

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 complete a rigorous, college-preparatory curriculum rooted in the liberal arts. The program requires four years of English, Mathematics, Religion and Spanish, along with three years of Science and Social Studies. Cristo Rey Jesuit does not rank students.

Cristo Rey Jesuit's distinct dual-language program promotes proficiency in both Spanish and English. By design, 30% of coursework is taught entirely in Spanish, while the remaining 70% is taught in English. In English, seniors may take AP English Language and Composition or British Literature. In Spanish, seniors may take AP Spanish Literature and Culture or Spanish 4: Hispanic American Literature and Culture. From the Class of 2025, 113 students earned the Global Seal of Biliteracy, demonstrating advanced proficiency in both languages.

All students are required to take the AP Spanish Language and Culture exam. During the 2024–2025 school year, 95% of sophomore and junior test-takers scored a 3 or higher on this exam.

CORPORATE WORK STUDY PROGRAM

The Corporate Work Study Program (CWSP) provides students with professional work experience at one of nearly 100 job partners, while allowing students to earn a portion of the cost of their education at Cristo Rey Jesuit. Every student works four, eight-hour days per month without missing any scheduled classes. Students develop workforce skills, connect with professional mentors, and explore possible career paths. 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 2025, 243 applications were submitted for a freshman class of 114 from 18 different zip codes with a median income of \$43,352 (family of four).

Founded: 1996
Enrollment: 476

Accreditation
Cognia
Illinois State Board of Education

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

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Academics & Student Life

ACTIVITIES & ATHLETICS

Students participate in 16 varsity and junior varsity sports teams, through 11 different sports, and nearly 20 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.

FAITH & SERVICE LEARNING

As the only Catholic high school in Chicago serving exclusively Spanish-speaking students, Cristo Rey Jesuit serves as a bridge to faith by providing opportunities to deepen their relationship with God in the context of a Christian community. In addition to learning about faith in religion class, students participate in retreats, liturgies, and other programs. Students take on leadership roles as ministers to one another as retreat leaders, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and prayer leaders. All students are required to complete a minimum of 20 volunteer hours at an approved non-profit organization. Other available service opportunities including local, national, and international summer enrichment programs.



SCHOOL CURRICULUM & GRADING

Department	Freshman Year	Sophomore Year	Junior Year	Senior Year
Corporate Work Study Program (CWSP)	CWSP 1 / First Year Training Program	CWSP 2 / Professional Development	CWSP 3 Professional Development	CWSP 4 / Professional Development
English	English 1	English 2	American Literature	AP English Literature & Composition or British Literature
Mathematics	Algebra 1 or (H) Algebra 1 / Geometry	Geometry or (H) Algebra 2 / Trigonometry	Algebra 2 / Trigonometry or (H) Pre-Calculus	AP Calculus AB/BC (H) Calculus Advanced Statistics or Statistics, Functions & Trigonometry
Religion	Religion 1: Catholic Christianity *	Religion 2: Hebrew Scripture/ Sacraments *	Religion 3: New Testament/ Church History	Ethics and the Christian Life
Science	Biology or (H) Biology	Physics or (H) Physics	Chemistry or (H) Chemistry	Advanced Biology or Advanced Physics
Social Studies	<i>Elective Choice</i>	World History *	U.S. History History of the Americas *	Civics or AP United States Government & Politics
Spanish	Spanish for Heritage Speakers 1: Introductory Grammar & Literature *	AP Spanish Language & Culture *	Advanced Spanish 3: History of the Americas *	Spanish 4: Hispanic American Literature & Culture * or AP Spanish Literature & Culture *

The following electives are offered to Seniors only: College Seminar; Finance; Fine Arts 2; Advanced Physics; AP Psychology; Physical Education 2; Philosophy; Public Speaking

The following electives are offered to Freshmen only: Computer Science; Fine Arts 1; Health; Physical Education 1

Legend: * = Courses taught in Spanish as a part of the dual-language program; (H) = Honors option available



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

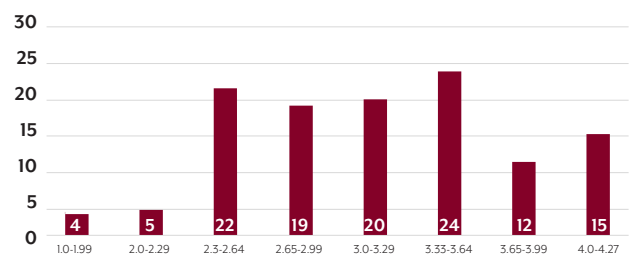
A minimum of 28.5 credits are required for graduation, including:

- CWSP:** 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

GRADING PROCEDURES

Weighted GPA Distribution for the Class of 2026

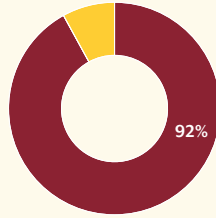
121 Students | Six Semester Grades



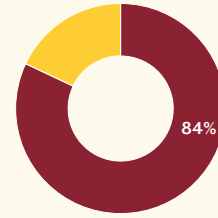
Cristo Rey Jesuit High School utilizes a 4.0 grading scale:

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.

Cristo Rey Jesuit Class of 2025 Snapshot



92%
identify as
first-generation
college students



84%
Pell Grant
eligible



First students in Cristo Rey Jesuit history to attend:
Yale University, Cornell University, University of Michigan,
Santa Clara University, and Wake Forest University

1,799

college applications
submitted to 175 schools

1,080

acceptances
to 122 schools in 32 states

100%

accepted to at least
one college or university

\$84M

total earned in scholarships
and financial aid offers

\$21

average out-of-pocket
college cost

100% of students matched with one of four college counselors who assist them in their post-secondary plans

SCHOOLS THAT OFFERED ADMISSION TO THE CLASS OF 2025

Alaska Pacific University
Albion College
Aquinas College
Arizona State University (Phoenix)
Arizona State University (Tempe)
Arrupe College of Loyola University
Augustana College
Beloit College
Benedictine University
Blackburn College
Boston College
Bradley University
Brown University
California Lutheran University
Calvin University
Carthage College
Case Western Reserve University
Chicago State University
College of Saint Benedict
Columbia College (Chicago)
Concordia University (Chicago)
Cornell University *
Creighton University
DePaul University
DePauw University
Dominican University
Drexel University
Elmhurst University
Eureka College
Fairfield University
Fordham University
Georgetown University
Gonzaga University
Hamline University
Harold Washington College
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Holy Cross College
Illinois College

Illinois Institute of Technology
Illinois State University
Indiana University
Jackson State University
John Carroll University
Juniata College
Kalamazoo College
Kent State University
Lake Forest College
Lakeland University
Lawrence University
Lewis & Clark College
Lewis University
Loras College
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University New Orleans
Malcolm X College
Marquette University
Miami University (Oxford)
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Mississippi State University
Monmouth University
Moraine Valley Community College
Morton College
Mount Mary University
Mount Saint Mary's University
National Louis University
North Dakota State University
North Park University
Northeastern Illinois University
Northern Illinois University
Olive-Harvey College
Olivet Nazarene University
Providence College
Purdue University Northwest
Quincy University
Regis University
Rhodes College



Richard J Daley College
Rockhurst University
Roosevelt University
Rutgers University (New Brunswick)
Saint Ambrose University
Saint John's University
Saint Mary's College
Saint Peter's University
Saint Xavier University
Santa Clara University *
Seattle University
Southern Illinois University (Carbondale)
St. Norbert College
St. Olaf College
Stevens Institute of Technology
University of Alaska Fairbanks
University of Connecticut (Hartford)
University of Dayton
University of Houston
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois at Springfield
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Kansas

University of Kentucky
University of Miami
University of Michigan *
University of Notre Dame
University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh)
University of Richmond
University of Saint Francis (Fort Wayne)
University of St. Francis
University of St. Thomas
University of Wisconsin (Madison)
University of Wisconsin (Milwaukee)
Valparaiso University
Villanova University
Wake Forest University *
Washington University in St. Louis
Western Illinois University
Whitman College
Wilbur Wright College
Xavier University
Yale University *

*BOLD denotes where students matriculated
BOLD and * denotes first student to attend*

The School that Works: CWSP



CORPORATE WORK STUDY PROGRAM

To make the school both affordable and sustainable, Cristo Rey Jesuit High School pioneered the Corporate Work Study Program (CWSP) model for education that has inspired a network of schools in underserved communities across the country. Through CWSP, students work for and earn a portion of the cost of their education by working one day a week in an entry-level position, providing each student with highly marketable work experience and social capital. Every Cristoer builds work experience for their resume, and receives valuable career exploration, mentorship, and networking at some of Chicago's most notable companies and non-profit organizations. To ensure that students are fully prepared for their future job placements, starting in 2025-2026 all freshmen participate in a full year of workplace training each Friday. This curriculum integrates executive functioning and academic topics with workplace prep, including courses in career exploration, technology training, and professional skills.

CWSP INDUSTRIES

Through the Corporate Work Study Program, students earn a portion 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
- Non-Profit and Community Organizations
- Publishing
- Real Estate
- Staffing & Recruiting
- Technology & Data

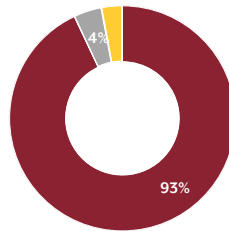
View full partner list at www.cristoreycwsp.net

Alumni College Outcomes

Cristo Rey Jesuit alumni graduate with a bachelor's degree at nearly 4x the national average for Hispanics. In our 30th school year, Cristo Rey Jesuit High School has **2,820 alumni** who are men and women for others in Chicago and beyond.

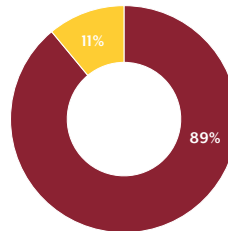
Class of 2024 Matriculation

97% total enrollment;
93% to a 4-year school and
4% to a 2-year school



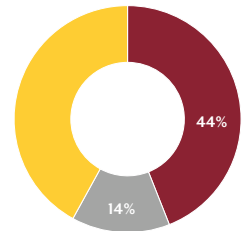
Class of 2022 Persistence

89% returned for their
second year



Class of 2018 Graduation

58% graduated in 6 years or less -
44% earned a 4-year degree and
14% earned a 2-year degree



In comparison, recent national data from the Pew Research Center finds that just 32% of Hispanics ages 18 to 24 are enrolled in two- or four-year post-secondary institutions and, among Hispanics ages 25 to 29, just 23% have earned a bachelor's degree.



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