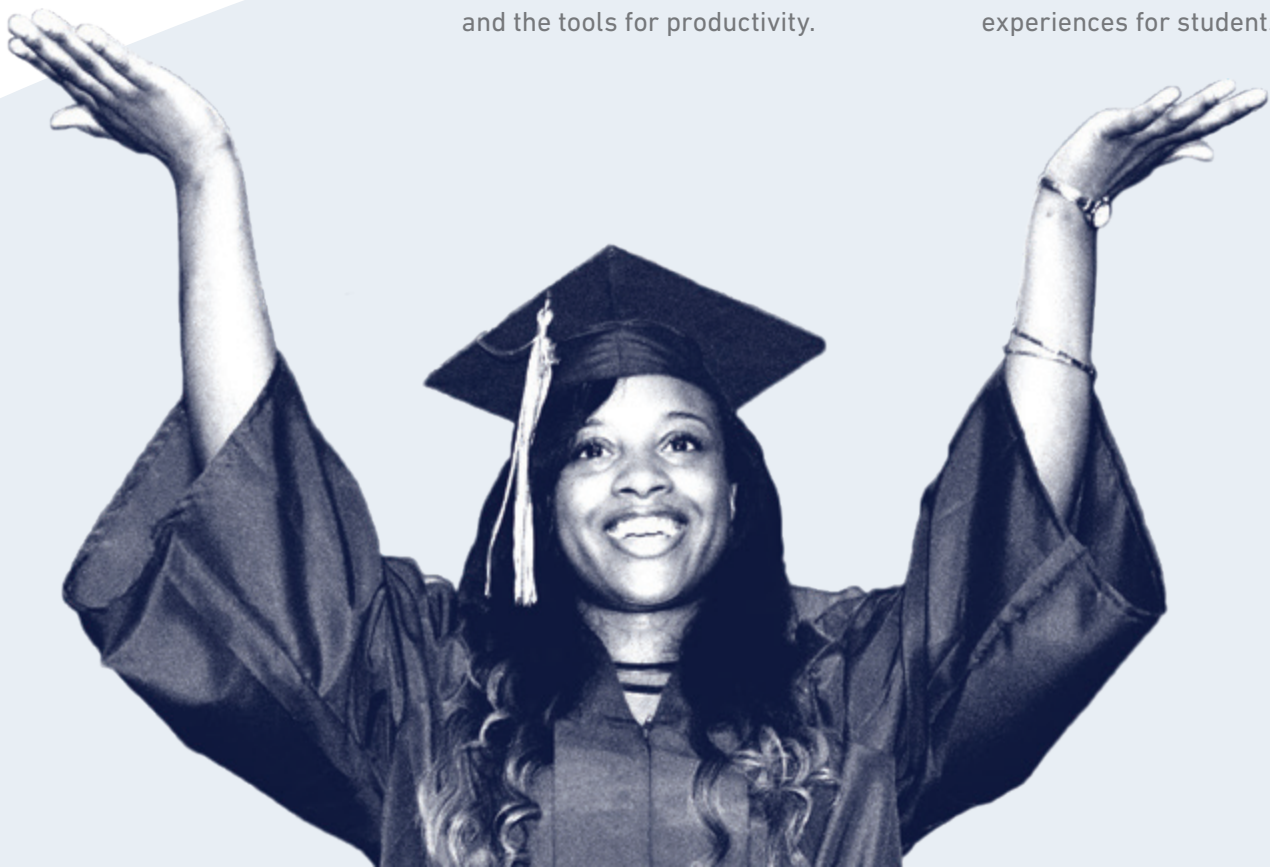
Social Emotional Learning

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





“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

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 in 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

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



“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*

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.



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

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

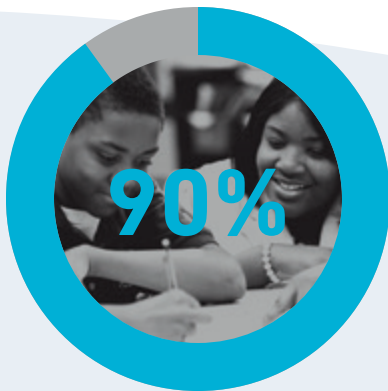
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OUR RESULTS

We work *to rise above*

ACCELERATING GROWTH

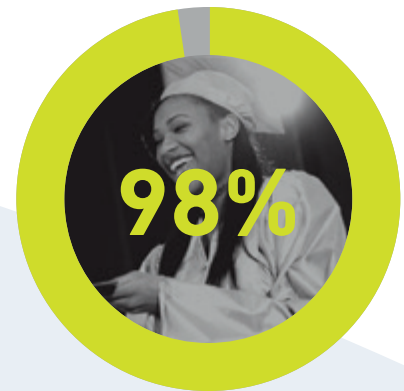
We provide our middle school students added support in math and reading to accelerate growth and close any gaps by eighth grade graduation.



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



of students graduate earning college credits/professional certifications



Graduation rate according to the Illinois State Board of Education Report



100%

GRADUATES ACCEPTED
INTO COLLEGE

26 Principles *of A Disciplined Life*®

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.



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