



Chicago Police and Firefighter Training Academy (CPFTA)



EARLY COLLEGE
AND CAREER
EDUCATION



Our Mission

Our mission is to support the next generation of public servants by providing them with the education and experience they need to serve and protect the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois.

Training

Cadets attend training twice a week during the school year at the Chicago Police Academy or the Chicago Fire Academy. Both of these sites are located on Chicago's Near West Side and are accessible using public transportation. The curriculum emphasizes academics, physical fitness, leadership training, career exploration, and the basic knowledge and skills necessary to become a police officer or firefighter/EMT.



Application Process

Current sophomores can apply beginning in **January until May 1**.

Students are encouraged to attend an information session in the winter or spring before applying. More information about these sessions will be available at CPS.EDU/CPFTA. CPS, Chicago Fire Department, and Chicago Police Department representatives will be present at the sessions to help answer any questions.

Requirements

- Current high school sophomores that are residents of the City of Chicago
- Grade point average of 2.3 or higher
- Good attendance (90% and above)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Complete an online application and program consent form
- Valid school ID, state ID, or driver's license
- Proof of a current physical
- Complete a background check

Additional Opportunities

CPFTA offers cadets countless additional opportunities in public safety-related fields of study, including:



Public Safety Certifications



Paid Summer Internships



College Credit

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