



# Cristo Rey Jesuit Seattle High School

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## What We Do

Without bachelor's degrees, low-income youth face enormous obstacles in transcending poverty.

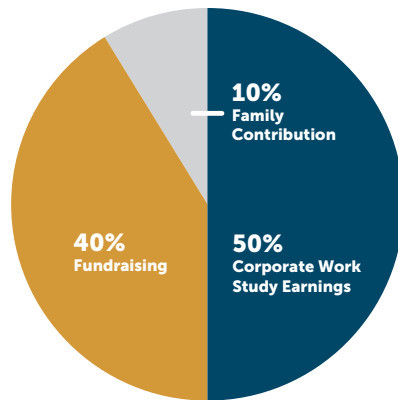
Our novel approach to education provides students with rigorous academic preparation for college while they gain valuable work experience that strengthens their cognitive and social capital development, catalyzes confidence and aspiration, and prepares them for success in college and careers. College enrollment and completion is the goal for all students.

**Students who graduate are more than two times as likely to enroll in college and two times as likely to earn a college degree compared to their peers.**

## Financial Model

CRJS students earn a majority of their education cost through the Corporate Work Study program.

When the school reaches full enrollment (400-500 students), the financial model reflects approximately 50% of funds earned through the CWSP, 40% through fundraising, and 10% from a modest family contribution.



**2/3 of admitted students** must qualify for free and reduced-price lunch

**1/3 of admitted students** can have a gross family income of up to 300% of the federal poverty threshold (Based on US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) 2023 poverty guidelines).

## Who We Are

Cristo Rey is the nation's largest private network of college and career preparatory schools exclusively serving the most marginalized population of students from secondary educational options; those in the lowest income quartile. Our students are culturally and linguistically diverse, identifying as 98% young people of color.

## Facts and Figures

**40**

Cristo Rey Seattle will be the 40th CRN school

**100%**

of families receive financial aid

**\$41,000**

Average annual income of enrolled families

**94%**

Students meet or exceed expectations in the workplace

**100%**

College acceptance (Class of 2023)

*Data from Cristo Rey schools nationwide*

## Corporate Work Study Program

35+ Seattle area Corporate Partners include:



The Corporate Work Study program operates like a temporary employment agency. Every student is employed five full days a month in an entry-level professional job all four years of high school.

Without intentional investments in people and communities of color and the organizations that work to address the removal of systemic barriers, real change will remain out of reach.

### Removes Institutional Barriers

Provides students with early access to professional networks and environments typically underrepresented in their communities, equipping them with social and technical acumen to enter and excel at careers they may not have otherwise considered.

### Decreases Economic Disparities

Helps close the wealth divide by strengthening the pathway to a college degree.

### Advances Racial Equity

Corporations can be at the forefront of industry efforts to invest in education, uniquely complemented by career and technical training, to move society toward racial equity.

**For students from historically underrepresented communities, Washington ranks 48th in sending students to college or a credential.**

*(Source: Geekwire)*

## Academic Model

Our academic philosophy is student-focused, affirmative, and rewards hard work, persistence, and mastery of content. We close the achievement gap through:

### ACADEMICS

Four extended days a week in the classroom

### WORK EXPERIENCE

One full day a week in the workplace for four years

### SPIRITUALITY

Jesuit, Catholic values

### SUPPORT

Counseling and advising to and through college

A summer bridge program, required for incoming grade 9 students, provides three weeks of academic coursework, professional training, socio-emotional wellness programming, and a general orientation, paving the way for a successful transition.

## University Partners

75+ college and university partners across the country improve college access and completion for graduates. Partners agree to prioritize our graduates in recruitment, provide competitive financial aid, provide support, and collaborate with the Network.

Class of 2023 average 4-year college out-of-pocket cost: \$2,884



## Feasibility Study Outcomes

With the support of 50+ passionate volunteers, the study found substantial need and support for a new college preparatory and career-focused high school serving students with limited economic resources in Seattle.

### Our Sponsor

CRJS is sponsored by the Jesuits West Province and is a member of the Jesuits Schools Network.

### Jobs

32 LOI's and 33.5 FTE's + 5 verbal commitments for job placements were secured for the Corporate Work Study program.

### Fundraising

Over \$3.4M in pledges were secured from individual + foundation donors, exceeding the goal of \$2.5M.

### Community Feedback

The community outreach team completed:  
227 student surveys                      80+ parent surveys  
41 community leader interviews    10 outreach events

## We are actively recruiting our first class of grade 9 students.

Our goal is to open our doors to 100+ young people from South Seattle and the surrounding community in the fall of 2024. These students, along with students admitted in the fall of 2025 and 2026, will attend classes in the current building (four classrooms) and three portables.

**To serve the 400+ students who will be enrolled by 2027, CRJS is launching a \$25 million campaign to purchase property and to build a state-of-the-art two-story academic building with 14-16 classrooms, including two science labs.**

The need for this new building is urgent because current facilities cannot support the addition of the fourth class of students entering in the fall of 2027.

The St. Paul campus is approximately 6 acres and located at the south end of Lake Washington in the Rainier Beach neighborhood. For 65+ years, until 2021 upon closing its doors, St. Paul School held a rich legacy of educating neighborhood K-8 students. This location provides a unique opportunity to recreate a vibrant educational hub for South Seattle and the surrounding community. A growing Early Learning Center program will remain on campus but move to a new location.

The new academic building will feature an outdoor courtyard connecting the new and current building. It will provide modern, state-of-the-art educational spaces for students and teachers.



| YEAR 1        | YEAR 2         | YEAR 3         | YEAR 4           |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 5 classrooms  | 10 classrooms  | 15 classrooms  | 20 classrooms    |
| 1 science lab | 2 science labs | 3 science labs | 3-4 science labs |