



A Disciplined Life

The 26 principles of A Disciplined Life are the language of the Perspectives Charter Schools family and serve as our code of living.

Self Perception

- Accept only quality work from yourself
- Take responsibility for your actions
- Seek wisdom
- Be open-minded
- Think critically and be inquisitive
- Love who you are
- Demonstrate honesty, integrity, and decency
- Be generous
- Be a life-long learner
- Live a healthy lifestyle

Communication

- Communicate effectively
- Challenge each other intellectually
- Show gratitude
- Solve conflicts peacefully
- Respect each other's differences
- Be positive and supportive of each other
- Show compassion

Productivity

- Demonstrate a strong work ethic
- Use your time wisely
- Listen actively
- Be punctual and prepared
- Be organized
- Be reflective
- Be reliable
- Take initiative
- Demonstrate perseverance

Mission:

All Perspectives Charter Schools will provide students with a rigorous and relevant education, based on *A Disciplined Life*, that prepares them for life in a changing world and helps them become intellectually reflective, caring and ethical people engaged in a meaningful life.



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Perspectives Charter Schools



We Grow Educators



Remember why you became
a teacher



We are dedicated to
developing our teachers



Perspectives teachers make
a difference every day

Ten years ago, two Chicago Public Schools teachers felt that their kids deserved a better education than they were receiving in their traditional public school. So, they started their own school.

Now that school is a growing network of schools recognized by the Gates Foundation and others as an effective model for urban education, serving more students every year and still dedicated to the same ideals on which it was founded.

Those ideals live through our comprehensive school culture called **A Disciplined Life** and in our guiding principals:

We are intellectuals. Our small schools foster an environment where students and teachers and compassionate, just, hardworking and healthy individuals

We teach ethics. Perspectives is committed to high student achievement through rigorous, relevant and focused, intensive classroom activity designed to meet the needs of every student.

We connect students to the community. Through internships, community action projects, field studies and social justice classes, we use the city as our classroom.

We partner with parents. We are entrepreneurial and innovative in creating solutions for the most effective teachers who are experienced, thoughtful and committed to the success of every student.

We grow educators. Parents are partners in education at Perspectives, playing an active part in the life of our schools.

"I am blessed to teach in a school that cares for their teachers. Perspectives does a great job supporting their teachers through developing them professionally."

- David Pankake, Perspectives Math Teacher

Perspectives is dedicated to ensuring that every teacher is prepared to provide our students with the best education possible. This includes a strong investment in continued professional development for all staff.

Our teachers enter the classroom each fall with nearly a month of preparation and professional development before school even starts. This support continues throughout the year with:

- regular professional development and teacher work days
- instructional leaders that mentor and coach all teachers
- well-qualified administrators
- resources that support instruction
- a collaborative teaching team.
- professional development stipends

We are not only invested in finding the best teachers, but providing those teachers with a supportive, collegial environment that fosters professional growth.

"At Perspectives I was surrounded by teachers who were dedicated to ensuring that I succeeded not only in high school but in the future. It was their continued support that helped me prepare for college."

- John Hackney, Jr., Class of 2002

South Loop Campus (6-12)

The South Loop Campus is home to 352 students in grades six through 12, representing 34 wards from across Chicago. As Perspectives first school, the South Loop campus opened in 1997.

Calumet Campus

Middle School (7-8)
High School (9-10)
School of Technology (9-10)

The Calumet Campus will be three distinct schools each serving 500 students, for a total of 1,500 students. Seventy-five percent of students at the Calumet Campus come from the surrounding community.

This will be the first year for the Calumet School of Technology, where students will learn to use computer technology to explore the world around them. The school will feature a yearlong technology course, while approaching all core subjects through the lens of technology.

Join the Perspectives Family!

We're searching for passionate individuals who believe that all students can learn and succeed, who are lifelong learners dedicated to making a difference in the life of each student every day.

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