

Ensuring Successful Transition to Edward K. (Duke) Ellington School

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Edward K. (Duke) Ellington School

- Duke Ellington School is located in the Austin neighborhood.
- As of 2012-2013, there were 350 students enrolled at Ellington.
 - *97.3% were low income students, 21.7% were special education students, and 3.3% were limited English learners.*
 - *The largest demographic at Ellington was Black making up 94% of the student population.*
 - *The second greatest demographic was Hispanic at 4.5%.*
- We are proud of our school community and Level 1 achievement status.
- We are proud of our 5Essentials ratings of strong to very strong in all categories:
 - *Ambitious instruction, effective leaders, collaborative teachers, involved families, and supportive environment.*

How we're working together to ensure success on Day 1 for our new school family (*Ellington/Emmet/Key*)

Summer Reading Program Kick-off Celebration – Theme: “Successful Transitions/Positive Outcomes”

- Partnership with Chicago Public Library
- Through a variety of reading experiences, students engaged in activities designed to promote harmonious relationships, acceptance of others, and change

Family Reunion – “A Day with the Duke”

Theme: “You are Awesome!”

- Partnership with private sector business community
- Motivational/Inspirational speakers from WCIU/Channel 26 (General Manager) & Clintex Laboratories, Inc. (Vice – President)
- Mini concert – 12 year old Professional Jazz/Blues Pianist & Singer (*Performed at the Chicago Jazz/Blues Festival – June 2013*)

Building Cultural Connections through Reading

- Partnership with Chicago Public Library and DuSable Museum
- Selected field trip experiences
- Objective: To provide an opportunity for students/parents to socialize and engage in discussion about how the featured book, storyline, and exhibit relate to their own child's and/or family experience

Middle School Connection Day – Theme: “Connecting with your peers through a positive exchange”

- Student centered and student directed activities
- Mock peer jury trial demonstration
- Students presented the case step by step from introduction to CPS Student Code of Conduct through consequences for infractions
- Question and Answer session

Reading through the Arts

- Engaging interactive experiences that present opportunities for students to connect with peers through artistic expression (Dance, music, and videography)
- Students will function team members capitalizing on strengths and differences of team members

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Professional Learning Community

- Ellington has developed a working professional learning community where we are committed to the education of all children.

Confidence

- Ellington has confidence in our students' ability to learn, and we're working towards preparing them to be Career & College Ready.

Compassionate

- Ellington works as a unit to show great compassion for our children, and assure that their needs are being met .

Our Vision

- By following our vision, mission, and theory of action, Ellington staff believes that our school is the best place for children to learn, grow, and develop.