



WHAT IS CPS CONNECTS?

CPS Connects is one component of CPS's personalized learning initiative, P.L.A.Y. (Personalized Learning Advancing Youth). In conjunction with CCOL and made possible by the MacArthur Foundation, CPS is launching **CPS Connects** which provides students **free virtual learning opportunities as well as live activities outside of his/her school and neighborhood**. Since these learning experiences are driven by the student's specific interests, it allows him/her to take ownership of their personalized learning experiences. In addition, **CPS Connects** provides students connected learning environments by linking learning in school, home and community.

TWO PHASES OF CPS CONNECTS:

PHASE 1: CLAIM YOUR ACCOUNT (JAN. 5-30TH)

Every Student has a CCOL Account.
How do you Claim Your Account? Simple!

1. Visit -
<https://chicagocityoflearning.org/CPS-Connects>
2. Have your CPS student ID (located on your report card or ID card)
3. Create your account and provide your student ID info.

GOAL: Let's get 80% of all 3rd-12th grade students to claim their accounts by January 30th, 2015!!!

PHASE 2: PLAY AND DISCOVER (JANUARY - JUNE)

Search for and complete interest-based program and online activities on the CCOL website

Earn *digital badges** that unlock new, related opportunities and can give access to live learning experiences throughout Chicago from program partners

* When students learn a new skill or participate in a program, they will earn digital badges. Badges can be used to link one learning opportunity to the next as well as an indicator of achievement to colleges and employers.

INCENTIVES AND REWARDS OF CPS CONNECTS:

Students who participate in **CPS Connects** will be entered into random drawings on the CCOL website that will offer further rewards from partners throughout the city. Some badges "unlock" special opportunities, like access to special events and opportunities to showcase.

Now Available:

- The top school in each network with the highest % of students who have claimed their accounts will win a reward from a program partner
- Complete the **Best Buy Playlist** and **Winter Break Adventure Challenge** by January 19th to be entered into a raffle for an iPad or laptop. Winners will be announced at **Destination: Chicago, January 24th at Jones College Prep** (700 South State Street)
- Complete the **MLK Action for Change Challenge** on January 19th. Use the day off from school to volunteer your services, stand up for an important cause, and/or give back to your community. The first 60 students to submit a photo blog that meets all requirements will unlock free tickets to the new movie **Selma**

