



URBAN PREP ACADEMIES | **WE BELIEVE.**



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ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

- College Prep curriculum
- 4 years of English, including African-American Literature
- 4 years of History, including African-American History
- 4 years of Mathematics
- 4 years of Science, including Physics
- Honors & Advanced Placement classes are offered
- Dual Enrollment & Dual Credit classes offered (*for college credit*)

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 providing access and opportunity for students to take more core courses than comparable schools. Our aim is to develop our students into critical thinkers, while bolstering their content knowledge and fortifying skills in traditional areas of under-achievement for urban males. It is necessary that the Urban Prep School culture is based on the "Four Rs" (Respect, Responsibility, Rituals and Relationships). This allows us to create an environment where our students feel valued, supported, challenged and part of a family.

The Activity Arc is designed to encourage our young men to participate in two school-sponsored activities per year in order to develop their confidence, interpersonal skills, leadership qualities and respect for others.

The Service Arc deepens the sense of responsibility our young men must have by identifying community needs and working to develop a solution to address those needs.

The Enrichment Arc provides our young men opportunities to spend time on college campuses as well as field-study programs, gain practical work-place experience, achieve knowledge of the wider world and reinforce character & leadership development. This gives our students a glimpse of what the college experience will look and feel like.

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 technology during the school year. Technology use 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.



ABOUT URBAN PREP

Urban Prep Academies was founded in 2002 by Tim King and a group of African-American education, business and civic leaders who wanted to improve the educational opportunities available to African-American boys and young men. In 2006, this nonprofit organization opened the country's first public charter high school for boys: Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men—Englewood Campus.

Urban Prep has been recognized internationally for its success in improving the academic, social and emotional development of African-American boys and young men. Currently, Urban Prep operates three non-selective schools, to which students are admitted via lottery, in high-need Chicago communities. 100% of Urban Prep's graduates—all African-American males and almost entirely from low-income families—have been admitted to college.

Urban Prep's schools, as well as Urban Prep's unique Alumni Program (supporting graduates while they are in college) and Fellows Program (providing workforce development opportunities to alumni upon completing college), have given more than 2,500 African-American boys and young men the tools they need to succeed in college and life.

The Urban Prep Motto is **"We Believe."**

MISSION

Urban Prep's mission is to provide a high-quality and comprehensive educational experience to young men that results in our graduates succeeding in college.



THE URBAN PREP SCHOOLS NETWORK

The Urban Prep Schools Network includes three public charter schools in the Bronzeville, Englewood and Near West Side communities serving approximately 1,000 students. Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men—Englewood Campus is the first public charter high school for boys in the country. Urban Prep’s schools are unique because of their positive school culture and rigorous college prep curriculum. Urban Prep students are distinguishable by their uniform of khaki pants, black blazers emblazoned with the school crest, and red ties.

All Urban Prep graduates have set the bar high for future graduates as 100% of them have been admitted to college including Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Georgetown University, Howard University, Morehouse College, Northwestern University, Princeton University, the University of Illinois, the University of Rochester, the University of Virginia and Yale University. In addition to these admissions, the graduates have received over ten million dollars in grants and scholarships.

THE URBAN PREP FELLOWS PROGRAM

The Urban Prep Fellows Program is a one-year employment opportunity for Urban Prep alumni who have graduated from college, designed to provide a well-rounded view of operations at Urban Prep Academies and assist the Fellows in the development of professional skills for future careers.

Over the course of the academic year, the Fellows serve at one of Urban Prep Academies’ three campuses or at Urban Prep’s corporate office. At each placement, Fellows are called upon to use their unique perspective as alumni and employees to serve as role models, mentors and advisors for current students at Urban Prep campuses.

THE URBAN PREP ALUMNI PROGRAM

Urban Prep’s mission is to ensure that our graduates succeed in college. In order to fulfill that mission, Urban Prep developed the Alumni Program. This program provides the support necessary to help Urban Prep alumni successfully complete college. Areas of special attention include aiding in class selection, identifying tutors, and securing access to financial resources. Additionally, this program serves as a research/data center; and results from its findings will help inform national conversations around how to best support students while in college.

SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

Anime	Djembe Drummers	Movie Club	Student Government Association
ASM Digital Photography	Drama Club	My Brother’s Keeper	Swim Club
Baseball	Driver’s Education	National Honors Society	Talent Show Club
Basketball	Drum Line	Photography Club	Teachers In Training
Believer’s Choir	Equality Club	Poetry Club	Technology Club
Chess Club	Football Team	PRISM	Track and Field
Chinese Culture Club	Gamer’s Club	SANAA (Art Club)	Urban Percussion
Class Cuts	Gay/Straight Alliance	Scholastic Bowl	Video Game/Tech Club
Comedy Club	Golf Club	Soccer Club	Weight Training
Conditioning Club	Hip Hop Dance Team	Softball Club	Wrestling
Cross Country	Indoor Track (Winter)	Speak UP	Yearbook Club
Dean’s Deputies	Intramural Basketball	Spoken Word Club	
Debate Team	Intramurals	Sport Conditioning Club	
DECA	Lion’s Roar Newspaper	Sports Managers Club	
Dj Club	Magnetar Financial Academy	Student Ambassadors	<i>Sports and activities differ by campus.</i>

PROOF POINTS

URBAN PREP'S AVERAGE FIRST YEAR COLLEGE ENROLLMENT RATES GREATLY EXCEEDS THE NATIONAL AVERAGE RATES FOR BLACK MALES.

URBAN PREP'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE SIGNIFICANTLY EXCEEDS NATIONAL BLACK MALE GRADUATION RATES.

URBAN PREP GRADUATES PERSIST IN COLLEGE AT NEARLY THIRTY PERCENTAGE POINTS HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL BLACK MALE AVERAGE.

URBAN PREP GRADUATES ACCOUNT FOR AS MANY AS 1 IN 9 BLACK MALE CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADUATES ENROLLING IN COLLEGE AS FRESHMEN.



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URBAN PREP ACADEMIES CREED

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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.

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