PAYTON PROFILE

2011 – 2012

28.3
Composite ACT Class of 2011

TOP 100
in the nation ranked by U.S. News & World Report ('07, '08, '09, '10) Washington Post ('11)

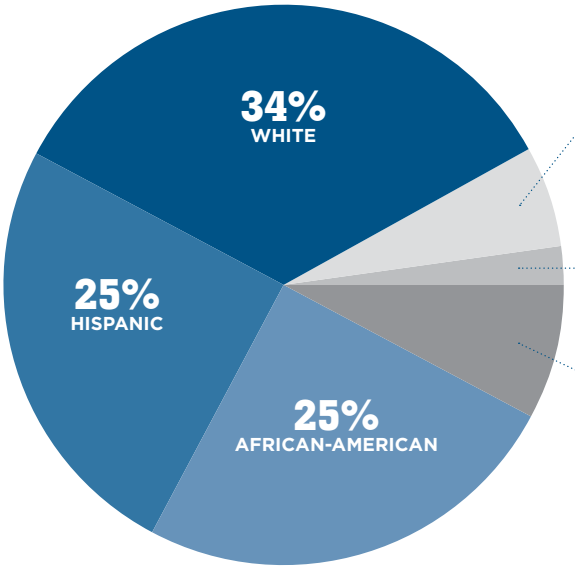
TOP 2
High School in Illinois ranked by Chicago Tribune ('07, '08, '09, '10)

CHARACTER. CURIOSITY. COURAGE. COMPASSION.

Walter Payton College Preparatory High School is a selective enrollment public high school and an international model for global teaching and learning. Since its inception in 2000, Payton has become the quintessential space for student discovery, intellectual curiosity, and international exploration. Nestled in the heart of downtown Chicago, Payton has a distinguished and award-winning reputation for its world-class math, science, world-language, humanities, fine arts, and adventure education programs. On any given day, one would find our students eagerly embracing the rigors of an all honors and advanced placement curriculum, working collaboratively with their peers, teachers, and national authorities on solving real-world problems, or videoconferencing with one of our many sister schools around the world. Although Payton takes great pride in its proven ability to prepare students for success in tier one postsecondary institutions—and beyond—it is the deliberate attention given to the process of cultivating the whole child that separates Payton from other peer institutions of learning. When combined with Payton's unwavering commitment to service and community engagement, graduates of Payton enter the real world with the courage to embrace any challenge, the moral character needed to thrive in a society full of compromises, the compassion to fight for social equality, and the curiosity to literally change the world.

DYNAMIC EXPERIENCE. EXCEPTIONAL RESULTS.

PAYTON RACE/ETHNICITY TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 890



6%
MULTI-RACIAL

2%
OTHER/NA

8%
ASIAN-AMERICAN/ PACIFIC ISLANDER

34%
of students receive free or reduced lunch (approx.)

ACT SCORES

ACT SECTION	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
English	27.2	27.0	27.5	28.3	29.5	29.3
Mathematics	26.3	26.2	26.9	27.3	27.5	27.5
Reading	27.4	26.4	27.0	28.0	28.9	28.5
Science	25.4	25.6	25.2	26.3	27.5	27.3
Composite	**26.7**	**26.4**	**26.8**	**27.6**	**28.5**	**28.3**

OUR MISSION

The mission of Payton is to offer our students the very best educational experience possible, one that challenges, that fosters creativity and the literacy skills with which to understand and express that creativity, that encourages integrity and the appreciation of diversity, and one which uses the latest in educational technology. We will have our students ask "why" and "why not", write and act reflectively and not reflexively, and set and surpass their own standards. We provide them with a global education that will nurture future leaders.

OUR VISION

The vision of Payton is to give all students rigorous academic and experiential education that prepares them to be leaders in their communities, in Chicago, in our nation and in the world beyond. In this way, our students will be prepared to take an active role in determining America's role in the community of nations in the 21st century.

INTEL SCHOOLS OF DISTINCTION
awards for Excellence in Mathematics and recipient of the Star Innovator Award for incorporating technology into classes, collaborative lesson and course planning, and for use of Japanese Lesson Study
2010 Recipient

PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON AWARD
2008 Recipient

GOLDMAN-SACHS FOUNDATION PRIZE IN EXCELLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
which is awarded to the #1 International High School in the United States
2006 Recipient

Teaching Staff: 60
- *Highly Qualified: 100%*
- *Holding a Master's: 65%*
- *Holding a PhD: 6%*
- *National Board Certified: 25%*
- *3 Golden Apple Fellows/Teachers of Distinction*

EMBRACING CHALLENGE. FOSTERING CREATIVITY.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

SUBJECT	CPS	PAYTON
English	4	4
Mathematics	3	4
Science	3	4
World Language	2	4
Social Studies	3	3
Fine Arts	2	2
Physical Education	2	2
Electives	3	5
Service Learning	40 HRS	40 HRS
Total Credits	24	28

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total AP Students	373	372	405	513
Number of Exams	682	667	805	1039
AP Students with Scores 3+	323	329	375	449

AP Offerings:
AP Art History
AP Biology
AP Calculus (AB & BC)
AP Chemistry
AP Chinese Language & Culture
AP Comparative Government & Politics
AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature & Composition
AP Environmental Science
AP French Language
AP Japanese Language and Culture
AP Latin: Vergil
AP Physics B
AP Physics C: Mechanics
AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
AP Psychology
AP Spanish Language
AP Spanish Literature
AP Statistics
AP Studio Art
AP U.S. History
AP Comparative Government & Politics
AP World History

89%
of AP students earned a score of 3+

**All other courses offered at honors level with the exception of physical education*
***Payton does not offer IB courses*

GPA'S ARE WEIGHTED AS FOLLOWS

GRADE	REGULAR (P.E.Only)	HONORS	AP& COLLEGE BRIDGE
A	4.0	5.0	6.0
B	3.0	4.0	5.0
C	2.0	3.0	4.0
D	1.0	2.0	3.0

HOME STAY

Payton has established home stay, student exchanges with schools in the following countries: Chile, China, France, Guatemala, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, South Africa, Spain, and Switzerland.

SEMINAR PROGRAM

Payton's Seminar Program provides students with a unique opportunity to de-stress; because of this unique schedule—45-minute classes with two block classes and one seminar day—students participate in two 90 minute semester long seminars every other week. Students frequently choose seminars ranging from horseback riding, Improv comedy, Pilates, Math Modeling, and Bridge Building, to Exploring Harry Potter, Judo, Morningstar, and Beginning Acoustic Guitar—just to name a few.

CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE

Payton is the world's only high school to house this Chinese culture and language institute. Chinese President Hu visited Payton in 2011.

Payton students and faculty visiting with President Hu at his presidential palace in Beijing (2011).

NURTURING LEADERS.

SCHOLARSHIPS	2008	2009	2010	2011
National Merit Scholar	6	5	3	2
National Merit Finalist	9	6	7	11
National Merit Semi-Finalist	13	7	9	13
National Achievement Scholar	1	3	3	—
National Achievement Finalist	3	4	5	4
National Achievement Semi-Finalist	6	7	7	6
National Hispanic Scholar	—	2	2	3

College Placements 2008–2011

American University (4)
Amherst College (4)
Andrews University (1)
Bard College (4)
Beloit College (2)
Bennington College (1)
Boston College (4)
Boston University (11)
Bowdoin College (1)
Bowling Green State University (1)
Bradley University (3)
Brown University (4)
California Institute of Technology (1)
Carleton College (12)
Carnegie Mellon University (4)
Carthage College (1)
Case Western University (1)
Catholic University of America (1)
Chapman University (1)
Chicago State University (1)
Colgate University (1)
College of Wooster (2)
Colorado College (7)
Colorado State University (1)
Columbia College (7)
Columbia University (5)
Concordia University, IL (1)
Connecticut College (2)
Cooper Union, NY (1)
Cornell College (4)
Cornell University (3)
Dartmouth College (1)
Davidson College (1)
Denison University (2)
DePaul University (30)
DePauw University (2)
Dominican University, IL (2)
Earlham College (1)
Eastern Michigan University (1)
Eastman School of Music (1)
Eastern Illinois University (1)
Elmhurst College (1)
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ. (1)
Emerson College (1)
Emory University, Oxford College (2)
Evergreen State College (1)
Fisk University (3)
Florida A&M University (2)
Fordham University (1)
Fort Lewis College (1)
Franklin and Marshall College (1)
Freed-Hardeman University (2)
George Mason University (1)
George Washington University (3)
Georgetown University (8)
Goucher College (1)
Grand Valley State University (1)
Grinnell College (7)
Hamilton College, NY (1)
Hamline University (2)
Hampshire College (1)
Hampton University (3)
Harold Washington College (5)
Harrington College of Design (1)
Harry S. Truman College (5)
Harvard University (5)
Haverford College (2)
Howard University (5)
Illinois Institute of Technology (5)
Illinois State University (8)
Illinois Wesleyan University (3)
Indiana University at Bloomington (9)
Iowa State University (5)
John Cabot University (1)
Kalamazoo College (2)
Kendall College (1)
Kent State University (1)
Kenyon College (3)
Knox College (4)
Lake Forest College (7)
Lawrence University (1)
Lehigh University (1)
Lewis University (1)
Loyola University Chicago (15)
Loyola Marymount University (1)
Macalester College (5)
Malcolm X College (1)
Marquette University (3)
Miami University, OH (6)
Michigan State University (3)
Middlebury College (3)
Millikin University (1)
Mills College (1)
Mississippi State University (1)
Monmouth College (1)
Moody Bible Institute (2)
Morehouse College (1)
Mount Holyoke College (1)
National-Louis University (2)
New York University (9)
North Carolina A & T University (1)
North Park University (2)
Northeastern Illinois University (6)
Northeastern University, MA (5)
Northern Illinois University (14)
Northwestern University (29)
Oberlin College (4)
Occidental College (2)
Ohio State University (2)
Parkland College (1)
Pitzer College (1)
Pomona College (9)
Princeton University (3)
Purdue University (4)
Reed College (1)
Regis University (1)
Rice University (1)

98%
of the 2011 graduating class attends college (95% 4-year/3% 2-year)

$20M
Graduating class of 2011 received over $20 million dollars in scholarship offers

Rochester Institute of Technology (3)
Roosevelt University (1)
Rose-Hulman Inst. of Technology (3)
Saint Louis University (1)
Santa Clara University (1)
Savannah College of Art & Design (4)
School of the Art Inst. of Chicago (3)
Scripps College (3)
Skidmore College (1)
South Carolina State University (1)
Southern Illinois University (4)
Southern Methodist University (1)
Spelman College (2)
St. Norbert College (2)
St. Olaf College (4)
Stanford University (2)
Swarthmore College (2)
Syracuse University (3)
Temple University (2)
Texas A & M University (1)
Trinity College, CT (4)
Trinity International University (1)
Tufts University (8)
Tulane University (5)
Tuskegee University (1)
Univ. of Arizona (2)
Univ. of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (1)
Univ. of British Columbia (1)
Univ. of California at Berkeley (2)
Univ. of California at Irvine (1)
Univ. of California at San Diego (1)
Univ. of Chicago (22)
Univ. of Delaware (1)
Univ. of Denver (2)
Univ. of Evansville (1)
Univ. of Illinois at Chicago (34)
Univ. of Illinois at Springfield (2)
Univ. of Illinois at Urbana (144)
Univ. of Iowa (12)
Univ. of Kansas (1)
Univ. of Louisville (1)
Univ. of Maryland at Balt. County (1)
Univ. of Miami (1)
Univ. of Michigan (21)
Univ. of Minnesota at Crookston (1)
Univ. of Minnesota at Twin Cities (6)
Univ. of Mississippi (1)
Univ. of Missouri (16)
Univ. of North Carolina (1)
Univ. of Notre Dame (6)
Univ. of Oklahoma (1)
Univ. of Pennsylvania (7)
Univ. of San Francisco (1)
Univ. of South Carolina (1)
Univ. of Southern California (6)
Univ. of Vermont (2)
Univ. of Virginia (1)
Univ. of Washington (1)
Univ. of Wisconsin at Madison (11)
Univ. of the Redlands (1)
Ursinus College (1)
Vanderbilt University (2)
Vassar College (1)
Villanova University (1)
Virginia State University (1)
Washington University in St. Louis (11)
Wesleyan University (4)
West Virginia University (1)
Western Illinois University (6)
Western Michigan University (1)
Wheaton College, MA (1)
Wilbur Wright College (7)
William Rainey Harper College (1)
Williams College (3)
Xavier University, LA (6)
Yale University (12)

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