



Alternative Schools Network

Steps to Enrollment

1. Call schools and ask to speak to the specific DCFS contact person at the school as outlined in the attached list.
2. You must fill out the YS3 Referral Form and either fax beforehand to the school of your choice or bring with you to the interview. A referral form can be obtained from this website, ASN, or the schools of your choice. You (the caseworker) and the client **MUST** sign the referral form and the form **MUST** be completely filled out.
3. In order to interview, you must bring the referral form, the student's transcripts, information from their school record (eg: IEP), birth certificate, social security card and copy of medical card/immunization records.
4. Assess whether or not the level of skills, the amount of high school credits (have they finished 9th grade...etc), their interest and enthusiasm, the age...etc. See the below "Enrollment Criteria" outlining whether or not your DCFS youth is a good prospect for this program.
5. See the full glossy program directory for each school's enrollment and graduation requirements (available from ASN or via this website).

Enrollment Criteria

DCFS youth living in traditional foster care placement, home of relative, unsupervised and supervised independent living, group home or residential home placement who are 16-21, and are out of school are eligible for this program. Potential enrollees must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- have been dismissed from the Chicago Public Schools, other traditional, or alternative educational program due to excessive absences/**truancy**,
- have formally **dropped out** of an educational program,
- have been dropped due to **expulsion** under the Zero Tolerance Policy,
- have had a recent **placement change** into a new area that requires a new school to be identified
- have **insufficient credits** to complete a program in a traditional educational setting by the time they are 21 years of age and are thereby in need of a program that offers accelerated credit gain

IMPORTANT NOTE: Youth must be officially and formally un-enrolled from the Chicago Public Schools System in order to be eligible for the YS3 program.

Enrollment Exclusions

Youth under the care of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) who:

- have extreme Learning Disabilities requiring specialized educational treatment, facilities or resources
- have extreme behavioral disorders, requiring intensive and ongoing monitoring in a restricted environment with specialized staff and guidelines
- have insufficient credits to graduate by the time they are 21 years of age
- have Special Education needs outlined within their IEP that are clearly beyond the expertise of the participating schools/program sites
- have been emancipated
- have been adopted
- do not have an active case file with DCFS
- are enrolled (at time of application) in another educational program

Enrollment Considerations

Caseworkers must really assess whether students are a potential fit with a specific school curriculum, program capacity, and skills. Careful consideration should be given to whether or not the school is a good fit for a DCFS youth, given their unique circumstances. Here are some factors/questions to consider during the enrollment process:

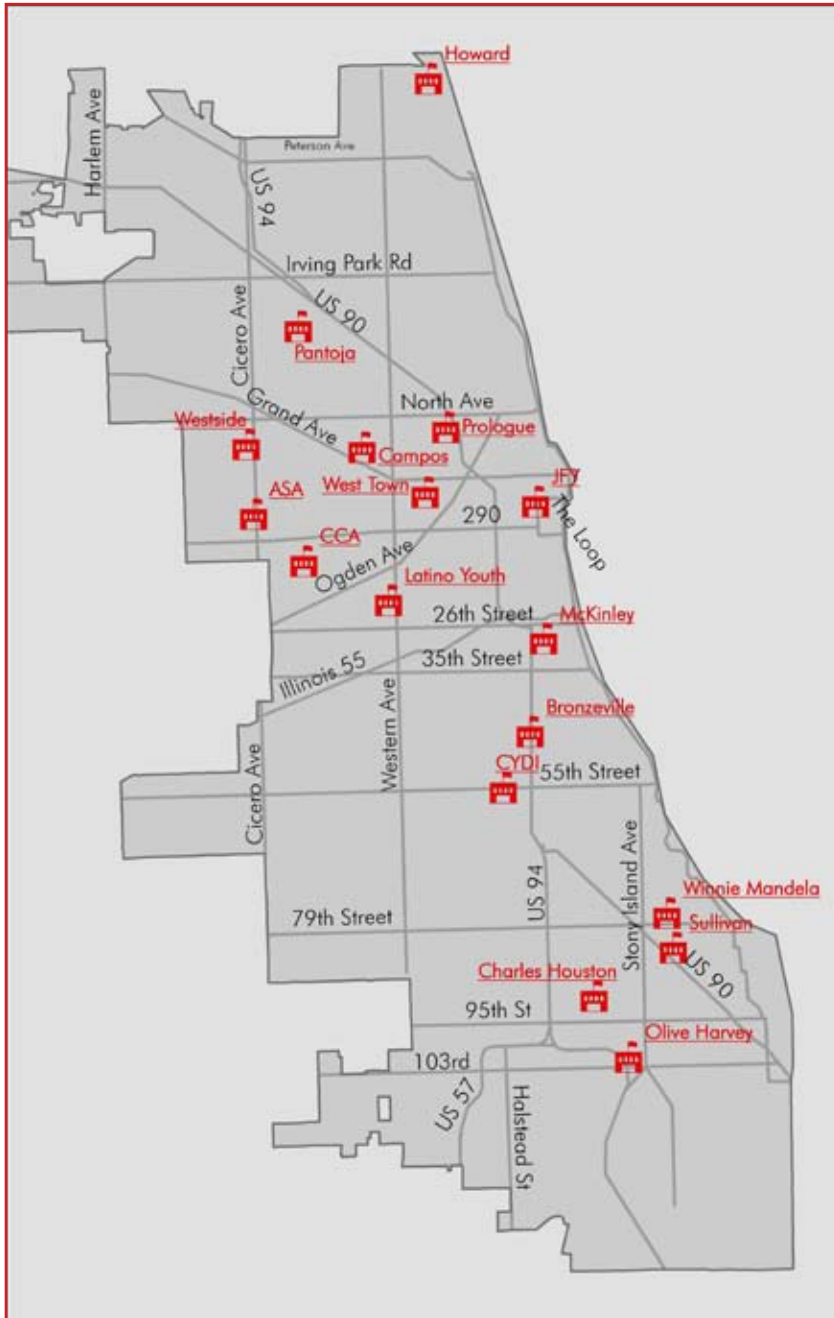
- The age of the student;
- The number of credits a student has and will need to graduate;
- The student's level of reading, math, and other skills;
- The student's social skills;
- How long the student has been out of school before coming to the school;
- Does student live near or far from the school and are they near a bus/subway/el line that can get them to school quickly;
- Is student a special education student;
- Does student have a learning disability or any other special learning issues;
- Does student have serious behavioral or mental health issues that may impact their learning;
- Does student have any physical limitations, e.g. do they need glasses, etc;
- What is the student's living situation -- e.g. independent living is often a problem because the youth are not ready to live alone;
- What age, level of reading and math skills, and number of credits must students have to enter the program to earn a diploma by the time they are 2;
- Would the GED be a better option for older youth;
- What levels of reading and math must they have in order to earn a high school diploma from your school in a realistic time frame.

If you need any help troubleshooting this enrollment process, please do not hesitate to contact Ray Fleming from the Alternative Schools Network at 773-401-7221.



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Schools offering YS3 Program:

ASA Academy

Address: 4651 W. Madison, Phone: 773.921.1315
Contact: Reginald Breashears

Ada S. McKinley

Address: 2920 S. Wabash, Phone: 312.949.5010
Contacts: John Howard, Makeya Norfleet

Antonia Pantoja H.S.

Address: 3121 N. Pulaski Ave, Phone: 773.252.0970
Contact: Milagros Pagan

Bronzeville

Address: 220 West 45th Place, Phone: 773.538.0013
Contact: Jennifer Adams

CCA Academy

Address: 1231 S. Pulaski, Phone: 773.762.2272
Contacts: Ponce DeLeon, Crystal Williams

Charles Hamilton Houston (Prologue)

Address: 9035 S. Langley, Phone: 773.723.9630
Contacts: JoAnn Mack

Community Youth Development Inc.

Address: 7836 S. Union, Phone: 773.224.2273
Contacts: LaToya Brown, Patrick Barry

Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos H.S.

Address: 2739 W. Division, Phone: 773.342.8022
Contact: Ruben Gerena, Matt Rodriguez

Howard Leadership Academy

Address: 7648 N. Paulina, Phone: 773.381.0366
Contacts: Ben Hawkins, Todd Campbell

Jobs For Youth/Chicago

Address: 17 N. State St, 6th Floor, Phone: 312.499.4778
Contacts: Nina Hardy, Trina Whatley

Latino Youth H.S.

Address: 2001 S. California Ave, Phone: 773.648.2130
Contacts: Brian Lagrone

Olive-Harvey Middle College

Address: 10001 S. Woodlawn, Phone: 773.291.6579
Contacts: Consuelo Sierra, Benita Best

Prologue Early College (WEB DuBois)

Address: 1135 N. Cleaver, Phone: 773.935.9925
Contacts: Monique Scott, Jay Yolich

Sullivan High School

Address: 8164 S. South Chicago, Phone: 773.978.8680
Contacts: Eric Wright

West Town Academy

Address: 2021 W. Fulton, Phone: 312.563.9044
Contacts: Liliana Rosa, Carlos Payne, Monica O'Brien

Westside H.S.

Address: 4909 W. Division, Phone: 773.265.8655
Contacts: Johntuanay Johnson, Veronica Sanchez

Winnie Mandela (Prologue)

Address: 7847 S. Jeffrey, Phone: 773.375.0529
Contacts: Jamilah Kareem, Jamira Maxwell

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