



HORIZONS[®]

Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School

We Believe in the Promise of Opportunity for All Children.

OUR MISSION:

As an affiliate of Horizons National, Horizons at Cristo Rey's mission is to improve the life trajectory of students from under-served communities across Philadelphia by instilling in them the joy of learning, the skills for success, and the inspiration to realize their dreams.

THE PROBLEM:

- The achievement gap between children from under-served communities and their more affluent peers is typically six months when a child begins kindergarten and grows to almost three years by fifth grade, making it nearly irreversible by middle school.
- Summer learning loss also known as the "summer slide" is a major contributor to the achievement gap. Without programs like Horizons, children from under-served communities experience a substantial and cumulative erosion of reading and math skills.

THE OPPORTUNITY:

- Horizons at Cristo Rey is a tuition-free, high quality academic and enrichment program serving K-8 students in North Philadelphia.
- The program is six weeks during the summer with an option to also attend the after-school program during the school year. Horizons at Cristo Rey is the first affiliate of Horizons National to expand its program offering into the school year.
- Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School implemented the Horizons program in partnership with two local K-8 public schools, Kenderton Elementary and Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary.
- The Horizons model makes a long-term commitment to prevent summer learning loss. The program enrolls 30 new Kindergarten students each summer who will continue in the program every year through the 8th grade.

THE RESULTS:

(from Horizons National):

- Students achieve an average 2-3 month improvement in reading and math skills over each summer session.
- Students achieve higher attendance rates and less disciplinary referrals during the school year.
- Field trips, swimming lessons and other enrichment activities enhance students' social emotional learning.
- 97% of Horizons students nationwide graduate high school and and 91% of those graduates go onto college/other post-secondary training.



Horizons at Cristo Rey extends the Cristo Rey Philadelphia mission by providing a more equitable education to K-8 children in under-served communities.