

“HOW TO” MAKE CPS CONNECTS A SUCCESS AT YOUR SCHOOL



PHASE 1: CLAIM YOUR ACCOUNT

(Students sign-up online by providing their student ID info)

Goal: 80% of all 3rd-12th grade students to claim their account by January 30th, 2015

Increase Visibility

- Hand out flyers to all 3rd-12th grade students
Post flyers throughout school bulletin boards, in lunchroom, in each classroom, etc
- Send home parent letter (English and Spanish version available)
- Post on school marquee and include on any digital signs
- Send URL, logo, info to tech coordinators/website administrators to post to your school website
- Include in morning announcements and in student newsletter

Teacher Engagement

- Announce and discuss benefits at future teachers meeting
- Encourage all class sign-up during technology class or other times when computers are available

Incentive: The top school in each network with the highest % of students claiming their accounts will receive a reward from a program partner

PHASE 2: PLAY AND DISCOVER

(Students complete challenges unlocking more virtual and in-person learning opportunities)

Engage Students

- Promote **Best Buy Playlist, MLK Action for Change Challenge, Comcast Get Schooled, Get Connected Challenge** as well as other partner challenges for students to complete and earn prizes
- Encourage students to attend **Destination Chicago:** at Jones College Prep, 700 South State Street, 11am - 4pm on Saturday, January 24. Sample the design, writing, video, science, coding & other hands-on activities offered by organizations citywide
<https://chicagocityoflearning.org/destinationchicago>
- Provide them opportunity to utilize technology software and resources on subject matters that interest them most
- Earn digital badges which can be used as recognition of achievement to colleges and employers

Incentive: The top school in each network with the highest % of badges claimed per school will receive a reward from a program partner

CHALLENGE TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS* 3 Technology Classifications for Classroom-Level Projects:

LOW**
REQUIRES INTERNET -
PROJECTS WITH DIGITAL
SUBMISSION ONLY

MEDIUM**
REQUIRES INTERNET +
MICROSOFT OFFICE SUITE,
GOOGLE APPS, ETC.

HIGH
REQUIRES INTERNET +
FLASH, JAVA, ETC.

* Before deploying to classrooms, please test challenge to determine technological compatibility.

** Low and medium classified projects can be completed on any device (i.e.: Smartphone, iPad, PC, etc.)

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