

**CHICAGO ANNEBERG CHALLENGE**

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Attached is a descriptive list of the thirteen Implementation Grants awarded by the Chicago Annenberg Challenge in 1995 and a list of the twenty-two Planning Grants also awarded.

**THE CHICAGO ANNENBERG CHALLENGE  
1995 IMPLEMENTATION GRANT**

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**Small Schools Network**

Since 1992, the Small Schools Workshop (SSW) has been championing the creation of small schools, and the visionary teachers who are pioneering them, as an avenue for dramatic improvements in student achievement, teacher morale and professionalism, and in the relationships between various stakeholders within school communities. SSW and these teachers have joined together to form the Small School Network which is developing the Teacher Leadership Academy (TLA). The TLA will use experienced small school teachers to work with aspiring small school teachers and teacher-directors to help them realize their own visions for small schools.

By their nature, *small schools* reduce student/teacher ratios. Small schools also attract an abundance of student teachers who add to the *personalized atmosphere*. Greater *student-to-student connections* are addressed through lessons in listening, sensitivity training, mediation, and peer mentoring and tutoring. The Teacher Leadership Academy will actively foster *partnership* among schools as well as *increased collaboration* between scholars, researchers, and practitioners.

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**SCHOOLS & REGIONS:** Nicholson Academy (Creations) - 5; Overton (VISIONS) - 4; Brian Piccolo Elementary (Connections) - 2; PERSPECTIVES - 4; John Spry Community School (Peace) - 4; NIA at Cregier Multiplex - 3; William Rainey Harper High School (COMETS) - 5 ; DuSable High School (ISIS Journalism & Communication), (Transition) - 4; Eli Whitney School and Eli Whitney Middle School (SCOPE) - 4; Esmond (Mae Jemison) - 6; Mason (Mason 21)

**IMPLEMENTATION GRANT:** \$ 175,000