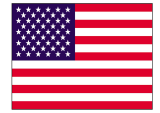




## Chicago-St. Petersburg High School Partnership Партнерский проект школ Санкт-Петербурга и Чикаго



Chicago and St. Petersburg are, arguably, the two most fascinating cities in their respective countries. Both cities share interesting and in many ways similar histories. Both are planned cities in the frigid north renowned throughout the world for their art and architecture. Both have major rivers with canals and major bodies of waters at their borders. Both have been important centers of political and labor movements over the past two centuries. Today, the presidents of Russia and the United States come from these cities. Two cities with intriguingly similar stories have been separated by distance and politics for decades. It makes sense then to connect young people from these two cities together through the Chicago-St. Petersburg High School Partnership.

Chicago Public Schools and St. Petersburg Public Schools in partnership with the University of St. Petersburg and Chicago university and civic organizations propose to create partnership opportunities for high schools in our respective cities.

This partnership is the product of an exchange initiated by delegates from Chicago Public Schools and St. Petersburg University. Delegates from Chicago and St. Petersburg visited schools, civic organizations, and government agencies in order to gain an understanding of schools and youth development systems as well as explore opportunities for collaboration. Following the mutual visits, schools and teachers, in both cities expressed great interest in creating classroom-to-classroom linkages.

School partnerships will enable students to explore the arts, history and politics, youth development, neighborhoods, environmental action, and civic engagement together. This joint project of Chicago and St. Petersburg has the potential to engage students in issues of local and global interest, contribute to positive relationships between our two cities and countries, and, we believe, lead to the development of a model that can take advantage of technology to foster stronger relationships among young people around the world.



The Chicago-St. Petersburg High School Partnership, which we hope can one day develop into a face-to-face partnership, can be an important step toward building bridges between these two wonderful countries at a time when relationships need strengthening. The will of educators and young people in our two cities is promising and can lead to new opportunities for understanding and relationship building.

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# Chicago Virtual High School Chicago



West Loop	<b>City district</b>
598 students (K-12)	<b>Enrollment data</b>
<p>Chicago Virtual Charter School empowers every student to flourish in a diverse, global society.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Personalized instruction and curriculum that fits the various needs of our students</li> <li>- Strong communication in a small community of learners.</li> <li>- We offer several opportunities for our students to get involved including: Student Leadership, Student Council, Book Club, Newspaper, Movie nights, Winter Dance, Junior/Senior Prom, field trips to Chicago's cultural institutions and ethnic restaurants and service experiences</li> </ul>	
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**Common interest area:  
Social sciences**

## Virtual School “Express”

<b>City district</b>	Central district
<b>Enrollment data</b>	89 students (1-11 grades)
<b>Description</b>	<p>The Externship School “Express” is a distance learning school that provides high-quality courses for students of 1-11 grades.</p> <p>One of most effective educational courses is the distance course “Your choice”.</p> <p>Our curriculum is focused on arts, science and after-school family activities.</p> <p>We're here to help prepare our children for a lifetime of integrating technology into their work and their lives.</p>
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