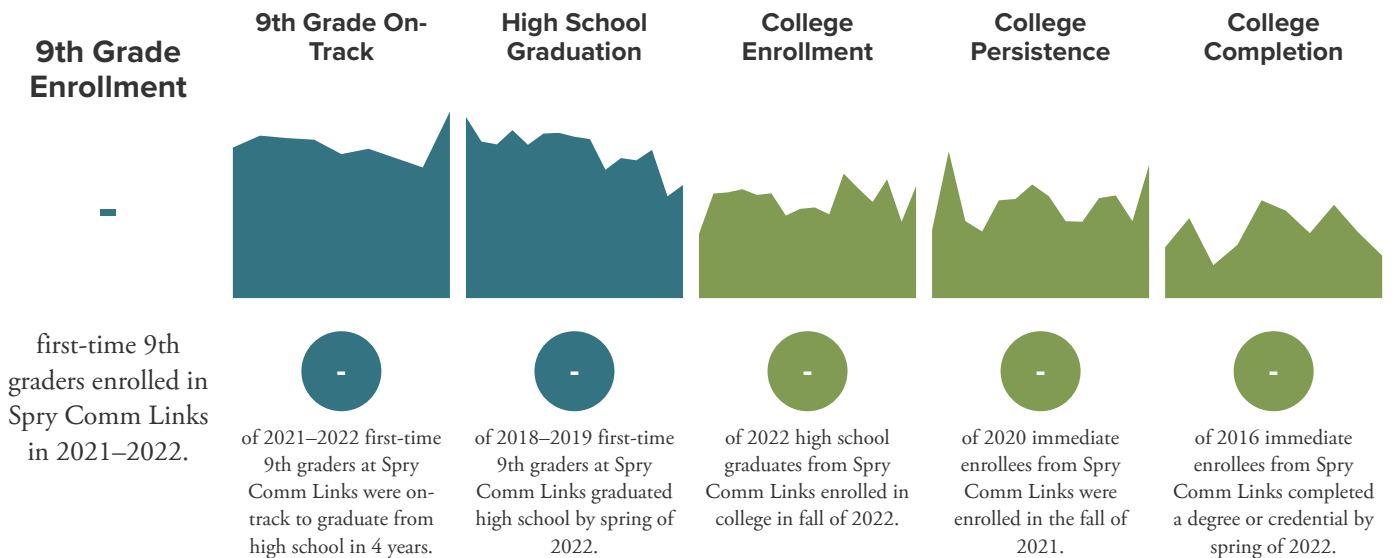# Educational Attainment at Spry Comm Links

This report provides an overview of historic trends at Spry Comm Links High School on six milestones along the path to and through college. The data in this report is designed to give school stakeholders actionable information to inform their efforts to propel more students to and through high school and college. While the data shown here can start conversations about how to meaningfully invest in students at Spry Comm Links, it only begins to tell the full story. Explore in-depth data on high school outcomes and post-secondary experiences at Spry Comm Links through the To&Through online tool.

Using data to guide school improvement means that the conversation around the data is just as important as the data itself. Using accompanying discussion guides alongside this report and the To&Through online tool can help your school community socialize foundational knowledge on research-based indicators, form consensus around goals and strategies for improvement, and build an imperative for your collective work supporting student success.

9th Grade Enrollment	9th Grade On-Track	High School Graduation	College Enrollment	College Persistence	College Completion

9th Grade Enrollment

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first-time 9th graders enrolled in Spry Comm Links in 2021–2022.

9th Grade On-Track

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of 2021–2022 first-time 9th graders at Spry Comm Links were on-track to graduate from high school in 4 years.

High School Graduation

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of 2018–2019 first-time 9th graders at Spry Comm Links graduated high school by spring of 2022.

College Enrollment

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of 2022 high school graduates from Spry Comm Links enrolled in college in fall of 2022.

College Persistence

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of 2020 immediate enrollees from Spry Comm Links were enrolled in the fall of 2021.

College Completion

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of 2016 immediate enrollees from Spry Comm Links completed a degree or credential by spring of 2022.

The data displayed in this report may differ from data provided directly from CPS.
Read about how we define student groups and calculate rates.

9th Grade Enrollment at Spry Comm Links

- first-time 9th graders enrolled in Spry Comm Links in 2021–2022.

Where do 9th graders at Spry Comm Links live?

Top 5 community areas in which Spry Comm Links's 2021–2022 9th graders live

Community Area	Number of 9th Graders	Percentage of 9th Graders
South Lawndale	18	**90%**

In order to preserve students' anonymity, only community areas with at least 5 ninth-grade enrollees from Spry Comm Links in are included in this table.

How have 8th grade GPA and attendance rates for first-time 9th graders at Spry Comm Links changed over time?

8th Grade GPA and attendance rates for first-time 9th graders since 2013

2013–2014	2014–2015	2015–2016	2016–2017	2017–2018	2018–2019	2019–2020	2020–2021	2021–2022
data not available	data not available	data not available	data not available	data not available	data not available	data not available	data not available	data not available

- ● Enrollees with missing 8th grade grades and/or attendance data
- ● Enrollees with Intensive Support status in 8th grade
- ● Enrollees with Academic Support status in 8th grade
- ● Enrollees with Attendance Support status in 8th grade
- ● Enrollees with On Track status in 8th grade

8th grade grades and attendance are the strongest predictors of academic performance in high school.

How does 8th grade performance relate to 9th grade success at Spry Comm Links?

Explore 8th grade performance data to learn the extent to which 8th grade performance predicts 9th grade outcomes at your school. This information can help school teams identify priority points of intervention for improving students' course performance.

Have more questions about 9th Grade Enrollment at Spry Comm Links?
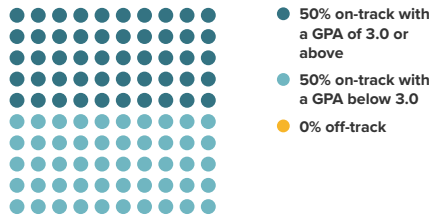Take a deeper dive into the data at https://toandthrough.uchicago.edu/tool/cps/

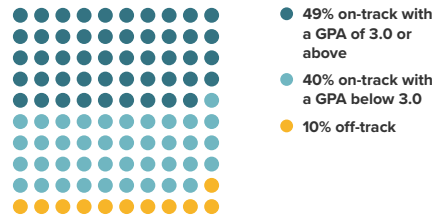# 9th Grade On-Track at Spry Comm Links

- of 2021–2022 first-time 9th graders at Spry Comm Links were on-track to graduate from high school in 4 years. Students who are on-track at the end of ninth grade are nearly three times more likely to graduate from high school than students who are off-track. A student is on-track if they earn at least 6.5 total credits by the end of ninth grade, meaning they can fail no more than 1 semester course (including non-core subjects). Additionally, students who obtain a 3.0 GPA or above in high school are more likely to graduate from a four-year college within six years.

What does 9th Grade On-Track look like at Spry Comm Links and how does it compare to rates across CPS?
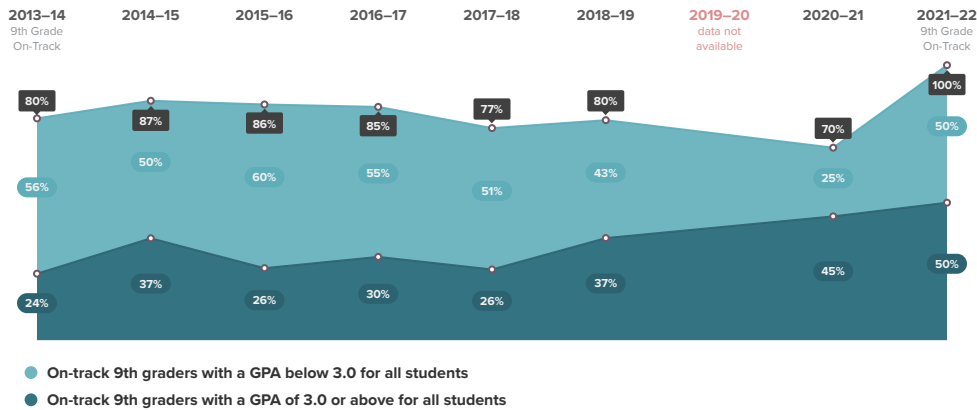
2021–2022 Spry Comm Links 9th Graders

- 50% on-track with a GPA of 3.0 or above
- 50% on-track with a GPA below 3.0
- 0% off-track

All 2021–2022 CPS 9th Graders

- 49% on-track with a GPA of 3.0 or above
- 40% on-track with a GPA below 3.0
- 10% off-track

How does 8th grade performance relate to 9th grade success at Spry Comm Links?

9th Grade On-Track and 3.0 rates for Spry Comm Links's first-time 9th graders over time

2013–14 9th Grade On-Track	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20 data not available	2020–21	2021–22 9th Grade On-Track
80%	87%	86%	85%	77%	80%		70%	100%
56%	50%	60%	55%	51%	43%		25%	50%
24%	37%	26%	30%	26%	37%		45%	50%

- On-track 9th graders with a GPA below 3.0 for all students
- On-track 9th graders with a GPA of 3.0 or above for all students

We use a 3.0 GPA (or "Bs or better") as an early indicator of college readiness, because high school GPA is the best available indicator of college success.

How do 9th Grade On-Track rates vary by gender at Spry Comm Links?

Across the city, we see differences in ninth-grade performance for young men and young women. Some of this difference is due to the different ways in which young women and young men experience the transition to high school. Explore student OnTrack data at Spry Comm Links across genders to reflect on how your school is supporting the academic and social development of students of different genders.
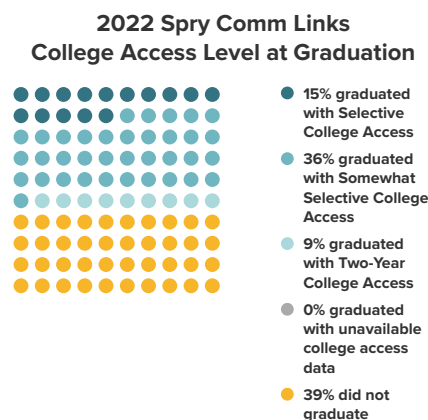
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High School Graduation at Spry Comm Links

- of 2018–2019 first-time 9th graders at Spry Comm Links graduated high school by spring of 2022. Graduating high school with a high level of academic achievement is among the most important markers along the road to college success. Students who graduate from high school with a GPA of 3.0 or above have at least a 50 percent probability of graduating from a four-year college within six years. In order to graduate from high school on time, students must obtain a minimum of 24 credits.

How many 9th graders at Spry Comm Links graduated from high school and what were the college access levels of those graduates?

2022 Spry Comm Links College Access Level at Graduation

- **15% graduated with Selective College Access**
- **36% graduated with Somewhat Selective College Access**
- **9% graduated with Two-Year College Access**
- **0% graduated with unavailable college access data**
- **39% did not graduate**

Our college access framework breaks students into different groups based on their graduating GPA and ACT scores (or converted SAT scores). Students with selective access are likely to be accepted to selective and very selective four-year colleges, students with somewhat selective access are likely to be accepted to somewhat selective and non-selective four-year colleges, and students with two-year access are likely to be accepted to two-year colleges.

Explore high school performance data to see how college access changed over time at Spry Comm Links.

How has the high school graduation rate and the proportion of students graduating with a 3.0 or above at Spry Comm Links changed over time?

4-year high school graduation rates since for all 9th graders

No data available for prior years.

Students who graduate from high school with a GPA of 3.0 or above have at least a 50 percent probability of graduating from a four-year college within six years.

How do High School Graduation rates vary by 9th grade on-track status at Spry Comm Links?

Explore high school graduation data to learn how predictive ninth-grade performance is of end-of-high-school outcomes at your school. This information can help school teams identify priority points of intervention for improving students' course performance.

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College Enrollment at Spry Comm Links

- of 2022 high school graduates from Spry Comm Links enrolled in college in fall of 2022. Students' choice of college influences their likelihood of earning a college degree. Students who choose a college with a strong track record of graduating its students, and which fits their unique financial, geographic, and cultural needs, are more likely to earn a college degree or credential. College may not be the best path for every student, but due to data limitations, we are not currently able to track outcomes for non-college pathways (for example, military service, trade school, workforce).

What institutions do Spry Comm Links's college enrollees attend and what are the graduation rates of those institutions?
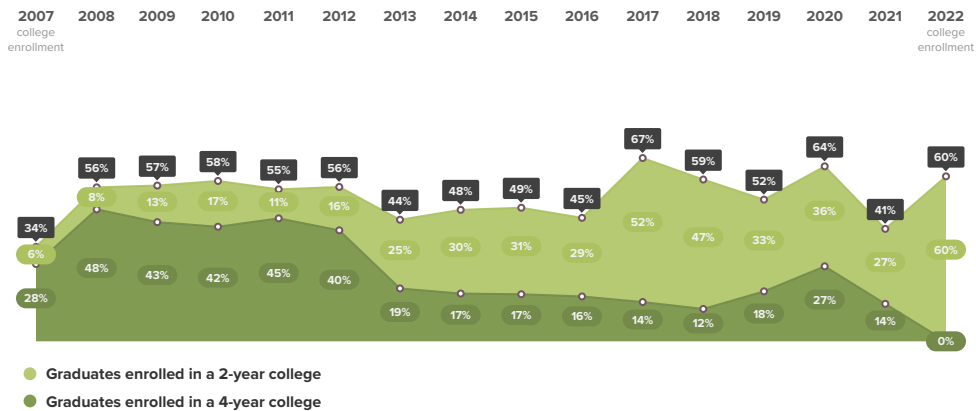
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2022 enrollment of Spry Comm Links graduates by the 5 most commonly attended colleges

	Graduates Enrolled	URM Grad Rate	Institutional Grad Rate	Institution Type
No colleges to show.				

In order to preserve students' anonymity, only colleges that enrolled at least 5 students from Spry Comm Links in 2022 are included in this table.

How have two-year and four-year college enrollment rates for graduates at Spry Comm Links changed over time?

College enrollment rates since 2007

- Graduates enrolled in a 2-year college
- Graduates enrolled in a 4-year college

How do enrollment rates for 2-year and 4-year colleges vary by gender at Spry Comm Links?

Use Spry Comm Links's college enrollment data to examine differences in post-secondary experiences across genders. What choices are students of different genders making around college enrollment?

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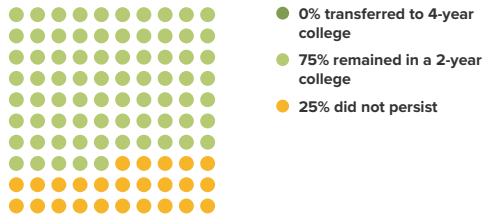# College Persistence at Spry Comm Links

- of 2020 immediate enrollees from Spry Comm Links were enrolled in the fall of 2021. None
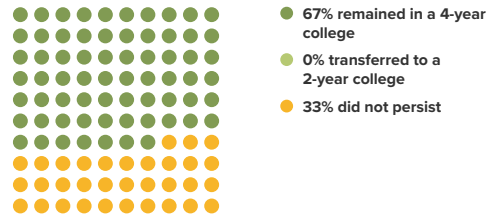
Where are 2020 Spry Comm Links graduates after 4 semesters?

Students follow myriad pathways in their post-secondary career, with many choosing to transfer between 2-year and 4-year institutions.

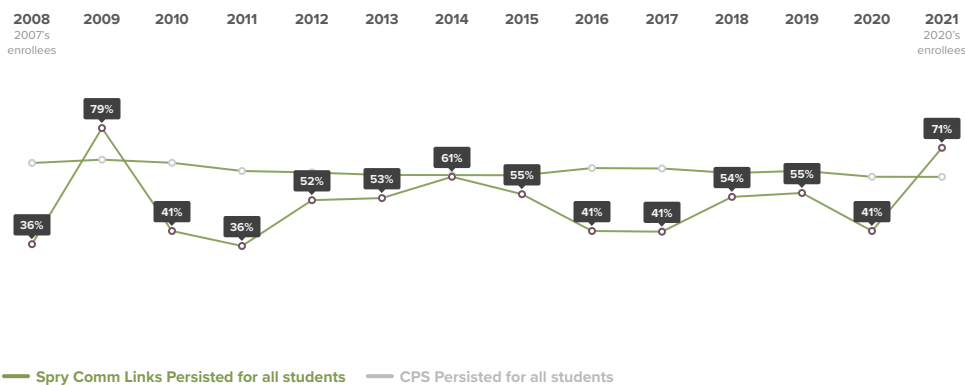**2-year enrollees 2020 Immediate Enrollees from Spry Comm Links**

- 0% transferred to 4-year college
- 75% remained in a 2-year college
- 25% did not persist

4-year enrollees 2020 Immediate Enrollees from Spry Comm Links

- 67% remained in a 4-year college
- 0% transferred to a 2-year college
- 33% did not persist

How have persistence rates for college enrollees changed at Spry Comm Links over time?

Students who "persist" by remaining continuously enrolled through the first two years of college are more likely to complete a degree or credential.

College persistence rates for college enrollees since 2009

| 2008 2007's enrollees | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 2020's enrollees |

36% 79% 41% 36% 52% 53% 61% 55% 41% 41% 54% 55% 41% 71%

— Spry Comm Links Persisted for all students   — CPS Persisted for all students

How has College Persistence changed over time for 2-year and 4-year enrollees respectively?

Explore Spry Comm Links's college persistence data across 2- and 4-year colleges to understand what supports might be needed by students enrolling in different kinds of institutions.

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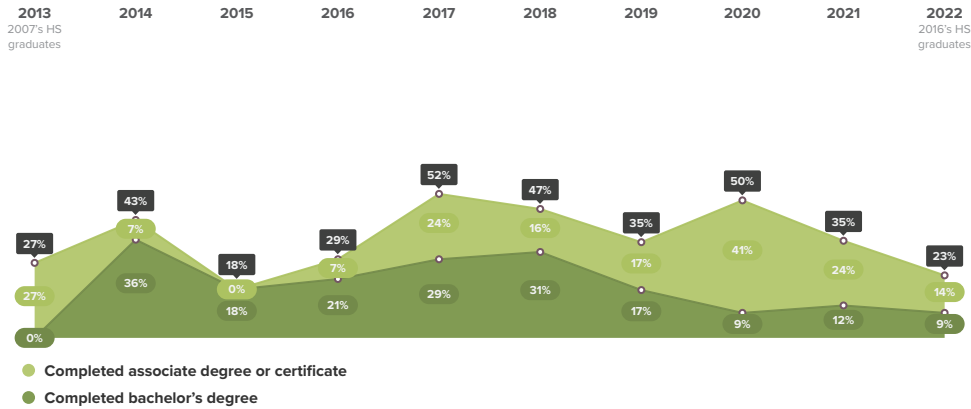Take a deeper dive into the data at https://toandthrough.uchicago.edu/tool/cps/

College Completion at Spry Comm Links

- of 2016 immediate enrollees from Spry Comm Links completed a degree or credential by spring of 2022. Completing a college degree or certificate is increasingly a primary pathway to social and economic stability in the 21st century. When considering a high school's effort to increase the educational attainment of its students, the college completion rate is a critical benchmark.
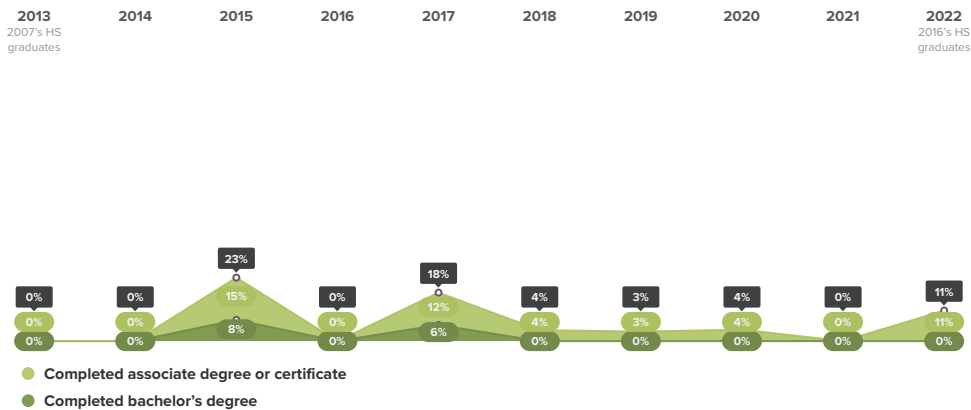
How have college completion rates for Spry Comm Links graduates who immediately enrolled in a 2-year or 4-year college changed over time?

College completion rates since 2013 for graduates who immediately enrolled in a 2-year or 4-year college

2013 2007's HS graduates	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 2016's HS graduates

27% 43% 18% 29% 52% 47% 35% 50% 35% 23%

27% 7% 0% 7% 24% 16% 17% 41% 24% 14%

0% 36% 18% 21% 29% 31% 17% 9% 12% 9%

- Completed associate degree or certificate
- Completed bachelor's degree

How have college completion rates for Spry Comm Links graduates who did not immediately enroll in a 2-year or 4-year college changed over time?

College completion rates since 2013 for graduates who did not immediately enroll in a 2-year or 4-year college

2013 2007's HS graduates	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 2016's HS graduates

0% 0% 23% 0% 18% 4% 3% 4% 0% 11%

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0% 0% 8% 0% 6% 4% 0% 0% 0% 0%

- Completed associate degree or certificate
- Completed bachelor's degree

How does College Completion at Spry Comm Links compare to College Completion at similar schools?

Explore College Completion data from schools that serve similar populations of students to identify areas of growth for Spry Comm Links. Conversation and collaboration with teams at schools with different college completion outcomes can help your team identify new practices to try at Spry Comm Links.

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