

URBAN PREP ACADEMIES

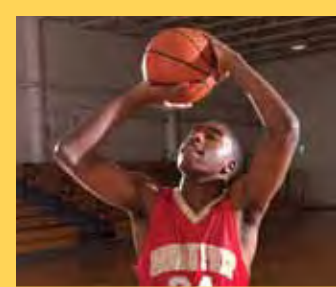
WE BELIEVE.





The mission of Urban Prep is to provide a comprehensive, high-quality college preparatory education to young men that results in our graduates succeeding in college. The Urban Prep motto is “We Believe.” We believe in our mission and the potential, talent, and future of urban young men. Our motto is a constant reminder that Urban Prep students will not fall into the trap of stereotypes and low expectations. Instead, Urban Prep students believe in their potential and believe in their ability to exceed that potential. Urban Prep teachers, administrators, staff and Board also believe in these young men and believe in our important and long lasting role in their lives. At Urban Prep, **We Believe.**





THE HISTORY

Urban Prep Academies is a nonprofit organization founded in 2002 by noted educator Tim King and a group of African-American education, business, and civic leaders. Urban Prep's mission is to provide a comprehensive, high-quality college preparatory education to young men that results in graduates succeeding in college. In order to fulfill that mission, the organization opened Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men-Englewood Campus in 2006. Urban Prep's Englewood Campus is the country's first public charter high school for boys. Urban Prep currently operates campuses in Chicago's Bronzeville, Englewood and Near West Side neighborhoods. Small class sizes, rigorous curriculum, regular assessments, diverse extra-curricular programs, devoted teachers, positive school culture, and a comprehensive approach to education resulted in 100% of Urban Prep's graduates being admitted to college.

THE ARCS

The Urban Prep approach to education is to encircle the student with four connecting arcs that provide a comprehensive educational experience.

The Academic Arc promotes a rigorous college-prep curriculum that focuses on Reading, Writing, and Public Speaking.

The Service Arc deepens students' sense of responsibility by identifying community needs and completing volunteer programs to address those needs.

The Activity Arc requires students to participate in one school-sponsored activity per year (sports teams, clubs, etc.) in order to more fully develop their confidence, interpersonal skills, leadership qualities and respect for others.

The Professional/College Arc provides opportunities for students to spend time in a professional setting or on a college campus to increase their understanding of the wider world, reinforce character and leadership development, and serve as a means for students to gain valuable experience.

100% COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

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100% of Urban Prep graduates have been admitted to 4-year colleges. These colleges include prestigious institutions like Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Georgetown University, Morehouse College, Northwestern University, The University of Illinois, The University of Rochester and The University of Virginia. In addition to these admissions, graduates have amassed millions of dollars in college scholarships and grants.

COMPREHENSIVE URBAN PREP PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Family & Community Involvement > Involvement in the school by students' families and communities is strongly encouraged and a key element of the students' success.

Personal & College Counseling > Each Urban Prep student has a Personal Counselor as well as a College Counselor in each of his four years at the school.

Positive Male Role Models > Urban Prep has many male teachers, mentors, staff and volunteers from diverse backgrounds, all committed to supporting and acting as positive role models to the young men we serve.

Positive School Culture > Urban Prep provides a nurturing school environment that promotes mutual respect among students, administrators, faculty and staff.

Post Graduate Support > Upon graduation, students will be able to rely on Urban Prep's support services until graduation from college.

Prides > Every student is a part of a Pride: a small group of students led by a teacher that meets daily to provide peer mentoring and support.

Summer Programs > Students have opportunities to participate in academic, professional, and service programs during the summer.

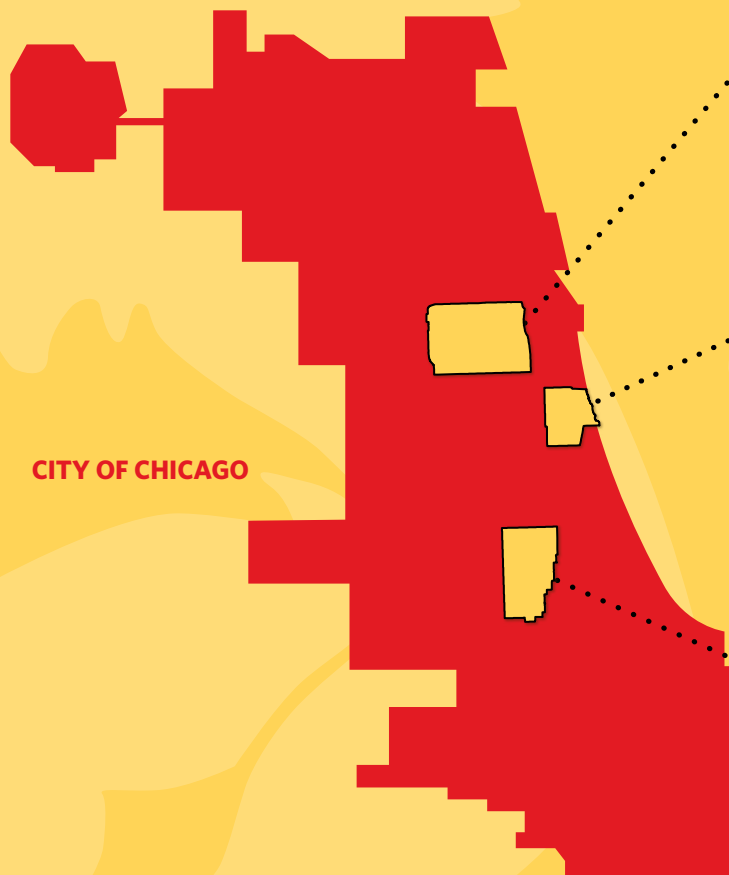
Technology > Each student has access to computers during the school year. Use of these computers is an integral part of students' fulfillment of the Urban Prep Arc requirements.

Uniforms and Conduct > Urban Prep students are required to wear uniforms and adhere to a clearly communicated code of conduct program based on community and mutual respect.



THE SCHOOLS

Urban Prep Academies operates Chicago's first public charter schools designed to meet the specific needs of young men. Historically, college prep schools for boys have only been available to families who could afford private schools. Now, this proven school model is available, tuition-free, at Urban Prep's three campuses.



CITY OF CHICAGO

West Campus > The West Campus is located in one of Chicago's most ethnically diverse communities. First settled by Nobel Peace Prize Awardee Jane Addams in the nineteenth century; this community is home to some of the city's greatest attractions and venues: the United Center, Greektown, University Village, Maxwell Street and the Illinois Medical District. Urban Prep is proud to call this neighborhood its home.

Bronzeville Campus > The Bronzeville Campus is located in the heart of Chicago's Douglas & Grand Boulevard communities, once called the "Black Metropolis" for its extensive historical value to African American art and culture. Bronzeville attracts residents, both young and old, with its boldly revitalized brownstones and its close proximity to Loop, Lakefront and South Side attractions. As this community continues to revitalize itself, Urban Prep young men will be at the forefront serving as community change agents.

Englewood Campus > The Englewood Community has a complex and storied history. As a stop on the Underground Railroad, Englewood was an early beacon of hope for African-Americans escaping slavery. Today, Englewood is on track to shine again with opportunity and our first campus, Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men—Englewood Campus, seeks to be one of the lights in this rekindling.



THE URBAN PREP CREED

WE BELIEVE - WE ARE THE YOUNG MEN OF URBAN PREP - WE ARE COLLEGE BOUND - WE ARE EXCEPTIONAL- NOT BECAUSE WE SAY IT, BUT BECAUSE WE WORK HARD AT IT - WE WILL NOT FALTER IN THE FACE OF ANY OBSTACLE PLACED BEFORE US - WE ARE DEDICATED, COMMITTED AND FOCUSED - WE NEVER SUCCUMB TO MEDIOCRITY, UNCERTAINTY OR FEAR - WE NEVER FAIL BECAUSE WE NEVER GIVE UP - WE MAKE NO EXCUSES - WE CHOOSE TO LIVE HONESTLY, NONVIOLENTLY AND HONORABLY - WE RESPECT OURSELVES AND, IN DOING SO, RESPECT ALL PEOPLE - WE HAVE A FUTURE FOR WHICH WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE - WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR FAMILIES, COMMUNITY AND WORLD - WE ARE OUR BROTHERS' KEEPERS - WE BELIEVE IN OURSELVES - WE BELIEVE IN EACH OTHER - WE BELIEVE IN URBAN PREP - **WE BELIEVE.**



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