

Portfolio Performance

As part of A Better Chicago's ten-year strategic plan launched in 2015, we established portfolio-wide performance targets for student achievement and scale. Our 2025 student achievement targets and 2018 actuals are presented in the dashboard below. We track a range of indicators along the education continuum to understand how many of the students served by our portfolio are on paths to college and career success. The dashboard also compares our portfolio results and targets to key external benchmarks, including a portfolio benchmark that shows the performance of students with demographic and socioeconomic characteristics similar to those of the students served by our grantees.

A Better Chicago's portfolio served more than 37,000 students in 2018. Of these students, 88 percent were from low-income households and 93 percent identified as students of color.

KEY INDICATORS OF STUDENT SUCCESS	PORTFOLIO BENCHMARK	2018 PORTFOLIO ACTUAL	ACTUAL VS. BENCHMARK	2025 PORTFOLIO TARGET	CHICAGO AVERAGE
College graduation rate of 9th graders (2-year or 4-year college)	21%	29%	+8	60%	21%
College graduation rate of enrollees (2-year or 4-year college)	39%	42%	+3	70%	41%
College enrollment rate of high school graduates	72%	83%	+11	95%	65%
High school graduation rate of 9th graders	77%	84%	+7	90%	78%
Average SAT score	900	1001	+101	1010	951
Freshman On-Track	87%	87%	0	92%	89%
Attendance	90%	92%	+2	95%	93%
PROFICIENT IN 8TH GRADE READING					
Percent meeting or exceeding average growth	59%	45%	-14	70%	63%
Percent at or above average performance	61%	55%	-6	60%	73%
PROFICIENT IN 8TH GRADE MATH					
Percent meeting or exceeding average growth	61%	61%	0	70%	64%
Percent at or above average performance	50%	52%	+2	60%	65%
PROFICIENT IN 3RD GRADE READING					
Percent meeting or exceeding average growth	50%	53%	+3	70%	56%
Percent at or above average performance	43%	47%	+4	60%	57%
PROFICIENT IN 3RD GRADE MATH					
Percent meeting or exceeding average growth	53%	69%	+16	70%	60%
Percent at or above average performance	43%	62%	+19	60%	59%

Sources: Chicago Public Schools, Illinois State Board of Education, U.S. Department of Education National Center for Education Statistics, The University of Chicago Consortium on School Research, City Colleges of Chicago.