



the  
**To&Through  
project**

Over the past decade, Chicago has made tremendous progress on high school graduation and college enrollment; college graduation, however, has improved only slightly and a large gap between our students' college aspirations and attainment remains. 76 percent of Chicago Public Schools high school freshmen aspire to earn a college degree, yet only 18 percent are projected to do so within ten years of starting high school. Nationally, we estimate that only 22 percent of today's high school freshmen will enroll in a four-year college and earn a bachelor's degree by the age of 25. Closing this gap is critical because research tells us that a college degree is still the most effective path out of poverty. People who finish college also tend to be healthier and happier—even live longer.

**The To&Through Project** provides educators, policymakers, and families with research, data, and resources on the milestones that matter most for college success so that, together, we can close the gap between our students' college aspirations and attainment.

**The five key milestones along the path to and through high school and college:**



**Freshman  
On-Track**



**High School  
Graduation**



**College  
Enrollment**



**College  
Persistence**



**College  
Graduation**

With **research** illuminating what it takes to reach these milestones, **data** tracking our district and individual schools' progress, and **resources** that help education stakeholders put that research and data into practice, we can help give every student who aspires to earn a college degree the opportunity and support to do so.

**Learn how you can help move more students to and through college**



**Research**

Illuminating what it takes for students to make it to and through high school and college



**Data**

Systematically tracking district and school progress on the milestones that matter most for college success

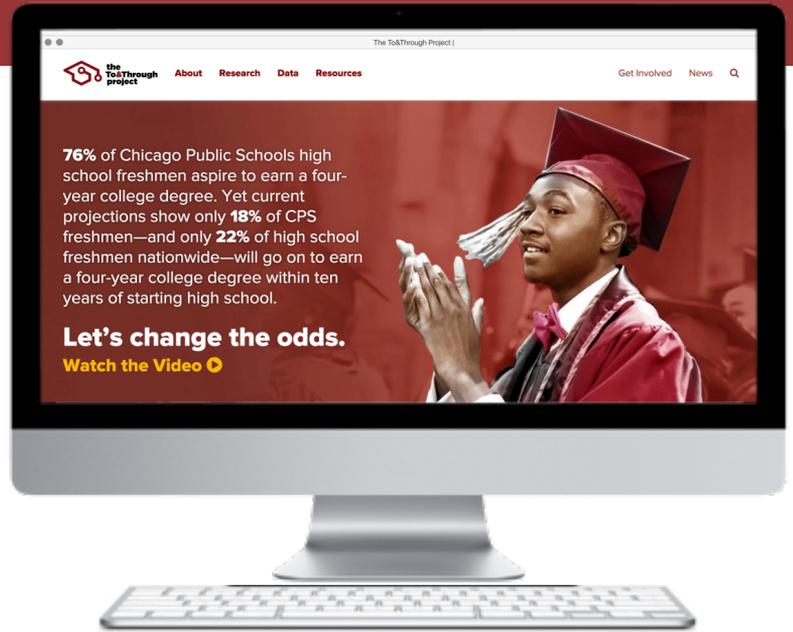


**Resources**

Helping education stakeholders translate research and data into improved practice

# The To&Through Website

is an online hub full of research, data, and resources designed to help move more students to and through high school and college.



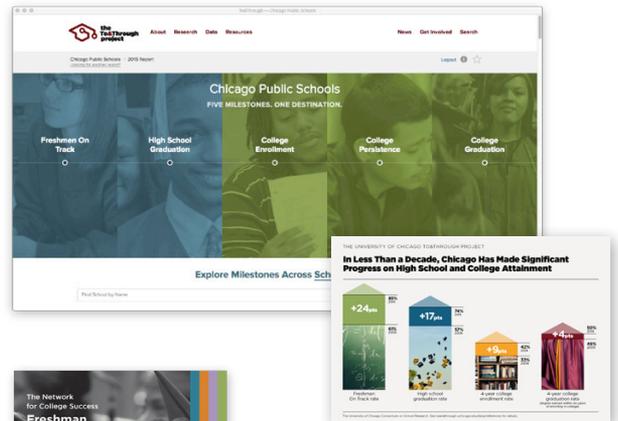
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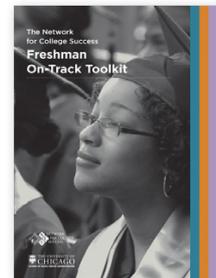
**Research:** including research reports and summaries illuminating what matters most for students' high school and college success, and mythbusters debunking common misconceptions about what fosters college attainment



**Data:** aggregating information spanning over more than a decade, the To&Through online tool links Chicago public high schools to college outcomes for the first time, providing the full picture of students' educational progress, from the middle grades through college graduation



**Resources:** featuring the Network for College Success's Freshman On-Track Toolkit which provides a complete roadmap for the groundwork that helped Chicago raise its high school graduation rate by 17 points in less than a decade.



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