

YEAR IN REVIEW

2006 | 2007



**URBAN PREP CHARTER ACADEMY
FOR YOUNG MEN**

Englewood Campus

ABOUT URBAN PREP

Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men Englewood Campus is Chicago's first and only public charter high school for young men. Founded by a group of African-American education, business and civic leaders, Urban Prep provides a dynamic classroom environment to meet the unique learning styles of boys and a comprehensive curriculum which prepares students to succeed in college.

We are proud to share some of the many accomplishments and achievements from Urban Prep's inaugural year.

Academics

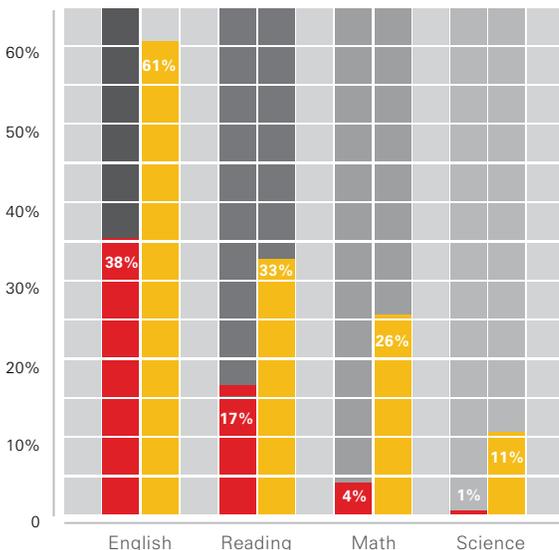
Urban Prep students meet and exceed academic expectations.

Student retention rate of 94 percent and daily attendance rate of 92 percent

Gained admission for 25 students into competitive summer programs in the U.S. and abroad, including programs at Cambridge University, Cornell University, Georgetown University, Morehouse College, University of Chicago and University of Illinois.

Men Do Read: Students engaged in independent reading for 20 minutes each day.

Double-Period English: Students took twice the number of English classes as traditional public high school students.



Percentage of students meeting/exceeding college readiness standards for ninth graders

Extracurricular Activities

More than 87 percent of Urban Prep students participated in a wide range of extracurricular activities, including athletics and clubs.

Fielded an unprecedented 4 athletic teams for a first year charter school, including football, basketball, track and field, and baseball. 85 percent of students participated on these teams.

Basketball team won the Division Title – also unprecedented for a first year team.

Established 8 clubs, including art, choir, conditioning, dean's, book, technology and camera clubs, as well as student council—70 percent of students participated in these clubs.

Dramatic increase in student test scores: Average composite score on the Explore Test, when compared with the district, increased from 35th percentile to 74th percentile during the school year.

The number of Urban Prep students meeting or exceeding standards increased in each subject.

Speakers

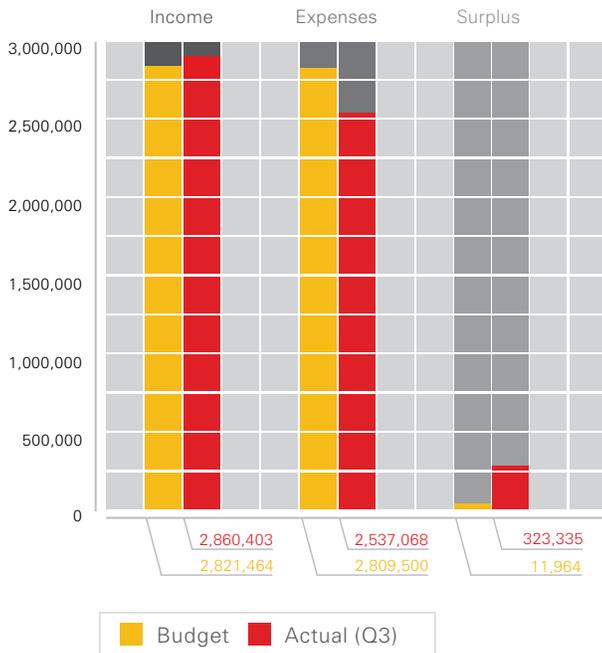
Urban Prep students attended and/or hosted at the school speeches by more than 200 elected officials, celebrities, athletes and educators from around the world.



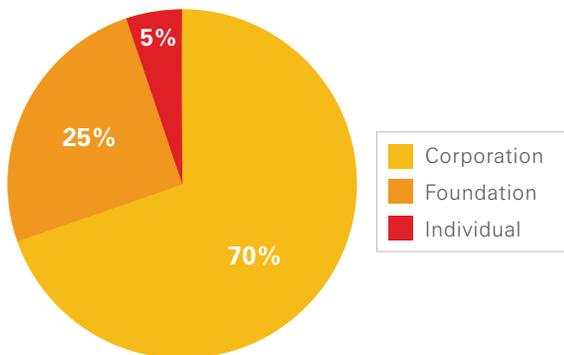
From left to right: U.S. Senator Barack Obama (D-IL), Filmmaker Spike Lee, CBS News Anchor Jim Williams, Author and Detroit Tigers hitter and outfielder Gary Sheffield, Chicago Board of Education President Rufus Williams, Former Chicago Bear Christopher Zorich, Congressman Bobby Rush, U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL)

Finances

Urban Prep demonstrates strong financial solvency and completes its inaugural academic year with a budget surplus.



Exceeded fundraising goal by more than 16 percent.



In the News

Local and national media coverage included front-page feature story and photograph in Chicago Tribune, as well as placements in:

Newspapers

Austin American Statesman | Chicago Defender
Chicago Magazine | Chicago Sun-Times
Chicago Tribune | Crain's Chicago Business
Rockford Register Star | USA Today

TV Media

CNN | MSNBC | WBBM-TV | WFLD-TV
WGN-TV | WLS-TV | WMAQ-TV | WREX-TV (Rockford)

Magazines/Periodicals

Ebony | Jet Magazine | N'Digo

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THE URBAN PREP CREED

We believe.

We are the young men of Urban Prep.

We are college bound.

We are exceptional—not because we say it, but because we work hard at it.

We will not falter in the face of any obstacle placed before us.

We are dedicated, committed and focused.

We never succumb to mediocrity, uncertainty or fear.

We never fail because we never give up.

We make no excuses.

We choose to live honestly, nonviolently and honorably.

We respect ourselves and, in doing so, respect all people.

We have a future for which we are accountable.

We have a responsibility to our families, community and world.

We are our brothers' keepers.

We believe in ourselves.

We believe in each other.

We believe in Urban Prep.

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