



**North Lawndale College  
Preparatory Charter High School**

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**Mission**

The mission of North Lawndale College Preparatory Charter High School (NLCP) is to prepare young people from under-resourced communities for graduation from high school with the academic skills and personal resilience necessary for successful completion of college.

**School and Community**

NLCP opened in 1998 to meet a pressing community need of creating a neighborhood high school that

provides an academically rigorous, yet socially and emotionally supportive, small school environment with personalized support for students enrolled in grades 9-12.

NLCP assigns a counselor to each incoming group of freshmen – who will stay with that group for the four years at NLCP and through their first year of college. This strategy pays huge dividends as we help the graduates – many of them the first in their family to go to college – make the difficult transition to college. Here is a snapshot of the performance of the graduating classes from 2002 through to 2008:

- 100% of all graduates were accepted to at least one college or university
- Each year college attendance and retention rates have grown along with the competitiveness of the schools attended

**Enrollment**

670 students in grades 9-12

97% African American / 3% Latino

92% free & reduced lunch

97% neighborhoods on the West Side of Chicago

95% attendance / 91% retention

**Faculty**

Full-time teaching staff: 47

Student/Teacher ratio: 14:1

% holding a Masters or beyond: 55

**Graduation Requirements for Class of 2011 & Beyond**

5 credits in English

5 credits in Math

4 credits in Science

3.5 credits in Social Studies

2 credits in Foreign Language

1 credit in Fine Arts

1 credit in Physical Education

0.5 credit in Computers

3 credits from Electives

**25 Total Credits**

**NLCP Class Schedule**

Starting in 2006-07, NLCP adopted a new block, trimester schedule. The purpose is for students to have fewer classes allowing greater depth of study in each discipline with increased academic rigor and intensity. The new schedule offers students 2 credits of course offerings per trimester, totaling 6 credits annually. Graduation requirements are adjusted for current students who were taking 7 credits of courses per year.

## Senior Project Requirement

This project, which stems from the senior English class, is designed for seniors to showcase their academic success and in doing so they must complete a major research paper and successfully present to a review committee.

## College Readiness Course Benefits

The College Readiness course provides students with early awareness of all postsecondary options. It allots extra study time for courses and incorporates a curriculum to develop important test-taking, writing and study skills.

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### AP & Honors Classes:

AP Literature & Composition  
AP Language & Composition  
AP U.S. History  
AP Government & Politics  
Honors Algebra I  
Honors Geometry  
Honors Advanced Algebra Trigonometry II  
Honors Science Olympiad  
Honors American Literatures  
Honors World Literatures

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### Phoenix Rising Summer Program

Between the months of June and August, NLCP students travel all across the country and truly experience the world around them. NLCP's Phoenix Rising student development summer program offers experiential learning, promotes access to higher education, and fosters leadership and academic development. A total of 150 students participated in programs in 2008.

**Freshmen:** Leadership programs help them build toward successful academic achievement and productive lives. Examples of offerings include Meet the Wilderness in Colorado Camp Life Ride in Illinois.

**Sophomores:** Students choose from academic enrichment programs at colleges such as Carleton and Morehouse, as well as universities closer to home like the University of Wisconsin and University of Illinois.

**Juniors:** Participants focus on the world of work by taking internships at establishments such as Adler Planetarium, Mikva Challenge, and Free Spirit Media.

### The members of the classes of 2002-2008 have been accepted at the following colleges and universities:

Alabama A&M University  
Alcorn State University  
Arizona State University  
Arkansas State University  
Baker College  
Bethune-Cookman College  
Bowling Green State University  
Bradley University  
Carleton College  
Central Michigan University  
Chicago State University  
City Colleges of Chicago  
Clark Atlanta University  
Columbia College Chicago  
Coppin State University

Dartmouth College  
Denison University  
DePaul University  
DePauw University  
Dillard University  
Doane College  
Dominican University  
Earlham College  
Eastern Illinois University  
Elmhurst College  
Florida A&M University  
Goshen College  
Grambling State University  
Grinnell College  
Hampton University  
Howard University  
Illinois Institute of Technology  
Illinois State University  
Indiana University  
Indiana State University  
Iowa State University  
Jackson State University  
Johnson C. Smith University  
Kent State University  
Lake Forest College  
Lawrence University  
Lewis University  
Lincoln College  
Lincoln University  
Loyola University  
Miami University of Ohio  
Michigan State University  
Millikin University  
Morehouse College  
Northern Illinois University  
Northern Michigan University  
Northland Technical College  
Oberlin College  
Ohio State University  
Ohio University  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
Olivet Nazarene University  
Otterbein College  
Pomona College  
Purdue University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Robert Morris College  
Southern Illinois University @ Carbondale  
Southern Illinois University @ Edwardsville  
Spelman College  
St. Augustine University  
St. Louis University  
St. Xavier University  
Syracuse University  
Temple University  
Tennessee State University  
Trinity College  
Trinity Evangelical College  
Tuskegee University  
University of Arizona  
University of Illinois @ Urbana/Champaign  
University of Illinois @ Chicago  
University of Illinois @ Springfield  
University of Iowa  
University of Kansas  
University of Memphis  
University of Minnesota @ Morris  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Wisconsin  
Voorhees College  
Western Illinois University  
Western Michigan University  
Williams College  
Wright State University  
Xavier University