



2014-2015 End of Year Report

SAN MIGUEL SCHOOL'S BACKGROUND & MISSION

- To transform lives and neighborhoods by equipping academically underachieving, low income, at-risk youth with the resources to excel academically, socially, and spiritually.
- Provide educational opportunities for parents/adults, clinical counseling for students/families and collaboration and community development with other Back of the Yards neighborhood organizations.

San Miguel School is a Catholic School in the Back of the Yards neighborhood. The school is one of several elementary, secondary, and university level educational ministries owned by the Brothers of the Christian Schools Midwest District.

QUICK FACTS 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR:

NEIGHBORHOOD

Back of the Yards

MIDDLE-SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

90 Students

BACKGROUND

100% Latino

POVERTY RATE

100% Qualified for the Federally Funded Free and Reduced Lunch Program

FINANCIAL SNAP SHOT:

SAN MIGUEL COST PER STUDENT

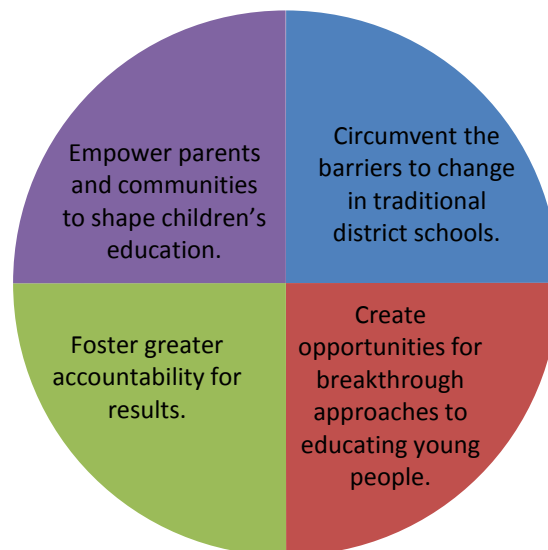
\$12,000 (FY2015)

CPS COST PER STUDENT

\$13,433

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/opinion/commentary/ct-chicago-public-schools-charter-catholic-archdio-20140908-story.html>

An investment in San Miguel School has significant impact and proven potential to:



The freedom and autonomy that San Miguel School is able to exercise has a direct and positive impact on what students are able to accomplish.



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Middle School Program

San Miguel School has designed a holistic wraparound approach to student learning that begins with building a relationship with each student and teaching them how to be accountable for their own actions. Students are provided with individualized supports that allow them to take advantage of the full three year Middle School program at San Miguel School. The education, services, and achievements from this past school year are provided below:

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:

INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR

September –July year-round calendar

SCHOOL DAY

7:15 am - 4:00 pm

The extended school day allows students an opportunity for breakfast and morning recreation, academic instruction in Reading, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Enrichment classes of Art, Physical Education, and Technology.

STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO

10:1

Each classroom is staffed with 2 full time teachers and 1 staff member as support

ATTENDANCE RATE

98%

STABILITY RATE-Class of 2015

93%

Students enrolled at the beginning of 6th grade who graduate in the 8th grade. During their 3 years together, 2 students moved to new schools at the end of 6th grade. At the start of the 7th grade, 2 students filled those open spots and then graduated with the class.



MIDDLE SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE:

AFTER SCHOOL ATHLETIC TEAMS

Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, and Softball
Teams are offered to every grade, both boys and girls.

AFTER SCHOOL ATHLETIC CAMPS

Basketball

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION RATE

78%

This is the percent of the student body that participated on at least one team during the school year. 100% of the student body participated in intramural team play.

DAY-LONG CLASS FIELD TRIPS

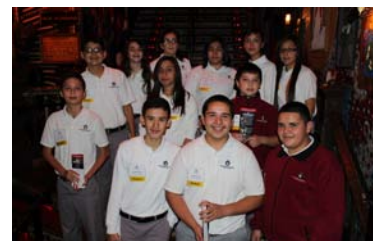
Teachers plan field trips to enrich the curriculum for students in conjunction with a unit of study.

- National Museum of Mexican Art
- Holocaust Museum
- Maggie Daley Park
- Cook County Courthouse, *Tour and Trial*
- Chicago History Museum
- Illinois College of Optometry

MULTI-DAY CLASS FIELD TRIPS

Students travel out of state on multi-day trips in order to build community experience settings outside of their normal day to day lives, and broaden their horizons

- Washington D.C.
- Camp Gray Environmental Camp
- Dunrovin Retreat and Outdoor Camp
- Iowa Farm and Lewis University Trip





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8th Grade Academic Accomplishments:

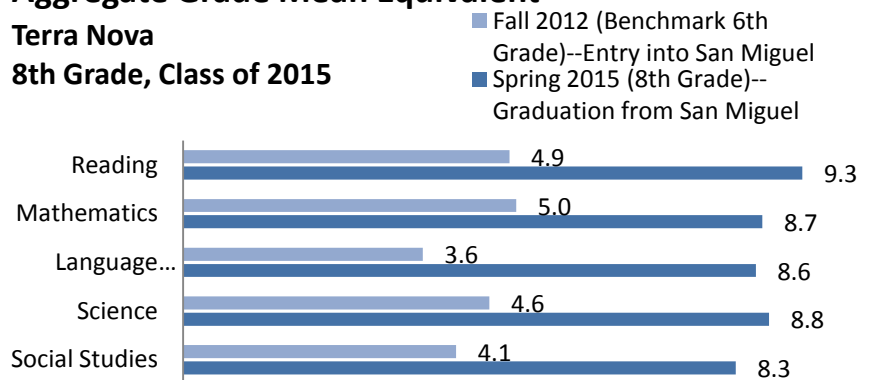
The Terra Nova test results of the 30 students graduating from the 8th grade continue to demonstrate how academically underachieving students under the right educational model can thrive and experience success.

Grade Mean Equivalent Change after 3 years	
Reading	4.4
Math	3.7
Language Arts	5
Science	4.1
Social Studies	4.1

Aggregate Grade Mean Equivalent

Terra Nova

8th Grade, Class of 2015



High School Selection and Awards:

This year 30 students graduated as members of the San Miguel School Class of 2015.

- 16 students qualified and took the Chicago Public Schools Selective Enrollment Exam and 7 students took the Catholic High School Entrance Exam.
- 5 students were selected to receive scholarships from competitive scholarship programs including the Daniel Murphy, High Sight, Clark and HFS Scholarship programs.

Class of 2015 High School Selection:

Our graduates will attend the following high schools:

Catholic High Schools:

De La Salle Institute (4)
Holy Trinity High School (1)
Cristo Rey Jesuit High School (1)
Our Lady of Tepeyac High School (1)

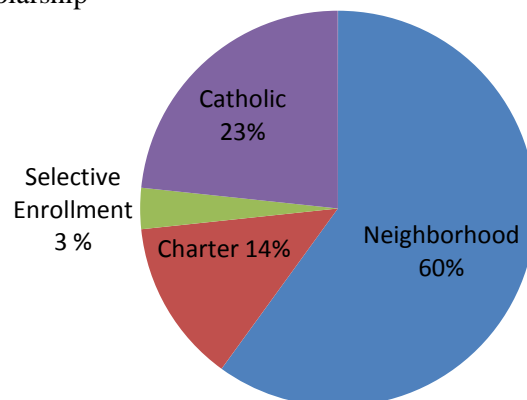
Selective Enrollment High Schools:

Jones College Prep High School (1)

Noble Street Charter Schools:

Chicago Bulls College Prep (1)
Muchin College Prep (1)
Rauner College Prep (1)
UIC College Prep (1)

Class of 2015: High School Selection



Neighborhood High School:

Back of the Yards College Preparatory High School (18)



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Graduate Support Program

This program provides academic support, youth development activities, leadership opportunities, financial assistance, alumni events and college readiness to high school age graduates of San Miguel Middle School. This year 102 alumni were served in this program in 9th through 12th grades. The following statistics describe the seniors in high school served by the program.

CHICAGO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES

San Miguel Graduates—96%
(In 4 years)

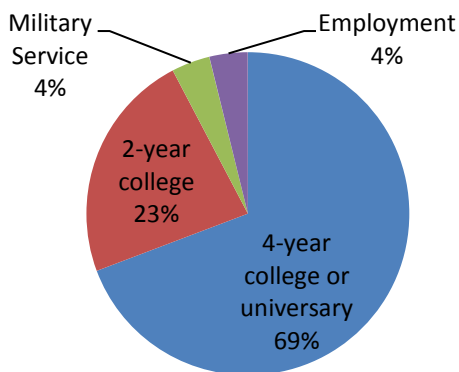
CPS District wide (2014)—69.4%
(In 5 years)

In 2011, 26 students graduated from the 8th grade at San Miguel School.

As of July 2015:

- 96% of the San Miguel Class of 2011 Graduated from high school in 4 years or less
- Of this group 10 students graduated from Charter Schools, 4 from Selective Enrollment High Schools, 3 from Public High Schools, and 6 from Catholic High Schools.

Class of 2011's Post Secondary Plans



Many students in this group will continue their education beyond high school. From this class, 24 students were accepted into 4-Year Universities and Community Colleges.

Post Secondary Education Breakdown	# of Students	Percentage
4-Year University	18	69%
Community College	6	23%

Middle School Support

In addition to providing programming and support to our graduates in high school, the graduate support staff works in collaboration with the 8th grade teachers to assist our 8th grade students and their families during the high school selection process. Through the school year, they coordinated, organized, and provided:

- All 8th grade students visited or went on 3 **high school shadow days** to schools of their choice. Schools included De La Salle Institute, Holy Trinity, Perspectives Charter School, Back of the Yards Neighborhood College Preparatory High School, Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, St. Laurence High School, Brother Rice High School, St. Rita High School, Chicago Hope Academy, Josephinum High School, Our Lady of Tepeyac High School, and St. Ignatius College Prep.
- **Parent and Student Workshops** that included topics like the Types of High Schools in Chicago, the Selective Enrollment Process, Scholarship Application Procedures, and Charter School Open Houses
- Assistance with writing scholarship and high school applications and essays.



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Family Support Program and Parent Participation

Classes and Workshops

The Family Support Program provides educational opportunities for parents/adults, clinical counseling for students/families and collaboration and community development with other Back of the Yards neighborhood organizations.

Classes Offered	Participants	Hours of Instruction
ESL	22	192
Arts & Crafts	43	210
Spanish Literacy	28	90
Leadership	120	36
Citizenship	20	58
Total	233	586

Approximately **550 individual family members** were served this past year including some members from the community at-large.

This year **81% of middle school families** participated in at least one Family Support workshop or event.

The middle school hosts Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences every 6 weeks to discuss the academic and social/emotional progress of the students. Cumulatively, we have had a **97% parent attendance rate** at these meetings.

Initiative	Workshop Series/Events Offered
Health Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cervical Cancer Awareness (20 participants) • Breast Cancer Awareness (18 participants) • Kidney Screening Day (115 participants) • Kidney Health Awareness • How to Avoid Stress and Depression (35 participants) •
Parenting Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategies to Help Students Succeed Academically (12 participants) • Family Systems and Addictions (33 participants) • Better Parents, Better Children (45 participants) • Annual Parent Conference (24 participants) • Authority and Discipline Workshop (25 participants)
Building School Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incoming 6th Grade Welcome BBQ (30 families) • School Parent Council (12 parents) • Parent Retreat (23 participants) • Parent Field Trip (25 participants) • Family Dance • Valentine's Day Dance
Neighborhood Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High School Options Workshop (25 participants) • Better Blocks Workshop (8 participants)

At San Miguel School we are blessed to have a culture of volunteerism. Throughout the school year **88% of the middle school families** volunteered their time and effort assisting with fundraising initiatives, school building maintenance projects, and with other school events. Overall, **95% of our middle school families** participated in a Family Support Event, Workshop, Class or Fundraising/Volunteering Initiative.

- Parent Council
- Family Dances
- Cleaning the school building
- Maintenance of the school building
- Chaperoning/working at dances
- School Rocks event volunteers
- Cinco de Mayo Festival volunteers
- Assembling mailings/working in the office
- Graduation planning, preparation, and event volunteers
- Rummage sale volunteers
- Food prep for meetings and workshops