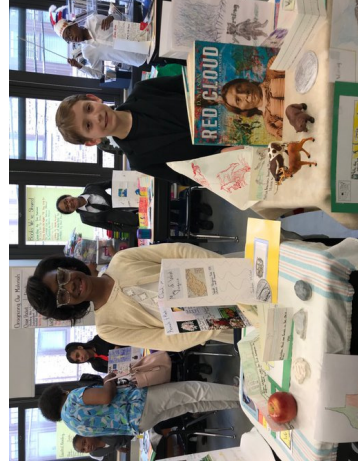


## Vision Statement

Murray Language Academy seeks to graduate young people whose talents and independence will sustain their constant inquiry and reflection, whose interest in community and the world around them surpasses their self-interest, and whose passion for learning pushes them to greater intellectual heights.



## Magnet Schools & Programs

The CPS Office of Access and Enrollment manages the application, selection and notification process for magnet schools, magnet cluster schools, and open enrollment schools, all of which can be applied to using the Standard Elementary Schools Application.

Both magnet and magnet cluster schools focus their curriculum on one particular area and fill available seats through a computerized lottery process. Most magnet schools, however, do not have an attendance boundary, while magnet cluster schools are neighborhood schools and give preference to students who live within their boundaries.



To apply go to the Office of Access and Enrollment website at [www.go.cps.edu](http://www.go.cps.edu)

Application period for  
School Year 2019-20:  
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## Mission Statement

The mission of Murray Language Academy is to develop and inspire the intellectual will in young people. We believe in scholarship, creative minds, healthy bodies, and ethical spirits needed to contribute wisdom, heart, service, and leadership to a global society. We strive to maintain a safe, secure, caring, and joyful environment.

## A Global Village

Murray Language Academy is a magnet school located in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood, just north of the University of Chicago and the Museum of Science and Industry. Murray's magnet specialty is its world language learning program, which teaches French, Mandarin and Spanish to every student, from kindergarten through eighth grade.



Murray Language Academy believes that the opportunity to study a World Language in this key learning period provides our students with a unique advantage for success in a world whose challenges are increasingly global in scope. To that end, our world language program is an integral part of our curriculum.



In pursuit of its mission Murray Language Academy is guided by three core values:

- In developing **Mind**, students develop the capacity and propensity to ask questions, evaluate, estimate, and think critically;
- In building **Character**, students develop perseverance, self-regulation and use the habits of highly effective people;
- In creating **Community** students develop good citizenship;

## Partners in Education

Murray Language Academy partners with many different organizations in Chicago including:

- University of Chicago
- Chicago Bulls
- Chicago Children's Choir
- Chicago Park District
- Chicago Arts Partnership
- Hyde Park Neighborhood Club
- Illinois Math & Science Academy
- Purdue University
- Right @ School
- UIC Health

## Teaching Staff

Murray boasts a dedicated and diverse staff of educators that include five National Board Certified teachers and two Golden Apple Fellows. We also partner with the University of Chicago UTEP program.



## Parent Involvement

We feel that parent involvement is an intricate component of our student's education. The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) sponsors programs to support our curriculum such as:

- Back-to-School Celebration
- Monthly Movie Nights
- Scholastic Book Fair
- World Language Fair
- K-8 Science Fair
- African-American Heritage Fair
- Honors Awards
- End of Year Fun Fair
- Annual Walk-a-thon
- Literacy Night
- K-2 Ice Cream Social