

# How does CPS define a “school”?

## A Chicago Public School ...

1. is officially authorized by the [Chicago Board of Education](#)
2. is based in one or more buildings inside the geographic boundaries of the City of Chicago
3. has or will have one of the following governance structures: a Local School Council, Appointed Local School Council, Board of Directors, or Board of Governors.
4. employs at least one administrator to lead the school
5. employs at least one credentialed person to provide instruction to students
6. provides an appropriate curriculum for each grade level served that, at a minimum, meets all requirements of the Illinois School Code
7. requires progression towards a terminal grade level within a single school, regardless of physical location
8. is not defined under Illinois School Code as something other than a school (e.g. an Alternative Learning Opportunities Program is not a school)
9. has or is intended to have at least one actively enrolled student during the school year

In the case of replicating charter entities that have been approved by the Chicago Board of Education, each campus with a designated administrator, a single physical address, and a distinct academic program is counted by CPS as a school.