



2017 Annual Conference – Site Visit List
List of Chicago area schools interested in hosting site visits on
Wednesday, November 8, 2017
(Schools listed alphabetically; list may be updated periodically)

As a courtesy to ISACS members and to encourage sharing among members, we have compiled the following list of Chicago area schools interested in hosting schools traveling to the area for the ISACS Annual Conference.

Please contact the school directly to schedule your site visit!

Akiba-Schechter Jewish Day School

5235 S Cornell Avenue
Chicago, IL 60615

www.akibaschechter.org

Contact: Yelena Spector, Director of Admissions, yspector@akibaschechter.org
phone: 773-493-8880

Akiba-Schechter preschool and kindergarten is a Reggio-Emilia inspired program, focused on play-based learning, open to the community, and inspired and rooted in Jewish values and traditions. Our Jewish Grade School (grades 1-8) provides an excellent secular and Judaic education to a diverse community of Jewish children from all over Chicagoland. Our students come together in multi-age classes, with a strong focus on individual attention to all kind of learners. We pride in teaching students, not subjects. The school is located 15 minutes south of Downtown Chicago, with easy access off Lake Shore Drive. Take Lake Shore Drive south and exit at 53rd Street, travel two blocks west to Cornell Avenue and make a right. The school is on the corner of 53rd and Cornell with easy parking in our lot.

The Avery Coonley School

1400 Maple Avenue
Downers Grove, IL 60515

www.averycoonley.org

Contact: Rebecca Malotke-Meslin, Director of Admission and Financial Aid, rmalotke-meslin@averycoonley.org,
phone: 630-353-7214

The Avery Coonley School inspires academically bright and gifted children to become critical thinkers and independent, life-long learners. Our preschool through 8th grade students experience an enriched and accelerated curriculum surrounded by like-minded peers. We hope you'll visit our beautiful and historic campus, and experience our passion for gifted education. The Avery Coonley School is a 35-minute drive southwest from the conference hotel. Public transportation is also available using the Downers Grove stop on the BNSF line of the [Metrarail](#).

Beacon Academy

1574 Sherman Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201

www.beaconacademyil.org

Contact: Kate Anderson, Director of Admission and Financial Aid, kanderson@beaconacademyil.org, phone: 224-999-1177

Beacon Academy serves 175 students in grades 9-12 providing an education based in Montessori principles culminating in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. Beacon Academy is located in downtown Evanston about 10 miles North of downtown Chicago and is easily accessible by Lake Shore Drive North to Sheridan Road or by I-94 to Dempster Street.

Baker Demonstration School

201 W. Sheridan Road
Wilmette, Illinois 60091

www.bakerdemschool.org

Contact: Denise Boswell, Assistant Head of School, dboswell@bakerdemschool.org, phone: 847-425-5800

Baker is an independent, progressive day school, committed to providing an exemplary preschool, elementary and middle school education to our 310 students. We believe that children learn best in an inclusive, creative community that encourages individual risk-taking and values different ways of learning. Baker's experiential approach nurtures the development of the whole child enabling each student to be fully prepared for intellectual, artistic, physical and social/emotional challenges well beyond Baker. Baker Demonstration School is approximately 23 miles north of McCormick Place. The school is just two miles north of Northwestern University's Evanston campus.

Bennett Day School

Flagship Campus: 955 W. Grand Avenue, Chicago IL 60642

Contact: Kate Cicchelli, School Principal and Chief Academic Officer, kate.cicchelli@bennettday.org, phone: 312-236-6388 ext. 1102

Early Childhood Campus: 657 W. Fulton Street, Chicago IL 60622

Contact: Meg Fitzgerald, Early Childhood Director, meg.fitzgerald@bennettday.org, phone: 312-236-6388 ext. 1601

www.bennettday.org

Bennett Day School is a progressive school, founded in 2014, that strives to advance creativity, innovation and the development of lifelong learners. Centered around relationships and the value of community, our school fosters collaboration amongst all ages; student to student, student to teacher, and teacher to teacher. With time devoted to weekly professional development, Bennett Day School maintains a commitment to unabashed progressivism for 21st century learning. We serve students in preschool through third grade, and will be adding a grade level each year as we expand. Located in the West Loop, we are less than a mile from the heart of downtown Chicago. We look forward to welcoming you to our school community.

Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School

3751 North Broadway Street
Chicago, IL 60613

<http://www.bernardzell.org/>

Contact: Susan Custer, Assistant to the Head of School, scuster@bzaeds.org, phone: 773-572-1241

Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School is an independent, Jewish day school for the 21st century where academic purpose, collaborative learning and a deep commitment to humanity develop engaged, confident learners and compassionate leaders. From early childhood through middle school, Bernard Zell inspires students to love learning through innovative teaching, hands-on exploration and discovery. Our mission is to engage students in a program of rigorous studies through a variety of classroom and real world learning opportunities, to educate

students to be active and informed citizens in our pluralistic community, to inspire them to develop Jewish literacy, and to guide them as they embrace their chosen Jewish practice and beliefs. We are located at the corner of Broadway and Grace streets in Chicago, about a 20-25 minute drive from the Marriott Marquis Chicago.

Chiaravalle Montessori

425 Dempster Street
Evanston, IL 60202

www.chiaravalle.org

Contact: Tiffany Jorgensen, Director of Admission, tjorgensen@chiaravalle.org, phone: 847-864-2190

Founded by a group of progressive parents in 1965, Chiaravalle Montessori was the among the first Chicago area schools jointly accredited by ISACS and AMS [American Montessori Society]. We provide a modern Montessori education that inspires independent, compassionate, and innovative thinkers to develop future generations of life-long learners who effect change for a better world. Our students range from 6 months through 8th grade. Named a 2017 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School, we look forward to sharing our vibrant community and LEED Platinum North Wing with you. Chiaravalle is located at the corner of Dempster Street and Hinman Avenue in Evanston, south of Northwestern University, close to Lake Michigan, and convenient to public transportation.

The Chicago Academy for the Arts

1010 W. Chicago Ave.

Chicago, IL 60642

www.chicagoacademyforthearts.org

Contact: Kitsana Salyphone, Director of Enrollment Management, ksalyphone@chicagoartsacademy.org, phone: 312-421-0202

Founded in 1981, The Chicago Academy for the Arts is one of only four independent arts high schools in the United States. In addition to enrolling in a full load of rigorous academic courses, The Academy's 140 students immerse themselves in one of six pre-professional arts training programs: dance, media arts, music, musical theatre, theatre, and visual arts. Academy alums include *Hamilton* star José Ramos, Grammy Award-winner Lalah Hathaway, SNL star Cecily Strong, legendary hit songwriter Justin Tranter, as well as prominent scientists, entrepreneurs, attorneys, activists, and more. The Academy is located in Chicago's River West neighborhood (about 2 miles northwest of the Loop), and easily accessible via public transportation or a short cab ride.

Chicago City Day School

541 W. Hawthorne Place

Chicago, IL 60657

www.chicagocitydayschool.org

Contact: Amanda Galuhn, Admissions Coordinator, office@chicagocitydayschool.org, phone: 773-327-0900

The Chicago City Day School serves students in junior kindergarten through eighth grade. The School has been recognized and honored for its long-standing service-learning program focused on the environment. Its campus reflects this focus on the sciences and technology, unique in an urban setting. The Chicago City Day School is located on an historic, tree-lined street north of downtown just steps from Lake Shore Drive, about a 15-minute drive/cab ride from downtown Chicago.

Chicago Jesuit Academy

5058 W. Jackson Blvd.

Chicago, IL 60201

www.cjacademy.org

Contact: Thomas Beckley, Principal, beckley@cjacademy.org, phone: 773-383-4363

Chicago Jesuit Academy (CJA) is a full-scholarship lower and middle school for young men from modest economic backgrounds who could not otherwise access a well-resourced, faith-based college prep education in the Catholic tradition. We support and advocate for CJA students and alumni as well as other children of modest means as they progress to and through college prep high schools, post-secondary education, and the transition to meaningful careers and citizenship. CJA invites students to become persons for others who aspire to be open to growth, loving, intellectually competent, religious, and committed to doing justice. Located in the Austin neighborhood on Chicago's West Side, CJA enrolls students without regard for their past levels of academic achievement. We use small class sizes, rigorous extended school days and an 11-month school year to develop each student as a whole person in accord with the Jesuit mission and tradition. CJA shares best practices with other schools, and we partner with the broader community to promote access to better educational resources and a deeper understanding of the obstacles to educational equity. The disciplined sacrifices of CJA's students, alumni, parents, faculty, staff, volunteers, and benefactors make the success of our mission possible. We are about a 15-20 minute drive from McCormick Place when traffic is not too bad.

Elgin Academy

350 Park Street

Elgin, IL 60120

www.elginacademy.org

Contact: Dr. Diane Schael, Director of Admissions, dschael@elginacademy.org, phone: 847-695-0303

Elgin Academy is the Fox River Valley's preschool through grade 12 independent school where *taking learning personally* shapes every school day, every interaction, and every learning moment between students and his or her peers and teachers. At Elgin Academy, *taking learning personally* means. . .Classrooms characterized by open conversation and probing dialogue, because intellectual discourse lays the foundation for a lifetime of critical thinking. Active learning projects in every subject and every division, because proving knowledge through kinetic applications cements concepts for life. Mutually empowering relationships between fellow students and students and teachers, because learning breakthroughs accelerate within a culture of trust, respect, and compassion. At Elgin Academy, *taking learning personally* defines our commitment— to each other, and to every child who finds her second home on our campus. Elgin Academy is approximately 50 minutes west of downtown Chicago via Interstate 290 or Interstate 90. There is also easy access to Elgin from Chicago via the Metra train lines.

Frances Xavier Warde School (FXW)

Holy Name Campus

751 North State Street

Chicago, IL 60654

Old St. Pat's Campus

120 South Desplaines

Chicago, IL 60661

www.fxw.org

Contact: Erin Horne, Director of Education, horne@fxw.org, phone: 312-268-2571

In 1989, Maggie Daley approached Father Jack Wall, pastor of Old St. Pat's, with a bold vision. She wanted to create a school where children would receive an academically excellent education along with a foundation to guide them to become hardworking individuals armed with a strong moral compass. A place where all families in

the school would embrace and accept all faiths, racial and socioeconomic backgrounds, and all the things that make us unique. The boldest part of this mission would be that 30 percent of this school's students would receive financial assistance and that the tuition would be kept as low as possible. Father Wall gladly accepted and the two began a private search to find a principal for this new endeavor. Sister Mary Ellen Caron came to the table with fresh ideas and an immediate passion for building such a school. So, with just a few families behind them, they opened the doors to their first classrooms, which were located inside Presidential Towers in the West Loop. Twenty-five years later, FXW has grown to become one of the most sought after schools in the city. Our mission remains at the heart of everything we do. Both campuses are about 5.6 miles from McCormick Place which would be around 20- minute drive.

Francis W. Parker School

330 W. Webster Avenue

Chicago, IL 60614

www.fwparker.org

Contact: Sarah Butterfield, Executive Assistant to the Principal, sbutterfield@fwparker.org, phone: 773-797-5101

Founded in 1901 by the "Father of Progressive Education," Colonel Francis W. Parker, the Francis W. Parker School is an independent, co-educational school serving children in grades JK-12. We educate students to think and act with empathy, courage, and clarity as responsible citizens and leaders in a democratic society and global community. Parker students learn by doing, through cross-disciplinary curricula and social interactions, working collaboratively in a diverse community of their peers and teachers and linking ideas in the classroom to the world. Francis W. Parker School is located about 6 miles north of McCormick Place in the Lincoln Park neighborhood. To get to the school, take Lake Shore Drive North to the Fullerton Avenue Exit. Continue West on Fullerton, turning Left onto Lincoln Park West, the second left turn option. Go two blocks south to Webster Avenue and make a right. Make another right onto Clark Street. The school's main entrance is located at 2233 N. Clark Street, despite the Webster Avenue mailing address.

Hyde Park Day School

Chicago Campus

6254 S. Ellis Avenue

Chicago, IL 60637

www.hydeparkday.org

Contacts: Jay Smith, Principal, jsmith@hydeparkday.org, phone: 773-420-2550 & Dr. Casey Crnich, Executive Director, wcrnich@hydeparkday.org, phone: 773-420-2550

Hyde Park Day School educates bright students with learning disabilities to prepare them for successful transitions to mainstream public, private, or parochial schools in their home communities. Hyde Park Day School – Chicago Campus is approximately 20 minutes south of the Loop, Downtown Chicago. Link to directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/ZwbYaTRy4VF2>

Hyde Park Day School – Northfield Campus

1980 Old Willow Road

Northfield, IL 60093 hydeparkday.org

Contacts: Melanie Mitra, Principal, mmitra@hydeparkday.org, phone: 847-446-7025 & Dr. Casey Crnich, Executive Director, wcrnich@hydeparkday.org, phone: 847-446-7025

Hyde Park Day School educates bright students with learning disabilities to prepare them for successful transitions to mainstream public, private, or parochial schools in their home communities. Hyde Park Day School – Northfield Campus is approximately 30 minutes north of Downtown Chicago. Link to directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/NvME9j1sMUD2>

Lake Forest Academy

1500 W Kennedy Rd.
Lake Forest IL 60045

www.lfanet.org

Contact: Cassandra Hayes, Associate Dean of Admission, khayes@lfanet.org, phone: 847-615-3290

Lake Forest Academy is a premier boarding and day school situated just 30 miles outside of Chicago along the North Shore. With 435 students in grades 9-12, LFA offers a rigorous college preparatory high school education. During non-rush hour timeslots, it will take 35-45 minutes to reach the LFA campus from Chicago.

Lake Forest Country Day School

145 South Green Bay Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045

www.lfcds.org

Contact: Charmaine Comerford, Executive Assistant to the Head of School, charmaine.comerford@lfcds.org, phone: 847-615-6112

Founded in 1888, Lake Forest Country Day School delivers a diverse and rich educational experience grounded in academics, arts, and athletics to two-year-old through eighth-grade students. The LFCDS Experience allows talented teachers to inspire and challenge individual students at the top of their abilities, according to their needs. At LFCDS, students from more than 30 communities thrive in a state-of-the-art, hands-on learning environment that encourages self-expression and confidence through inspired teaching, academic rigor, individualized attention, and responsible citizenship. Our new state-of-the-art Innovation Center, Outdoor Classroom, and 30-acre campus are a must see for visiting educators. Located 30 miles north of Chicago, our campus is accessible by car or the Union Pacific North train line.

The Lycée Français de Chicago

1929 W. Wilson Avenue
Chicago, IL 60614

www.lyceechicago.org

Contact: Stephanie van Sice, Director of Admissions, svansice@lyceechicago.org, phone: 773-665-0066 x200

The Lycée Français de Chicago provides its students with a rigorous bilingual education in a dynamic and welcoming multicultural community. The Lycée draws on the best of the French, American and International Baccalaureate (IB) educational systems preparing students to thrive at top universities throughout the world. French at its core, the Lycée's education transforms students into global ambassadors, inspiring them to lead lives of purpose, responsibility and respect. We are located in Chicago, IL, at the corner of Damen Avenue and Wilson Avenue, a block away from the Damen stop (Brown Line) and 2 blocks away from the Metra (Ravenswood stop).

Near North Montessori School

1434 W. Division St.
Chicago, IL 60642

nnms.org

Contact: Jenelle Sullivan, Director of Admissions, admissions@nnms.org, phone: 773-269-6230

From the day we first opened our doors more than 50 years ago, we made a commitment to every student that, here, they will discover an extraordinary place to learn. This is a place that will give them not just challenging academics, but the skills that will strengthen their humanity and set their moral compass in a committed, compassionate direction. Our extensive curriculum, Montessori learning materials, classrooms, and community are all designed to meet the needs of the whole child, presenting purposeful work for the head and the hand, as well as preparation for life as a citizen in a dynamic, complex world. NNM is located off Interstate 90/94, at the Division St. exit, north of downtown Chicago and about seven miles from McCormick Place.

North Park Elementary School

2017 W Montrose Ave
Chicago, IL 60618

www.npes.org

Contact: Emily Friend, Director of Curriculum, friend@npeschool.org, phone: 773-327-3144 x 102
North Park Elementary School serves students in grade preschool-8th grade in a beautiful and vibrant neighborhood on the north side of Chicago. Our small and tight knit community allows us to ensure that every student is well-known and receives individual attention while emphasizing the importance of being confident critical thinkers and lifelong learners. Through the active involvement of parents and caring professional staff, the school fosters self-motivation, self-discipline, and academic and personal excellence in every student. North Park Elementary School is located in the North Center neighborhood, about 25 minutes by car from McCormick Place/downtown. We are also accessible by bus, taxi, and train.

North Shore Country Day School

310 Green Bay Road
Winnetka, IL 60093

www.nscds.org

Contact: Izzy Steach, Assistant to the Head of School, isteach@nscds.org, phone: 847-441-3351
North Shore Country Day School is a JK-12 school community that has remained committed to developing the whole child since its founding in 1919. We are currently launching a new four-year strategic plan that will coincide with our Centennial Celebration and advance our commitment and connection to our mission and our motto, *Live and Serve*. Our campus is located in Winnetka, approximately 20 miles north of downtown and is reachable both by car and the Metra Union Pacific North commuter line.

Rogers Park Montessori School

1800 W Balmoral Avenue
Chicago, IL 60640

www.rpmschool.org

Contact: Julie Einstein, Director of Admissions, jeinstein@rpmschool.org, phone: 773-271-1700
Rogers Park Montessori School (RPMS) is located on the near north side of Chicago. The school was established in 1966 and serves 425 children ages 2-14. The unique space and award winning architecture was custom designed to meet the needs of a Montessori program with a growing adolescent population. RPMS is located at the corner of Balmoral and Ravenswood Avenues, in the Andersonville neighborhood. It is an approximately 25-minute car ride from The Marriott Marquis Hotel in downtown Chicago via Lakeshore Drive.

Roycemore School

1200 Davis Street
Evanston IL 60201

www.roycemoreschool.org

Contact: Melinda Orzoff, Lower School Division Head, morzoff@roycemoreschool.org, phone: 847-866-6055
Roycemore School is a 101-year old school serving students from preschool through high school. We have a diverse and welcoming atmosphere. Students, teachers, administrators, and parents work together to maintain a community that reflects the school's core values: respect for others, appreciation of differences, and a commitment to academic excellence in a challenging but non-competitive environment. Roycemore's academic program is founded on a strong college preparatory curriculum that encourages intellectual curiosity no matter what age or grade level. Roycemore is located in Evanston, Illinois, just north of Chicago. Easily accessible via public transportation, we are three blocks west of the Davis Street CTA Purple line and Metra train stops. We look forward to welcoming you to our community.

Science & Arts Academy

1825 Miner Street
Des Plaines, IL 60016

www.scienceandartsacademy.org

Contact: Mindy Keller, Director of Enrollment Management, mkeller@scienceandartsacademy.org, phone: 847-827-7880

Science & Arts Academy (SAA) is an independent day school serving Junior Kindergarten through 8th grade gifted students from over 60 Chicago area communities. SAA educates gifted children in an academically differentiated and enriched environment while recognizing the unique development of each child. Our supportive community encourages students to embrace their potential and cultivates their academic abilities, creative talents, and emotional growth. We look forward to welcoming you for a visit! Science & Arts Academy is located in the northwest suburb of Des Plaines, approximately 20 miles from downtown Chicago, and can easily be accessed by train or by car. If visiting by train, take the Union Pacific Northwest train line from Ogilvie Transportation Center to Des Plaines. The Science & Arts Academy shuttle bus is available to transport visitors between the Des Plaines Metra station and the school. If visiting by car, take I-90 to I-294 and exit west at Dempster Street.

Solomon Schechter Day School of Metropolitan Chicago

3210 Dundee Road
Northbrook, IL 60062

www.schechter.org

Contact: Meital Hochenboym, Executive Assistant to HOS; meital.hochenboym@schechter.org, phone: 847-412-5656

Solomon Schechter Day School of Metropolitan Chicago is a PreK-8th grade independent Jewish day school, where our unique combination of general and Judaic studies imparts a deeply-rooted values system enabling critical thinkers to thrive. We fuse challenging, research-based curricula in disciplines from language arts, math, and science, with Hebrew and text study to give each child an exceptional education. Through our JSTEAM (Judaism, science, technology, engineering, art and math) program, and our new Innovation Studio, we're creating meaningful, engaging activities which students can use in real-world applications. Recognized as a 2016 Blue Ribbon School, at Schechter, we ignite our students' Jewish souls, educate them to their highest potential, and empower them to use their knowledge, skills, and creativity to enrich our world. We would welcome your visit to our school on Wednesday morning November 8th. We are located at the corner of Dundee and Landwehr Roads, about 27 miles (1 hour) from downtown Chicago and 30 minutes from O'Hare Airport.

The University of Chicago Laboratory Schools

1362 East 59th Street
Chicago, IL 60637

www.ucls.uchicago.edu

Contact: Nicole Hood, Director, All-Schools Programs and Partnerships, nhood@ucls.uchicago.edu, phone: 773-702-8641

"Learning by doing" has guided the efforts of the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools since John Dewey first began testing his educational theories in 1896. Beginning with a handful of primary grade children from the surrounding Hyde Park neighborhood and growing to more than 2,000 students today (nursery through grade 12), the Laboratory Schools have earned a well-deserved international reputation for academic excellence. At Lab, we seek to ignite and nurture an enduring spirit of scholarship, curiosity, creativity, and confidence. We value learning experientially, exhibiting kindness, and honoring diversity. Being part of the University of Chicago means that the importance of intellectual life—of thought and exploration—infuses everything we do across all aspects of our curriculum. Families who choose Lab care deeply about curiosity, inquiry, and creativity. They come from all over Chicago, the suburbs, northern Indiana, and, at times, as far as Wisconsin. Families are attracted to our diverse community and an environment that creates and nurtures the habits of expansive

thinking and complex problem-solving. Lab is located on East 59th Street on the University of Chicago campus, about a 15-20 minute drive from downtown or a fast 11-minute ride on the Metra Electric commuter rail line to the 59th St/UChicago station.

Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart

760 E. Westleigh Road

Lake Forest, IL 60045

www.woodlandsacademy.org

Contact: Katie Creed, Director of Admission and Financial Aid, kcreed@woodlandsacademy.org, phone: 847 234 4300 x213

Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart is an all-girls, Catholic, college prep day and boarding school in Lake Forest, IL. The school is 158 years old with a 112-year history in Lake Forest. Woodlands has 24 affiliates in the Network of Sacred Heart Schools in the United States & Canada and 127 Sacred Heart schools around the globe. Since 1800, when Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat founded the first Sacred Heart school in France, Sacred Heart education has continued to inspire young hearts and minds to excel, to lead lives of integrity, and to serve. Woodlands Academy is about an hour north of Chicago, depending on traffic. Taking the Kennedy Expressway to the Edens Expressway might be the quickest route.