



# Spencer Technology Academy

## **PLANNING THE SCHOOL DAY**

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# About Spencer Tech...

- ❑ **Spencer Technology Academy** is a public school located on Chicago's Westside.
- ❑ **Spencer** has close to 900 students, serving pre-k through 8<sup>th</sup> grade with a 98% free and reduced lunch population.
- ❑ **Spencer** had been on academic probation for 11 years until the 2011-2012 school year.
- ❑ The mantra at **Spencer** is “Moving Students Beyond The Immediate”.

# COLLEGE READY FUNDING PROVIDES...

## An opportunity to expand learning beyond the traditional walls of the classroom

- ❑ Additional discretionary funding provided through the new College Ready Fund to support schools in implementing their school day will allow Spencer to purchase webcams and microphones to transform computer labs into virtual learning environments.
- ❑ Spencer will be partnering with the e195 Global Learning Exchange to connect online with a community of schools and classrooms across the globe.



# COLLEGE READY FUNDING PROVIDES...

## An opportunity to create tailored learning opportunities specific to students' individual needs

- ❑ Spencer will place an increased emphasis on adaptive technology and purchase programs that meet the needs of all students.
- ❑ Spencer can continue its goal of having a computer available for every student.
- ❑ The use of Apple iPads will allow students to take control of their own learning, enabling teachers to create lessons that address multiple learning needs.



## COLLEGE READY FUNDING PROVIDES...

**An opportunity to promote healthy living while providing students experiences their neighborhood may not provide**

- ❑ Spencer will expand its concept of the “Virtual Gymnasium,” allowing students to participate in activities that may not otherwise be accessible to them within their neighborhood.
- ❑ Spencer will be expanding its current virtual programming with the use of the Xbox connect to allow students to experience activities such as tennis, bowling, and baseball.
- ❑ Students will learn teamwork and sportsmanship while participating in activities that will help them stay fit.
- ❑ A parent stipend has been created to compensate parents to assist with recess and lunch duty.



## THE END RESULT...

- ❑ The additional funding that has been provided to principals has allowed schools to plan without compromise.
- ❑ Through the use of this additional funding, we at Spencer Technology Academy hope to:
  - Develop opportunities for teachers to utilize creative instructional strategies that are engaging, and allow students to construct their own learning. **Students will become more affluent in the use of technology as a tool to expand their own knowledge.**
  - Create learning opportunities that are more rigorous and align with the Common Core standards, preparing our students to be college and career ready. **Teachers will create and implement lessons that encourage students to be critical thinkers.**
  - Expose students and community to the benefits of living a healthy lifestyle and providing opportunities to support it. **Students will have the opportunity to participate in organized and effective physical activity, while along with community members, have access to healthy eating choices.**