

Glenwood Academy



Who We Are

With a reputation of excellence for over 128 years, Glenwood Academy is greater Chicago's only boarding school offering a safe, nurturing environment for disadvantaged children. At Glenwood, young minds are challenged, character is built, family relationships are strengthened, and potential is attained. More than just a school, Glenwood is a bright new world of promise for disadvantaged children with the ability and desire to succeed.



Who We Serve

Willing and able to learn but constrained by difficult social and economic situations, each year approximately 140 of these children come to Glenwood to live and learn - both in and out of the classroom. Many of Glenwood's children live at or below the poverty level, from communities that struggle with gangs, drugs, and violence. Others come to Glenwood during crisis-- dealing with issues like illness, desertion, or drug abuse in their family. In addition, it is common for a child entering Glenwood to be at least two grade levels behind their peers.

What We Offer Children in Need

Physical & Emotional Safety: Children have a safe learning and living environment that insures their basic needs of food, housing, nurturing and stability are met.

Education: Children participate in small classes, which allows each child to receive more individualized attention. Glenwood also has a Learning Resource Center to address the needs of struggling students.

Community: Through Glenwood's family-like environment, children live in cottages with their houseparents and peers.

Support: Children return home every weekend to reinforce the importance of the parent's role and preservation of the family.

Self Esteem: Providing children with a variety of opportunities to discover their talents and interests outside the classroom is an important component of Glenwood's model.

Why We Are Unique

Prevention: Glenwood is a preventative solution-- a safety net that serves those on the brink of slipping through the cracks. Today's at-risk children are potentially one decision away from reaching their potential and a bright future.

A Legacy of Success: For over 128 years, Glenwood has helped more than 18,000 at-risk children.

Our Results

Strong children: Glenwood's gives children the tools they need to overcome their community or family challenges to become excellent learners and productive members of the community.

Strong communities: In addition to rigorous academics, Glenwood offers each child the opportunity to learn about themselves, their peers, and the community around them through a variety of extracurricular activities meant to teach, inspire, and instill principles of giving back and community service.