

**MISSION:** Cristo Rey Jesuit High school provides a Catholic, college preparatory education and professional work experience to students from spanish-speaking families with limited financial means.

**VISION:** The reason for the school's existence is to advance the human and intellectual capacities, as well as the religious and cultural heritage, of the immigrant families it serves. Through its corporate work study program, faith-based college preparatory education, and spanish heritage language curriculum, the goal is to prepare students to succeed in college and to assume leadership roles in the civic, religious, business and cultural life of our city and nation.

As committed alumni of a jesuit high school, graduates become men and women for others who are open to growth, religious, intellectually competent, loving, committed to justice, and work experienced.



## CURRICULUM & BILITERACY

All students take a rigorous college preparatory curriculum rooted in the liberal arts. Coursework requires four years of English, Math, and Religion, and three years of Science and Social Science. Cristo Rey does not rank students.

All of this takes place within our distinct dual language program, which promotes proficiency in both Spanish and English. The program requires that 30% of classes be taught entirely in Spanish; the remaining 70% of coursework is taught in English. In addition to AP English for seniors, students might also take British Literature. In addition to AP Spanish for seniors, students might also take Spanish Literature 4. Of the current senior class, 25 will be awarded a Global Seal of Bilinguality.

All students are required to take the AP Spanish Literature and Culture exam. In the 2020-21 school year, 88% of junior test-takers passed the AP Spanish Literature and Culture exam with a score of 3 or better.

## CORPORATE WORK STUDY PROGRAM (CWSP)

The CWSP provides students with professional work experience while allowing students to earn up to 70% of the cost of their education at Cristo Rey. Every student works five, eight-hour days per month without missing any scheduled classes. Each student is part of a job-sharing team of four that splits a full-time position at more than 100 organizations throughout the Chicago area. Students develop practical job skills, connect with professional mentors, and develop a strong work ethic. A longer school day and school year allow for this integral learning experience.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Cristo Rey takes a holistic approach to admissions, considering: past academic performance, motivation, low-income verification, discipline record, employability, and Spanish language proficiency. In 2021, 261 applications were submitted for a freshman class of 160 with an average income of \$40,553 (family of five).

**Founded:** 1996  
**Enrollment:** 550

**Accreditation**  
AdvanceEd  
Illinois State Board of Education

**Membership**  
Jesuit Schools Network  
Cristo Rey Network  
Illinois High School Association  
Chicago Prep Conference

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## ACTIVITIES

Students participate in 19 varsity and junior varsity sports teams, through 13 different sports, and 24 different student clubs and activities. More than 78% of the student body participates in at least one sport or extra-curricular activity. Through athletics and activities, students develop leadership skills, work cooperatively with others, and grow emotionally, spiritually, and intellectually outside the classroom setting.

## SERVICE LEARNING

Each school year, freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are required to complete a class-based service project. Seniors are required to complete a minimum of 15 hours at the approved non-profit organization of their choice. Additional opportunities for service are available throughout the year including local, national, and international summer enrichment programs.

## SCHOOL CURRICULUM

| Department                          | Freshman Year   | Sophomore Year   | Junior Year                                  | Senior Year   |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| <b>Corporate Work Study Program</b> | CWSP 1  | CWSP 2   | CWSP 3                                       | CWSP 4  |
| <b>English</b>                      | English 1   | English 2  | American Literature                          | AP English Literature and Composition   |
| <b>Fine Arts</b>                    | Fine Arts 1: Intro to Music   |  |  | Fine Arts 4: Art History  |
| <b>Mathematics</b>                  | (H) Algebra 1   | Algebra II or (H) Algebra II with Geometry                             | Geometry or (H) Pre-Calculus                 | Advanced Algebra/Statistics<br>AP Calculus<br>Fundamentals of Pre-Calculus<br>AP Statistics |
| <b>Religion</b>                     | Religion 1: Catholic Christianity*                                    | Religion 2: Hebrew Scripture/Sacraments*                               | Religion 3: New Testament/Church History     | Ethics and the Christian Life   |
| <b>Science</b>                      | (H) Biology<br>Health<br>Introduction to Technology                   | (H) Physics  | (H) Chemistry                                | Advanced Biology  |
| <b>Social Studies</b>               | World History*  |  | U.S. History<br>History of the Americas*     | Civics<br>AP United States Government and Politics  |
| <b>Spanish</b>                      | Spanish for Heritage Speakers I: Introductory Grammar and Literature* | Spanish for Heritage Learners II: Intermediate Grammar and Literature* | Advanced Spanish 3: History of the Americas* | AP Spanish Literature and Culture*  |

\* Courses taught in Spanish as a part of the dual language program (H) Honors option available  
The following electives are offered to Seniors only: Broadcast Media, Chicano Studies, Finance, Philosophy, and College Prep

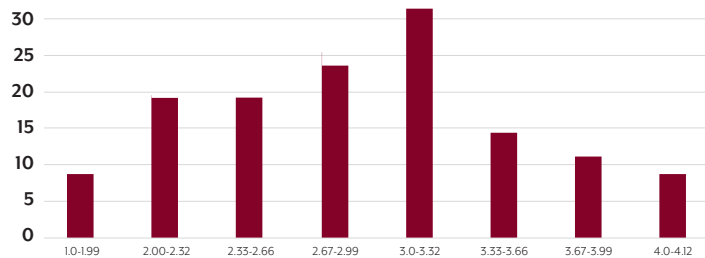
## ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### Arrupe Virtual Learning Institute (AVLI)

AVLI coursework utilizes the online format that students might expect to experience in college. The focus is on student engagement, communication, and meaningful assessment. AVLI classes will be designated on the transcript.

## GRADING PROCEDURES

Weighted GPA Distribution - Class of 2021  
134 Students - Six Semester Grades



Cristo Rey Jesuit High School utilizes a 4.0 grading scale:  
A=4.0; A-=3.67; B+=3.33; B=3.0; B-=2.67; C+=2.33; C=2.0; C-=1.67; D+=1.33; D=1.0; F=0.0. All grades for AP and Honors courses are multiplied by 1.25.

For students that faced severe hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Cristo Rey offered courses as Pass/Fail. Incompletes were issued if the student had a finite amount of work to complete in order to earn a passing grade.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 28.5 credits are required for graduation, including:

**Corporate Work Study Program:** 1 Credit/year

**Electives:** 1.5 Credits

**English:** 1 Credit/year

**Fine Arts:** .5 Credit

**Mathematics:** 1 Credit/year

**Physical Education:** .5 Credit

**Religion:** 1 Credit/year

**Science:** 3 Credits

**Social Studies:** 3 Credits

**Spanish:** 1 Credit/year

100% of Cristo Rey graduates have gained acceptance to at least one college or university

## COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES THAT OFFERED ADMISSION TO THE CLASS OF 2021

Albion College  
Amherst College  
Anderson University  
Arrupe College of Loyola University Chicago  
Augustana College  
Aurora University  
Barry University  
Baylor University  
Benedictine University  
Blackburn College  
Boston College  
Bowdoin College  
Bradley University  
Butler University  
California Lutheran University  
Cardinal Stritch University  
Carthage College  
Case Western Reserve University  
Chicago State University  
City Colleges of Chicago-Harold Washington College  
City Colleges of Chicago-Harry S Truman College  
City Colleges of Chicago-Malcolm X College  
City Colleges of Chicago-Richard J Daley College  
Coe College  
College of DuPage  
College of Saint Benedict  
College of the Holy Cross  
Columbia College Chicago  
Concordia University-Chicago  
Denison University  
DePaul University  
DePauw University  
Dominican University  
Eastern Illinois University  
Eastern Michigan University  
Elmhurst University  
Fairfield University  
Fordham University  
Fort Lewis College  
Furman University  
Georgetown University  
Grand Valley State University  
Hamline University  
Holy Cross College  
Illinois College  
Illinois Institute of Technology

Illinois State University  
Illinois Wesleyan University  
Indiana University-Bloomington  
Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis  
Iowa State University  
Iowa Wesleyan University  
Ithaca College  
Johns Hopkins University  
Kalamazoo College  
Knox College  
Lake Forest College  
Lawrence University  
Lewis University  
Lincoln College  
Lincoln College of Technology - Melrose Park  
Loras College  
Loyola University Chicago  
Lycoming College  
Macalester College  
Marquette University  
Marymount Manhattan College  
Mercy College  
Michigan State University  
Middlebury College  
Milwaukee School of Engineering  
Monmouth College  
Morton College  
Mount Holyoke College  
Mount Mary University  
Mount Mercy University  
Mount Saint Mary's University  
National Louis University  
North Central College  
North Park University  
Northeastern Illinois University  
Northeastern University  
Northern Illinois University  
Northwestern University  
Occidental College  
Providence College  
Regis University  
Roosevelt University  
Sacred Heart University  
Saint Johns University  
Saint Joseph's University  
Saint Louis University

Saint Mary's College  
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota  
Saint Norbert College  
Saint Peter's University  
Saint Xavier University  
Salisbury University  
Southern Illinois University-Carbondale  
Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville  
St Catherine University  
St. John's University-New York  
St. Thomas University  
Stonehill College  
Temple University  
The American University of Paris  
The College of Saint Rose  
The College of Wooster  
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
Trinity Christian College  
Triton College  
University of Dayton  
University of Dubuque  
University of Hartford  
University of Idaho  
University of Illinois Chicago  
University of Illinois Springfield  
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
University of Iowa  
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor  
University of New Haven  
University of Northern Colorado  
University of Northwestern Ohio  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Oregon  
University of San Francisco  
University of St Francis  
University of St. Thomas (MN)  
University of Washington-Seattle Campus  
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Villanova University  
Wesleyan University  
Western Illinois University  
Western Michigan University  
Xavier University

## CORPORATE WORK STUDY INDUSTRIES

Through the Corporate Work Study Program, CWSP, students earn up to 70% of their tuition, making the dream of a safe, affordable, quality college prep education a reality. Students gain valuable work experience and cultivate a strong network of professional relationships that will benefit them for a lifetime. Students work at partner companies in the following industries:

- **Architecture, Construction, Engineering & Design**
- **Banking**
- **Consumer Products**
- **Creative & Events**
- **Education & Museum**
- **Financial & Business Services**
- **Offices Of Government**
- **Health Care**
- **Hospitality**
- **Insurance**
- **Law**
- **Civic, Member, Community & Faith-Based, and Non-Profit Organizations**
- **Real Estate**
- **Shipping, Logistics & Distribution**
- **Technology & Energy**

*For a full list of our Corporate Work Study program partners, please visit [www.cristorey.net](http://www.cristorey.net)*

Our graduates have succeeded in post-secondary education at rates exceeding their peers. For the class of 2015, 64% have earned a degree in 6 years or less - 46% have a 4-year degree and 18% have a 2-year degree. In comparison, the most recent national data from the Pew Research Center finds that just 35% of Hispanics ages 18 to 24 are enrolled in two- or four-year post-secondary institutions and, among Hispanics ages 25 to 29, just 15% have earned a bachelor's degree.

