

**APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE CHICAGO ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the establishment of the Chicago Academy High School.

DESCRIPTION:

As an expansion of its mission, the Chicago Academy for Urban School Leadership (authorized by Board Report 01-0523-ED8), will open the Chicago Academy High School in the Fall of 2004 at the Wright College Building at 3400 North Austin.

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing on the opening of the Chicago Academy High School was held on May 21, 2004 in accordance with the Modified Desegregation Consent Decree. The hearing was transcribed and a copy is available for review.

Enrollment

The Chicago Academy High School shall be non-selective, enrolling students citywide by application. In the event that the number of eligible applicants exceeds the school's enrollment capacity, students will be enrolled in the following order: graduating 8th graders from the existing Chicago Academy Elementary School; siblings of Academy students; proximity to school with consideration for ensuring a diverse student body. The Chicago Academy High School will accept no more than 125 freshmen for the ninth grade in the 2004-05 school year and add an additional grade level each year until it reaches a 9 – 12 structure of no more than 500 students by the fall of 2007.

Curriculum

The Chicago Academy High School will provide an engaging college preparatory curriculum. All students will take a core battery of English, history, math, and science, as well as foreign language and the arts. Additionally, the Chicago Academy High School will require a life development seminar at each grade level to equip students with the social, emotional, and instructional skills needed to succeed in and out of school. The plan of the Chicago Academy High School includes the development of a high school teacher training program in keeping with the AUSL mission; however, this teacher training component will not be implemented in the 04-05 school year.

Governance

Chicago Academy High School will be a CPS contract school with AUSL acting as the governing body. An advisory council of parents, teachers, and students will help guide the Chicago Academy High School.

LSC REVIEW: Not applicable

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable

FINANCIAL: No cost to the Board at this time.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: None

Approved for Consideration:



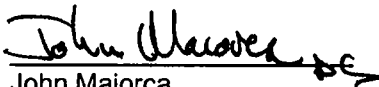
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