

# WE ARE ACERO.

**Our mission is transforming minds through academic empowerment and success.**

Our vision is to provide educational opportunities that will launch the next generation of extraordinary life-long learners, discerners and doers.

**Achievement** - We set goals and do what it takes to reach them.

**Community** - We contribute to, respect and serve in our communities.

**Excellence** - We expect our best and strive to make our best even better.

**Resilience** - We learn and grow through adversity and challenges.

**Optimism** - We believe in our ability to create the future we envision.

## At Acero Schools, we are what we believe.



-Established in 1998  
-Fifteen Schools: 12 elementary,  
two high schools, and one K-12



-High performing. 73% of  
schools are rated Level 1+ and  
Level 1 by CPS



-More than 7,000 students  
-More than 500 teachers and  
professional staff

We are an urban district serving a high percentage of bilingual students. With a focus on innovation and sharing best practices, our network takes a team-based approach to developing high-performing schools. Using proven educational models for social emotional learning, personalized learning and data-driven and differentiated instruction, we devise a customized approach for each individual school to best meet the needs of students.

Our high performing schools are tuition-free and serve students from across the city of Chicago.

## Performance

- ✓ Averaging more than 96 percent, attendance at Acero schools exceeds local rates.
- ✓ Acero schools score above the national average on both NWEA math and reading attainment and growth percentiles.
- ✓ Graduation rates for Acero schools exceed CPS rates by more than 10 points.
- ✓ Marquez Elementary was the winner of the 2017-18 Accelerate Grant.
- ✓ 300 Acero students have been awarded state and CPS Seals of Biliteracy for their proficiency in more than one language.
- ✓ In 2016, Acero schools dominated Chicago Magazine's list of Top Five Charter Elementary Schools, claiming three of five slots.
- ✓ Acero schools leaders are recognized for their talent. Four principals have been selected to participate in the Chicago Principals Fellowship program, and one was named Principal of the year in 2016 by the Illinois Network of Charter Schools.
- ✓ Acero teacher Anthony Zarate was the first charter school teacher selected as a finalist for Ill. Teacher of the Year.

Social emotional  
learning

Personalized  
learning

Data-driven  
and  
differentiated  
instruction

Schools located in Chicago's Archer Heights, Avondale, Brighton Park, Gage Park, Galewood, Humboldt Park, Little Village, Pilsen and Rogers Park neighborhoods.

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