



FACT SHEET 1997-2010

The Youth Connection Charter School (YCCS) has served as the leading provider of alternative education programs in the Chicago area for thirteen years. YCCS is the only chartered alternative education system that is solely dedicated to serving the growing population of dropout and at-risk students in Illinois.

- YCCS had the largest graduating class among CPS schools In 2009-2010, accounting for nearly 8% of all graduates
- For the 2009-2010 school year, 10% of all African-American CPS graduates were YCCS students, as were almost 7% of all Latino graduates in 2009-2010
- Stable students at YCCS made an average of 2.4 years of grade gains in both math and reading proficiency during the 2009-2010 school year
- 80% of YCCS graduates have continued on to post-secondary education or employment since 1997; over 9,819 students have earned their high school diplomas

By building small campuses in partnership with community-based organizations and nearby community colleges, YCCS provides at-risk students with an innovative learning environment designed to accelerate their educational development and help them to earn a high school diploma.

Your continued support for public education in Illinois is greatly needed and deeply appreciated.

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- YCCS campuses had an average attendance rate of 78% over the past 13 years, and a 69% average retention rate
- At any given time, there are at least 2,000 students on the waiting list to enroll into one of the 22 YCCS campuses
- In the Chicago Sun-Times 2010 rankings of Chicago High Schools, YCCS was ranked in the top 30% of schools*

* Figure does not include the 9 selective enrollment high school