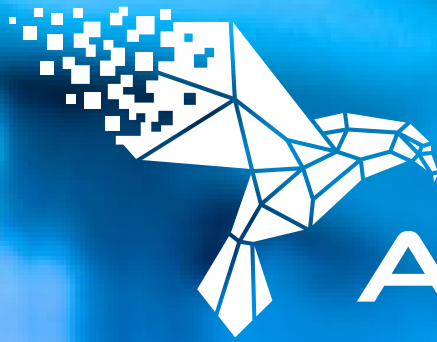




ALPHA

CHICAGO

SERVING PREK-8

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR





THE ALPHA DIFFERENCE

Our Three Commitments

At Alpha, we believe kids are limitless. Our three commitments create the conditions for every student to unlock their potential—loving school, excelling in academics efficiently, and developing life skills they'll carry into the real world.



LOVE SCHOOL

We believe loving school isn't a nice-to-have—it's the foundation of learning. At Alpha, our teachers uncover what motivates each student, creating a deeply personal connection to their education. When students love school, they engage, tackle hard challenges, build grit, and are ready to succeed even when the path isn't clear.



LEARN 2X IN 2 HOURS

Alpha students achieve academic excellence in a fraction of the time. Through AI-powered, personalized learning plans, students excel in core subjects in just two focused hours each morning—consistently scoring in the top 1–2% nationally.



LEARN LIFE SKILLS

The hours freed from traditional academics are invested in essential life skills—leadership & teamwork, entrepreneurship & financial literacy, storytelling & public speaking, socialization & relationship building, and grit & resilience. Through workshops, passion projects, and hands-on challenges, students develop the confidence and capabilities they'll carry for life.



LOVE SCHOOL



Kids love school when they...

- Feel motivated and excited to engage, because their guides take the time to truly understand what drives them
- Build authentic confidence through real progress and meaningful wins
- Trust their guides as personal mentors and feel deeply supported every step of the way
- Feel a strong sense of belonging within a community of engaged learners
- Get time back to explore interests, try new things, and discover passions and what inspires them

Every 6 weeks

We ask our Alpha students “Do you love school?”

96% say ‘Yes!’

But at Alpha, we go even further—

43% of Alpha students said they would rather go to school than go on vacation.



LEARN 2X IN 2 HOURS



Revolutionizing Education

With AI-powered 1:1 personalized curriculum and teacher support, students excel in core academics in just 2 hours every morning.

- **Personalized Learning:** Students progress in each subject at their own pace. If they are behind, they catch up—if they are ahead, the sky's the limit.
- **Motivation-Driven Mastery:** Guides build personalized plans for motivating every student, which inspires them to focus and engage for two concentrated hours every morning.
- **Competence Creates Confidence:** When students engage in academics at the right level and pace with motivation and support, they build early wins and see themselves as capable. This success mindset is critical to starting kids on the right academic path.

How We Measure 2x Learning

We use nationwide NWEA MAP tests to benchmark.

- Alpha students learn at least **2x faster**
- Our classes score in the **top 1-2% nationally**
- Top 20% of students show **6.5x growth**

In only two hours a day, Alpha students learn twice as much as kids in traditional school.



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WORLD-CLASS GUIDES

At Alpha, our teachers (also known as guides) embody a mentor mindset—holding students to high standards while providing the motivational and emotional support they need to meet them.

- **Motivational Architects:** Guides don't lecture at the front of the classroom—they work directly with kids to discover what drives them, helping every student stay engaged and excited to learn.
- **High Standards + High Support:** Guides set clear expectations and provide just the right scaffolding to help each child rise to meet them—encouraging kids to try hard things, learn from mistakes, and feel proud of what they accomplish.
- **Wrapped in Love:** Guides create an exciting environment where kids feel known, encouraged to dream big, and free to unleash their creativity.

Alpha Believes Kids Are Limitless.





ALPHA SCHOOL FAST FACTS



Alpha School has been operating for over 10 years.

We're different by design, but not new to the rodeo. We've fine-tuned our model over the past decade in our flagship schools so we can scale our network in 2025 and beyond.



Alpha School is Cognia accredited.

Cognia is the gold standard in school accreditation with 130+ years of experience and a network of 36,000+ schools. Alpha School meets Cognia's 30 standards for learning, leadership, and continuous improvement.



We survey our students regularly to measure their satisfaction.

We survey our students every 6 weeks to see if they love school, are connecting with their teachers, learning life skills and to make sure teachers are delivering Alpha School's three commitments.



We utilize the Pomodoro method to keep learning engaging & effective.

Core academics happen in 15-25 minute sprints on our adaptive AI platform with built-in breaks, which allow kids to get up and play—it keeps energy high and distraction low.



Our students can learn at different grade levels for different subjects.

A student at Alpha School might be completing 4th grade level math and 6th grade level reading. Alpha School meets kids exactly where they are.



Our AI is the key to our academic learning.

Alpha School's adaptive AI platform individualizes academics for each student, so they can catch up or get ahead—it allows them to be met exactly where they are.



Our guides are experts at motivation.

Our teachers come from extraordinary backgrounds, whether in education or other fields of demonstrated expertise—Alpha guides include professional sports coaches and players, business executives, Harvard-trained lawyers, and successful entrepreneurs who bring their real-world passions and expertise directly to our students and focus on motivation.



Our students are ready for whatever the future holds.

Our kids explore and discover passions and learn how to be successful in academics and life from a young age. So by the time they are in high school, they are acing APs, crushing the SATs, going on to elite colleges and creating mind-blowing career opportunities for themselves. At Alpha, our kids aren't waiting for the future, they are creating it.



Tuition at **Alpha Chicago** is **\$55,000**

TUITION OVERVIEW

Monthly: 10 equal payments (August–May)

Full Payment: Due August 1, 2026 or at time of enrollment. Tuition is prorated and divided into equal monthly payments based on a **10-month billing cycle from August to May**, with equal payments starting the month your child joins (or the next month if after the 15th).

IMPORTANT INFO

Deposit Once admission is offered to a student, a \$1,000 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your student's spot at Alpha. **This deposit will be deducted from your overall tuition balance.**

Sibling Discount We offer a 5% discount on tuition for the second child and beyond in families with two or more children enrolled at our school.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Enrollment Deadline:** Rolling admissions
- **First Tuition Payment:** August 1, 2026
- **School Year:** August–May

Enrollment is open for grades K–8!

Start your journey at

www.alpha.school/admission





EXAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

At Alpha, we've reimaged the traditional school day to focus on both academic excellence and the development of critical life skills. Our innovative schedule allows students to excel in core subjects quickly, giving them more time to explore and grow in areas that prepare them for life beyond the classroom.

MORNING - ACCELERATED ACADEMIC MASTERY

8:15 -
8:30 AM

MORNING DROP-OFF

Students arrive, ready to kick start their day in a focused and engaging environment.

8:45 -
9:00 AM

MORNING LAUNCH

The day begins with a motivational activity to energize and inspire students to jump into their learning tasks ahead.

9:00 -
11:30 AM

2 HOUR LEARNING

Using our AI-powered learning platform, students engage in 30-minute blocks dedicated to core academic subjects: math, science, reading, and language. This app-based learning is driven by AI-powered learning tools that adapt to each student's pace, ensuring mastery of the material 2-5x faster than traditional education.

10:15 -
10:30 AM

SNACK/OUTDOOR RECESS

A short break is included to refresh and recharge, allowing students to return to their studies with renewed focus.

11:30 -
12:30 PM

LUNCH/RECESS

Students enjoy lunch and free time, with exact times staggered by age/grade to provide the best experience for all.

AFTERNOON - PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

12:30 -
3:15 PM

WORKSHOP TIME

For the afternoon, the focus shifts to developing life skills through a variety of engaging, hands-on workshops. These sessions are designed to equip students with essential skills such as learning how to ride a bike, hosting your own news broadcast, completing a Spartan Race, and even building an Olympic-level final project!

Individual Goal Checks

- Students also receive personalized support through individual goal-setting and check-ins, ensuring they are on track academically and personally.

1:1 Meetings

- Students meet one-on-one with guides to receive personalized support and mentoring, tailored to each student's goals and challenges.

3:15 -
3:30 PM

AFTERNOON CLOSING

The day ends with a student-centered meeting where they celebrate their peers' achievements, engage in student-led town halls, and have the opportunity to shop in the weekly student emporium.

3:30 -
4:00 PM

AFTERNOON PICK-UP

Students are ready to be picked up after a full day of crushing academics and developing life skills!

ALPHA CHICAGO 2026 -2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR YEAR



AUGUST

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SEPTEMBER

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SEPT 8 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
SEPT 15 - 18 MAP TESTING
SEPT 21 - 25 FALL MAP RETESTING

OCTOBER

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OCT 16 SESSION 1 ENDS
OCT 19 SESSION 2 STARTS

NOVEMBER

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NOV 23 - 27 THANKSGIVING BREAK

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DEC 18 SESSION 2 ENDS
DEC 21 - JAN 1 SESSION BREAK

JANUARY

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JAN 4 SESSION 3 STARTS
JAN 18 NO SCHOOL / MLK DAY
JAN 26 - 29 WINTER MAP TESTING

FEBRUARY

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FEB 1 - 5 WINTER MAP RETESTING
FEB 19 SESSION 3 ENDS
FEB 22 - 23 SESSION BREAK
FEB 24 SESSION 4 STARTS

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APR 16 SESSION 4 ENDS
APR 19 - 23 SESSION BREAK
APR 26 SESSION 5 STARTS

MAY

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MAY 18 - 21 SPRING MAP TESTING
MAY 24 - 28 SPRING MAP RETESTING

JUNE

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MAY 31 NO SCHOOL/ MEMORIAL DAY
JUN 18 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL/
SESSION 5 ENDS

KEY

- STAFF MEETINGS
- START OR END OF SESSION
- SCHOOL HOLIDAY/SESSION BREAK
- EARLY DISMISSAL @ 12 NOON
- TESTING DAY



HOW TO APPLY

CHICAGO

Ready to revolutionize
your child's learning
journey?



LEARN MORE



APPLY NOW

Questions? Reach out:

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AUSTIN SCHOLAR

How Alpha Kindergarten Became a Top 0.01% Program in America (EXCERPT)

I started at Alpha in the 3rd grade. When Alpha first started, it didn't have a Kindergarten. Everyone – the founders included – believed five and six -year-olds were too young for the 2 Hour Learning model. But Alpha now has been running Kindergarten for several years and I thought I would look in to see how it is going.

What is it like today? Alpha Kindergarten and first grade are so phenomenal it's honestly hard to see this and not hope this is the future of education. These programs launch kids on their academic journey in a way that's nothing short of extraordinary. Every single kid achieves top 1% performance on nationwide exams. They're taught to have a growth mindset from day one and develop this infectious, optimistic, can-do attitude. And they accomplish all this through a carefully crafted set of workshops that completely transforms their parents' perception of what their kids are capable of achieving.

Here's what Alpha teaches its Kindergarten and first grade students:

Love of school (yes, really)

This is an important starting point, because I know what you're thinking. Alpha often talks to parents about this directly: "You're probably worried that because of these insane achievements and expectations, you'd be putting your little kid into some stress-induced pressure cooker environment. But that couldn't be further from the truth.

When you meet Charity, Mallory, and Malu (three of our Kindergarten guides) and witness how they wrap your kids in genuine love and care, you realize you're looking at the greatest Kindergarten teachers in the world. These women have cracked the code on making rigorous learning feel like the most natural, joyful thing a child could be doing.

But here's what's going to happen to your daughter (and yes, this story gets told over and over). Sometime in the first 90 days, you're going to pick up your little bundle of love, and as you drive home, she'll start crying. You'll immediately spiral into panic mode, thinking to yourself: Is this environment too intense? Are they pushing her too hard? Did I make a terrible mistake?

But between those sobs, your 6-year-old will whisper: "Mommy, why can't we go to school on Saturday?" And that's the moment you'll know Alpha is exactly the right place for your kid."



Our academic performance

The academic data from Alpha Kindergarten and first grade truly speaks for itself.

100% Met or Exceeded Projected Scores: In both math and reading, every single student hit or surpassed their individual growth targets. This is statistically impossible at scale. Even the best schools typically see 80-90% of students meeting projections.

222% and 195% of Projected Growth: Alpha students didn't just meet their growth targets, they obliterated them. They learned more than twice as fast as the sophisticated algorithms predicted they would. This suggests the learning environment is so optimized that it's accelerating development beyond what standardized models consider possible.

99th and 97th Percentile Growth: The median student at Alpha is growing faster than 97-99% of all students nationwide. This means even Alpha's "average" performers are growing at rates that would make them standouts at any other school.

And remember: they are doing all of this in just two hours every day.

Life skills workshops

Here's the beautiful thing about AI-powered personalized learning: because of the precision of personalization and mastery-based progression, it allows kids to master their academics in just 2 hours a day. So what should these tiny humans do with their free afternoons? Learn actual life skills.

This is revolutionary because life skills typically aren't taught to young kids. Most adults assume children aren't capable of handling real responsibilities or complex tasks. But they absolutely are, and Alpha's students prove it every single day.

These kids are doing things that I struggle with now, and it's crazy for me to imagine doing them ten years ago. The students are inspiring me to continue to raise my personal bar, and they're also raising the bar on what I believe it's possible for kids to achieve. When you give kids the tools, the structure, and the self-confidence to handle real challenges, they don't just meet expectations – they obliterate them.

MORE FROM AUSTIN SCHOLAR



**Everyone is
Wrong About
Motivation**



**How Your Kid Can
Design Their
Dream Life**



**Don't let your kid
struggle with self-
confidence**



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WHAT IS A WORKSHOP

Workshops focus on teaching students curated skills like public speaking, coding, entrepreneurship and leadership. All workshops culminate in a community event, called Test2Pass, where students showcase the life skills they have learned to their parents in a student-run demonstration. Here are some examples of the social, interactive, creative, and limitless growth we facilitate in workshops.

Pedal Power (K-1st)

"Pedal Power" empowers students to gain confidence and independence on a bike, whether they're new or experienced riders. Through fun and safety, they'll master the skills needed to ride on their own.

Test2Pass:

Bike 5 miles solo without stopping!

Dream Launcher (7th/8th Grade)

Students embark on a journey of self-discovery, exploring their passions and creating a roadmap for the future. They'll craft a personal "Spiky POV" and financial plan for a long-term project.

Test2Pass:

Create a Genesis Project one-liner approved by Alpha High and outline a 10-year financial plan.

Alpha News Network (2nd Grade)

Students develop public speaking skills by delivering live news broadcasts in front of the whole school. They'll learn to engage audiences, using body language, voice projection, and clear communication.

Test2Pass:

Present the Alpha News at 120- 170 wpm with energy, assessed via Orai.

Spartan Race (5th/6th Grade)

This workshop teaches teamwork and resilience as students tackle and overcome a challenging Spartan Race course together, learning the power of collaboration.

Test2Pass:

Complete all race obstacles as a team and cross the finish line together.

Financial Frontier (3rd/4th Grade)

In "Financial Frontier," students navigate real- world financial scenarios using ClassBank, learning to manage money, set savings goals, and understand financial autonomy.

Test2Pass:

Create and present a personal financial plan, including earnings targets, savings goals, and spending habits.

Why Choose Alpha?

Alpha's unique schedule maximizes learning efficiency in the morning and dedicates afternoons to developing well-rounded, confident individuals ready to take on future challenges. Our combination of technology-driven academic mastery and interactive life skills workshops ensures your child is not just prepared for school but for life.