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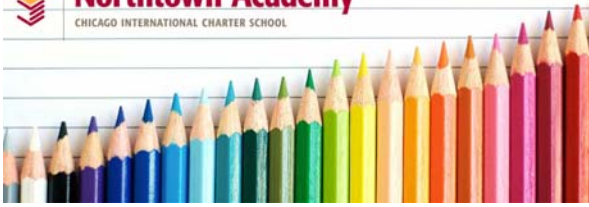
The mission of Chicago International Charter School (CICS) is to provide, through innovation and choice, an attractive and rigorous college-preparatory education that meets the needs of today's students.

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Chicago International Charter School Celebrates School Quality Improvements

Last week, Chicago Public Schools released school performance results – [School Quality Rating Policy \(SQRP\)](#) – from the 2015-2016 school year. CICS has a lot to celebrate and more work to do. We are proud to announce our third consecutive year of improvement across the network, with six of our campuses rated in the top two performance categories of SQRP. These achievements are the results of the talented and committed teachers, leaders, and operators working tirelessly for our students. [Read more](#)



CICS Northtown Community Donates Supplies to Fellow CICS Schools

“We started this about four years ago to start off the school year,” explains Kevin Ryan, CICS Northtown Dean of Students. The CICS Northtown high schoolers are invited to bring extra school supplies to the Dean’s office, and have the chance to enter a raffle sponsored by the school. “This year we filled 7 or 8 empty paper boxes with school supplies,” said Mr. Ryan. The supplies are given to CICS to be distributed to any elementary school students in need. Over the years, CICS Wrightwood and CICS Basil have each benefited from the supply drive. CICS Director of Family and Community Engagement Meghan Schmidt, who helps coordinate the receiving schools, shared that “the generosity of the students and the work of the staff who put the supply drive together each year speaks volumes of the incredible spirit of the CICS Northtown community.”

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CICS Partner LEAP Enters Word Gap Challenge Semifinals

LEAP, a nonprofit dedicated to the development of language and literacy in Chicago's youth, has advanced to the next phase of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)'s Bridging the Word Gap Challenge. LEAP is one of five organizations that advanced to the third and final phase of the challenge to close the Word Gap in low-print, low-verbal households. LEAP and its fellow competitors also received \$25,000 to assist in large-scale testing of their apps that reduce the Word Gap. LEAP will be devoting its prize to expanding the number of users of its Beginning with Babble (BWB) mobile app.

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-Oct. 22: CICS Ralph Ellison Open House

-Oct. 29: CICS Northtown Open House

-Nov. 2: CICS Irving Park Open House

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