

George Westinghouse College Prep School Profile



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History:

The New George Westinghouse College Prep

George Westinghouse College Prep (GWCP) is the newest premier high school in the Chicago Public School system. The school and state-of-the-art facility opened its doors in the fall of 2009 with a freshmen class of 280 students. GWCP has two academic admissions programs for students to choose from, Selective Enrollment & College to Careers. Although each program maintains its own focus, both programs are academically rigorous.

Mission Statement

The students of George Westinghouse College Prep will be empowered with the academic, social, career and technological skills necessary for post-secondary success. Our students will emerge as conscious and responsible citizens who will make positive contributions to the local and broader community.

Vision Statement

George Westinghouse College Prep will prepare our students for postsecondary success by providing rigorous educational opportunities in a diverse, welcoming, safe and supportive environment that fosters a culture of learning.

Program Descriptions

The Selective Enrollment program includes a rigorous academic curriculum that includes honors and advanced placement options, starting the freshmen level.

Students in the Selective Enrollment Program are strongly encouraged to take four years science, social science, English, math, and world language. Students also have the option to enroll in the Accelerated Math Program, where they are required to take 5 years of math.

Students enrolled in College to Careers program will be exposed to curriculum in their chosen career fields as early as freshmen year. Students will gain theoretical knowledge from highly trained instructors as well as practical experience through our work-based program in their senior year. Simultaneously, students will be required to complete a rigorous college preparatory curriculum that will prepare them for any four-year college or university.

Career options offered at GWCP are:

Broadcast-Technology & Media Academy
Business Academy
Information Technology Academy
Health Science Academy

Application & Admissions Process

With the assistance of their elementary school counselor and family, students apply for George Westinghouse College Prep during the fall of their eighth grade year. Interested students are encouraged to apply for both the Selective Enrollment Program and the College to Careers Program. In order to gain acceptance, students must submit a complete, on-time application that meets the admissions criteria for each program. Each year thousands of students apply to GWCP in an attempt to earn one of our three hundred freshman seats.

The Selective Enrollment admissions process is facilitated by the Office of Academic Enhancement through Chicago Public Schools.

Requirements for each Program:

Selective Enrollment

- Entrance exam
- Stanine 5 in reading & math on ISAT (7th grade scores)
- Excellent academic standing

College to Careers

- Stanine 5 in reading & math on ISAT (7th grade scores)
- Excellent academic standing
- 95% attendance rate
- Written essay
- Recommendation from a counselor or teacher

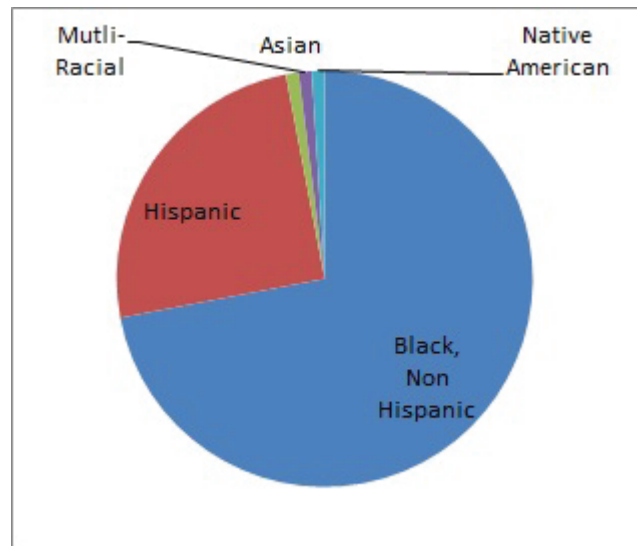
Chicago Public Schools Graduation Requirements

- 4 credits of English
- 3 credits of Social Studies
- 3 credits of Mathematics
- 3 credits of Science
- 2 credits of World Language
- 2 credits of Fine Arts
- 2 credits of Health, Safety and Physical Education
- 2 credits of Career Education or Advanced Academics
- 3 credits of electives
- Pass Driver's Education
- Pass the Public Law 195 (Constitution) Exam
- Complete 40 hours of Service Learning
- Complete Consumer Education

Each student must complete 24 credit hours in order to graduate from Chicago Public Schools

Diversity

Black, Non Hispanic	72%
Hispanic	25%
Asian	1%
Mutli-Racial	1%
Native American	1%



Faculty

Faculty Members	50
Faculty with Masters or Advanced Degrees	40
National Board Certified Teachers	6

Our Curriculum

Last school year, GWCP launched the Curriculum Framework Project. Through a partnership with the University of Illinois at Chicago's Department of Education, the curriculum is customized to the learning needs of all students. Often referred to as a College Readiness Model, the Curriculum Framework Project customizes instruction to the needs of all students. The highly qualified teaching staff designs activities that challenge students to become critical thinkers, accomplished writers, and effective communicators.

Current AP Course Offerings

- AP Human Geography
- AP World History
- AP US History
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Psychology
- AP Studio Art: 2D Design
- AP Environmental Science

Grading Scale:

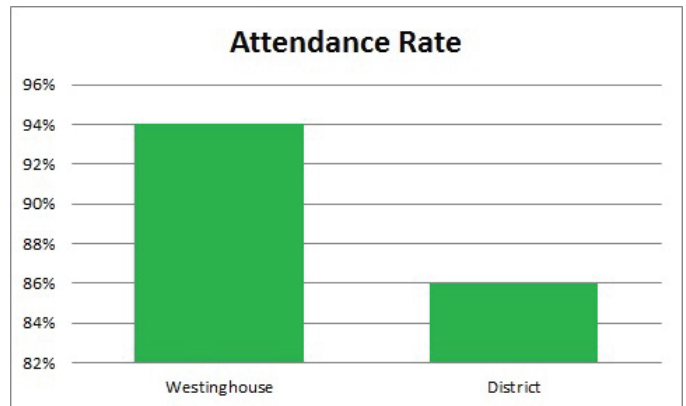
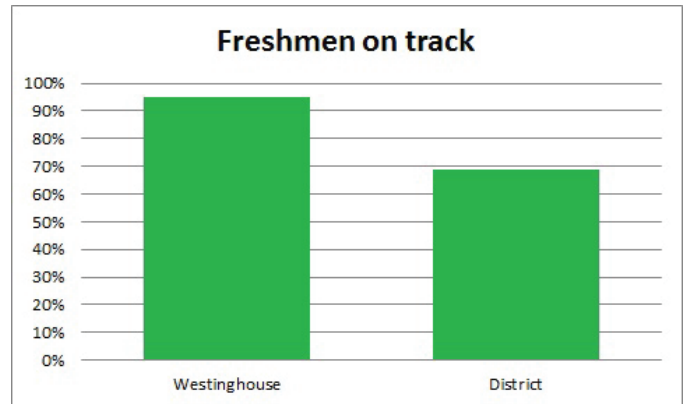
- 100% - 90% A
- 89% - 80% B
- 79% - 70% C
- 69% - 60% D
- 59% - 0% F

Grade Points Scale

Regular	Honors	Advanced Placement
4.0 A	5.0 A	6.0 A
3.0 B	4.0 B	5.0 B
2.0 C	3.0 C	4.0 C
1.0 D	1.0 D	1.0 D
0 F	0 F	0 F

Academic Achievement Data:

- 95% of freshmen at Westinghouse College Prep are on-track to graduate (CPS average 69%)
- The attendance rate at Westinghouse is approximately 95% (CPS average 86%)
- Nearly half of our freshmen students are taking an Advanced Placement class
- Ranked top 8% in CPS for students scoring 3 or better on AP exams
- On the most recent Explore Test, the average score was one point above the national average



Student Development

GWCP utilizes an hour long advisory period each week to deliver guidance curriculum based on academic, career, and personal/social development. The counseling department along with the advisory teacher work to ensure that students are receiving the support needed to be successful in all areas of life.

School Counseling Department

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Extracurricular Programs

Robotics Club	Newspaper	MIKVA Challenge	Gay-Straight Alliance
Mayor Daley's Book Club	Choir	Step Team	Swimming
Science Olympiad	After School Matters	Student Council	Football
Track & Field	Softball	Wrestling	Strategy Club
Baseball	Tennis	Basketball	Dance Company
Guitar Club	Volleyball	Cheerleading	Debate Team
Pom-Pon			

Team Awards and Accomplishments

- Conference Champions – Girls Volleyball
- Conference Champions – Girls Swimming
 - Conference Champions - Wrestling
- Frosh-Soph City Runner ups – Wrestling
- Conference Champions – Girls Basketball
 - Metro City Champions – Girls Basketball
 - Conference Champions – Boys Basketball
- Frosh – Soph City Runner ups – Girls Track and Field
- Frosh – Soph City Runner ups – Boys Track and Field

