

Providing A Better Education For All Students

Williams Elementary, Williams Middle and Drake Elementary

Pending Board approval of proposed closure and co-location

Current Williams Elementary and Middle students will be enrolled at Drake Elementary for the 2013-14 school year, unless families choose to enroll their student at another school.

Drake Elementary (administration, teachers, staff, students) will be relocated to 2710 S. Dearborn St., the building that houses the existing Williams Elementary and Middle schools.

In other words, students from these three schools will be in the Williams building, led by the Drake administration. Urban Prep – Bronzeville will continue to be co-located at 2710 S. Dearborn St.

- **Enrollment options:** Williams Elementary, Williams Middle and Drake Elementary families interested in enrolling their student at another school can apply via the re-opened Options for Knowledge process. Applications were provided in the transition packets sent home and can be obtained by emailing oae@cps.edu. Applications need to be submitted by April 19th.
- **Safety & Security:** CPS Office of Safety & Security is working on school-specific plans to address safety for all students. OSS continues to work in close collaboration with the Chicago Police Department to plan Safe Passage. Close collaboration with CPD and families will continue through the start of the new school year to adapt plans as needed.
- **Teachers:** If additional teachers are needed at Drake given an increase in enrollment, tenured teachers from Williams Elementary and Williams Middle can be assigned to these positions if they are rated in the top two performance rating categories, based upon their seniority and certifications. Eligible tenured teachers will be notified of these assignments if the Board votes to approve this action and after organizational and budgetary planning activities have concluded.
- **LSC:** If a school closes, the Local School Council is dissolved at the end of the school year. Per school code, Local School Council elections at all schools will be held in Spring 2014.
- **Partnerships:** CPS will engage the Williams Elementary, Williams Middle, and Drake communities and school leaders to enable the transfer of Williams Elementary's and Williams Middle's external partnerships and programs.