

ICSJ BY THE NUMBERS



95% Acceptance to 1st Choice High School



2 Teachers in Each PreK - Grade 5 Classroom



12:1 Student:Teacher Ratio K - Grade 5

Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph School (ICSJ) is a leading, private, Catholic parish school located in the heart of the Old Town neighborhood of Chicago. ICSJ operates two campuses serving 450 students in prekindergarten through grade eight.



20 Chicago Zip Codes Represented



70% Faculty Earned or Completing Master's



75% Student Athletics Participation



1:1 iPad Environment Grades 4 - 8



65 Clubs & Enrichment Classes Offered

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Full Day 8:05-2:55 | Half Day 8:05-11:15

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ACADEMICS

Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph School (ICSJ) combines traditional curriculum with innovative instruction to provide all students an exceptional and challenging learning environment. While all grade levels focus on teaching strong traditional literacy and numeracy skills, creativity and personal inquiry are fostered and celebrated in each classroom. Teachers use research-based curriculum, instructional best practices, thoughtful technology integration, and a caring and nurturing environment to promote individual academic strengths and encourage students to take academic risks.

CO-TEACHING MODEL: Utilizing a unique co-teaching model, ICSJ employs two, full-time certified teachers in every classroom from prekindergarten through grade five. The individual academic and social-emotional needs of every student are easily met in this system, as curriculum is differentiated and instruction is personalized.

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL INSTRUCTION: Social-emotional competencies are critical to academic success. Therefore, ICSJ utilizes multiple social-emotional programs, including Responsive Classroom and Second Step, across all grade levels to create a safe and joyful learning community. Working with classroom teachers, ICSJ's three full-time counselors integrate multiple behavioral and emotional strategies into everyday classroom lessons.



Early Childhood (PreK-K)



Elementary School (1-5)



Middle School (6-8)

ICSJ's early childhood program is a play and center-based, NAEYC® accredited, comprehensive program designed to provide the best learning experience for our youngest students. Our teachers work with each child to ensure that his/her individual, educational, and developmental needs are being met, with a focus on physical, social and personal development, fine and gross motor skills and visual and auditory perception.

At the elementary level, students follow thematic study units in language arts, science, mathematics, social studies, religion, art, Spanish, music and physical education. Our co-teachers instruct in self-contained classrooms that stimulate academic, emotional, social, and spiritual development. Maintaining low student: teacher ratios allows ICSJ to offer truly differentiated instruction across an integrated curriculum.

At the middle school level, ICSJ follows a departmentalized approach where students move to various classrooms for instruction in a specific discipline by specialists. Through blended, project and inquiry-based learning methods, students master critical learning, literacy, and life skills. Our rigorous curriculum, instructional best practices, and thoughtful technology integration prepare our students for Chicago's most selective high schools.

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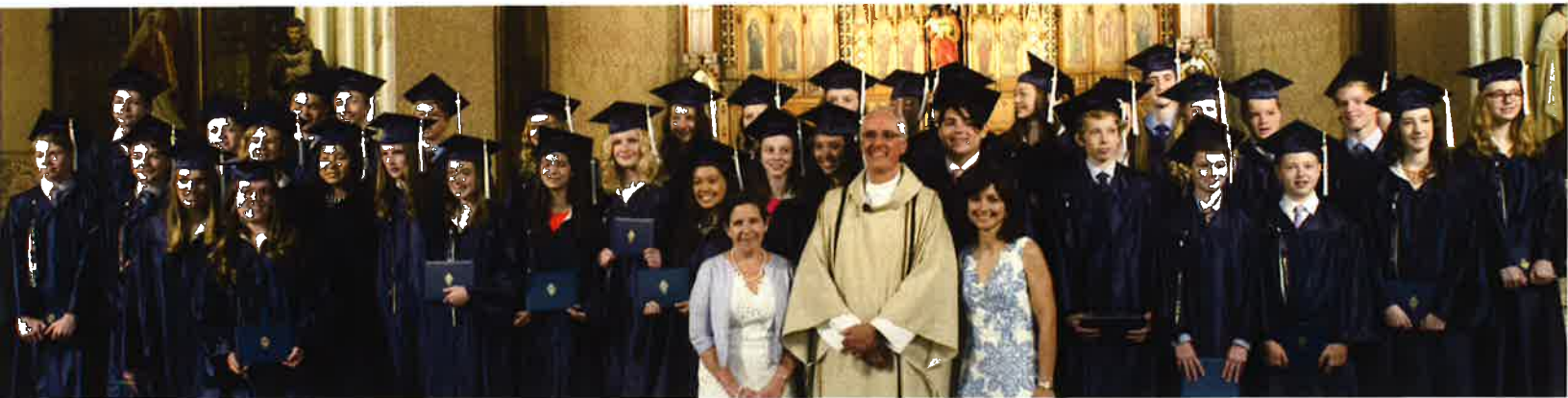


HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT

The proof is in the numbers. 95% of Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph School's (ICSJ) most recent graduating class were accepted by their first choice high school. ICSJ students routinely gain acceptance to the most selective and competitive high schools in the Chicago area. Our comprehensive approach to developing academic prowess, critical thinking skills, and fostering the growth of each student beyond the classroom, poise our graduates for years of success in high school and beyond.

Beginning in seventh grade, ICSJ staff work closely with each student and his/her family to guide them through every step of the high school application process. Our faculty, full-time counselors, advisory classes, and test prep and tutoring partners combine to set the stage for achievement of each student's high school goals.

ICSJ HIGH SCHOOL ACCEPTANCE



Catholic High Schools

- DEPAUL COLLEGE PREP
- FENWICK HIGH SCHOOL
- GUERIN PREP
- LOYOLA ACADEMY
- MT. CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL
- ST. IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREP
- WOODLANDS ACADEMY

CPS Selective Enrollment High Schools

- LANE TECH COLLEGE PREP
- LINCOLN PARK IB
- JONES COLLEGE PREP
- WALTER PAYTON COLLEGE PREP
- WHITNEY M. YOUNG COLLEGE PREP

Independent High Schools

- CULVER ACADEMIES
- LATIN SCHOOL OF CHICAGO
- LYCÉE FRANÇAIS DE CHICAGO
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LABORATORY SCHOOLS

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ADMISSIONS

Thank you for your interest in Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph School (ICSJ). Our challenging curriculum, dedicated and accomplished faculty, unique co-teaching model, and breadth of enrichment opportunities offer students a prekindergarten through grade eight experience that will prepare them for the most selective high schools in Chicago.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. An application for admission (apply online at www.icsjschool.org)
2. A \$100.00 non-refundable application fee
3. A copy of the child's birth certificate
4. A copy of the child's baptismal certificate (if applicable)
5. School transcripts and standardized test scores (grades 1-8 applicants)
6. Enrolled ICSJ family referral form (optional)



ADMISSION CONSIDERATIONS:

1. Children with a sibling currently enrolled at the school
2. Families who have been active, registered parishioners of ICSJ Parish for at least two years
3. Families who are committed to continuing their child's education at ICSJ through grade eight
4. Families who are registered parishioners of neighboring Catholic churches

AGE OF ADMISSION: In compliance with the age requirements of the State of Illinois, students must have their birthday on/before September 1st. The main entry point for admission for ICSJ students is PreK3.

- PreK3: 3 years old on/before September 1st
- PreK4: 4 years old on/before September 1st
- Kindergarten: 5 years old on/before September 1st

For more information, please contact our Admissions Director, Corey Jacobson, at cjacobson@icsjschool.org | ext 414.

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TOT PROGRAM

The Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph School (ICSJ) Tot Program is the ideal transition toddlers need to begin their evolution from a home-concentrated environment to a school-based setting. The warm, welcoming, and safe classroom encourages children to learn and grow through exploration and play. Children and caregivers will experience circle time, playtime, snack and story time, as well as opportunities for gross motor exploration. The ICSJ Tot Program is led by a certified and experienced early childhood educator.

CLASS SIZE: The Tot Program will serve a maximum of 10 students along with each child's caregiver. The number of students in the class is intentionally small allowing our tots, their caregivers and the teacher the opportunity to comfortably interact with one another throughout the duration of the class.

PROGRAM DETAILS: Applicants must be two years old by September 1st. The Tot Program meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30am-10:15am from September through May at ICSJ's Hill Street Campus.



PARENT/CAREGIVER INVOLVEMENT: The caregiver accompanying his/her tot is an essential component to the success of the program. The caregiver is asked to engage, encourage, and foster his/her child's learning throughout the class. As the toddlers demonstrate independence and readiness, typically beginning in March, parents/caregivers will transition out of the classroom and into an adjacent room to further foster the child's independence and prepare him/her for a preschool environment.

Participation in the ICSJ Tot Program does not guarantee admission into ICSJ School.

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