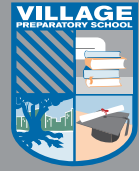


# THE PREP SCHOOLS



2013-2014 ANNUAL REPORT



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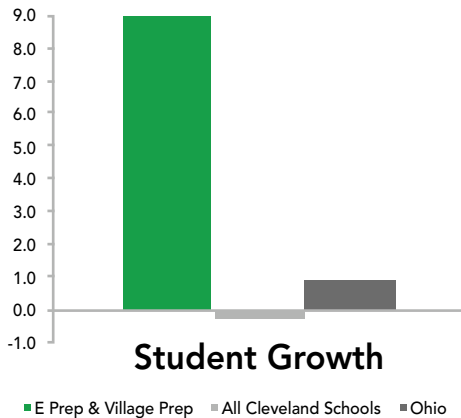
The Prep Schools, part of the Breakthrough network, began with the opening of Entrepreneurship Preparatory School (E Prep) in 2006 for middle school scholars. Village Preparatory School (Village Prep) opened to serve grades K-1 in 2009 in the same location. The location, housing two schools, is now referred to as the Preps Cliffs campus. In 2012-2013, the two newest Village and E Prep schools opened in the Woodland Hills neighborhood.

The Prep Schools organize around school-wide structures and routines that create a strong learning culture and keep an instructional focus on college success, even in the youngest grades. The elementary schools feature intensive reading and math instruction, technology that differentiates every child's learning experience, and personal attention for all students with two teachers in every classroom. The middle schools feature over three hours of math and language arts instruction per day and daily opportunities to earn merits by exemplifying the high standards of courage, perseverance, respect, responsibility, and self-discipline.

## MISSION:

To provide high-quality, academically rigorous education for our college-bound scholars.

***E Prep Cliffs and E Prep Woodland Hills both placed in the top 1% of all 3,444 public schools in Ohio for student progress (Value-Added).***



Students of the Village and Entrepreneurship Preparatory Schools surpassed all Cleveland schools and the state of Ohio in student growth last school year. This measure, also known as Value-Added, measures student growth over the school year based on the Ohio Achievement Assessments. It is important to note that both E Preps have seen a considerable amount of growth in the number of students over the past year, and that many students coming into all four Prep schools enter from low-performing elementary schools and are significantly behind grade-level. Last year, both E Preps took in full classes of new 5th and 6th grade students, most of whom were 2-3 years below grade level. The Preps take on the challenge of bringing students who are far behind and preparing them to enter a college-preparatory high school.

The Prep schools outperformed their peers in all Cleveland schools (district and charter) in overall student achievement in the 2013-2014 school year. Students from all four schools are still working hard to achieve results comparable to the state average, which includes many high-performing suburban districts with dramatically different student demographics.



### Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Hunter

Mrs. Hunter is a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher and Teacher Leader at the Village Prep Cliffs campus. After working in educational and information technology, her own children inspired her to become a teacher. "When my own kids started elementary school, I went back to Baldwin Wallace to get my teaching license and Master's degree," Mrs. Hunter said. While in school, she read an article about The Prep Schools and knew it was the place for her. When you enter her classroom, "Akron University," you see the pride she has instilled in scholars as they grow in their independence and confidence as readers, writers and mathematicians. She is equally adept at supporting adults and is described as a trusted colleague you can always count on to problem-solve, find a resource, or just provide positive energy! This year, Mrs. Hunter shares her talents as a team leader and mentor, helping scholars and teachers grow and learn together.

# PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

## Teacher Spotlight: Mr. Reiman

Mr. Reiman moves with an energizing pace as he asks scholars thoughtful comprehension questions, encourages them to listen to each other respond, moves quickly to a partner sharing, then wraps up with “Everybody Writes” to ensure his 6<sup>th</sup> grade language arts students are truly understanding the novel’s theme. Mr. Reiman attended Miami University and has taught in Australia, South Korea, and Guatemala. After getting married, Mr. Reiman moved to Northeast Ohio and became a teacher at E Prep Cliffs. The following year, he helped found the Woodland Hills campus and became Grade Team Leader. One of his favorite moments of the 2013-2014 school year was hosting Family Literacy Night: “I had the opportunity to co-lead a Family Literacy Night, where I helped coach parents on how to read more with their children at home, and read *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* to a room of scholars and family members.” Mr. Reiman is bringing his passion and expertise to his colleagues as a peer coach this year, and deepening his skills as a leader both inside and outside the classroom.



## Graduation Celebration

In June, E Prep Woodland Hills celebrated its first class of 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates. The school graduated 27 proud students, joined by the 70 8<sup>th</sup> graders from E Prep Cliffs. Teachers, family and friends, and all of the E Prep 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders gathered together at John Hay High School to hear motivating speakers challenge the graduating scholars to stay focused on college as their ultimate goal. E Prep scholars were accepted into the top independent, parochial, and public high schools in the city, including University School, Gilmour Academy, Hawken School, Nexus Academy, Saint Martin de Porres, John Hay Early College, John Hay School of Science and Medicine, and John Hay School of Architecture. Alumni stay connected through the year-round activities planned by the Breakthrough Through College program.

## Thinking About Our Reading

Both Village Prep schools are diving into Common Core with read aloud time—a favorite part of the day for many scholars! By revamping the questions teachers ask, creating opportunities to “Turn and Talk” to each other, and pushing scholars to use the text to explain their thinking, read aloud time holds even greater promise for a shared book experience and creates readers who are building deeper understanding of how texts work.



## Family Connections

Woodland Hills deepened family partnership by hosting morning events to connect families to the schools and to each other. “Muffins with Moms” and “Donuts with Dads” provided not only a quick breakfast, but the opportunity for school-wide fellowship among scholars’ first teachers—their parents!

## STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

E Prep School	Cliffs Campus	Woodland Hills
<b>TOTAL ENROLLMENT</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>212</b>
Where our students are from		
Bedford	0%	1%
Cleveland Heights - University Heights	2%	0%
Cleveland	89%	93%
East Cleveland	3%	0%
Euclid	2%	0%
Garfield Heights	<1%	2%
Maple Heights	1%	0%
Mayfield	0%	<1%
Richmond Heights	<1%	0%
Shaker Heights	0%	<1%
South Euclid/Lyndhurst	<1%	<1%
Warrensville Heights	1%	3%
Our School Population		
African American	91%	97%
White	2%	0%
Hispanic	1%	1%
Other	6%	2%
Economically Disadvantaged	84%	93%
Students with Disabilities	15%	20%
Percentage of Subjects Taught by Certified Teachers	100%	100%

Village Prep School	Cliffs Campus	Woodland Hills
<b>TOTAL ENROLLMENT</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>288</b>
Where our students are from		
Bedford	0%	1%
Cleveland Heights - University Heights	2%	0%
Cleveland	88%	91%
East Cleveland	3%	0%
Euclid	3%	0%
Garfield Heights	1%	3%
Lakewood	<1%	0%
Maple Heights	0%	3%
Mayfield	0%	<1%
Richmond Heights	<1%	0%
Warrensville Heights	1%	<1%
Our School Population		
African American	85%	98%
Hispanic	1%	<1%
White	3%	0%
Other	11%	1%
Economically Disadvantaged	90%	81%
Students with Disabilities	9%	8%
Percentage of Subjects Taught by Certified Teachers	100%	100%

## FINANCIAL REPORT

E Prep School	Cliffs Campus	Woodland Hills
<b>INCOME</b>		
State	\$2,372,448	\$1,744,323
Federal	\$503,837	\$626,024
Philanthropy	\$963,363	\$123,536
Other	\$615,009	\$299,777
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$4,454,657</b>	<b>\$2,793,660</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Salaries	\$1,507,053	\$1,079,466
Benefits	\$385,958	\$250,637
Purchased Services	\$1,264,843	\$1,059,487
Supplies & Materials	\$127,885	\$80,608
Equipment	\$59,354	\$149,246
Depreciation	\$152,537	\$0
Other	\$71,863	\$31,025
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$3,569,493</b>	<b>\$2,650,469</b>

Village Prep School	Cliffs Campus	Woodland Hills
<b>INCOME</b>		
State	\$3,500,690	\$2,313,766
Federal	\$649,147	\$793,390
Philanthropy	\$58,340	\$22,500
Other	\$381,461	\$400,057
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$4,589,638</b>	<b>\$3,529,713</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Salaries	\$1,839,291	\$1,344,521
Benefits	\$467,269	\$328,050
Purchased Services	\$1,709,145	\$1,420,568
Supplies & Materials	\$265,233	\$150,999
Equipment	\$29,617	\$114,018
Depreciation	\$71,063	\$0
Other	\$43,503	\$31,704
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$4,425,121</b>	<b>\$3,389,860</b>

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