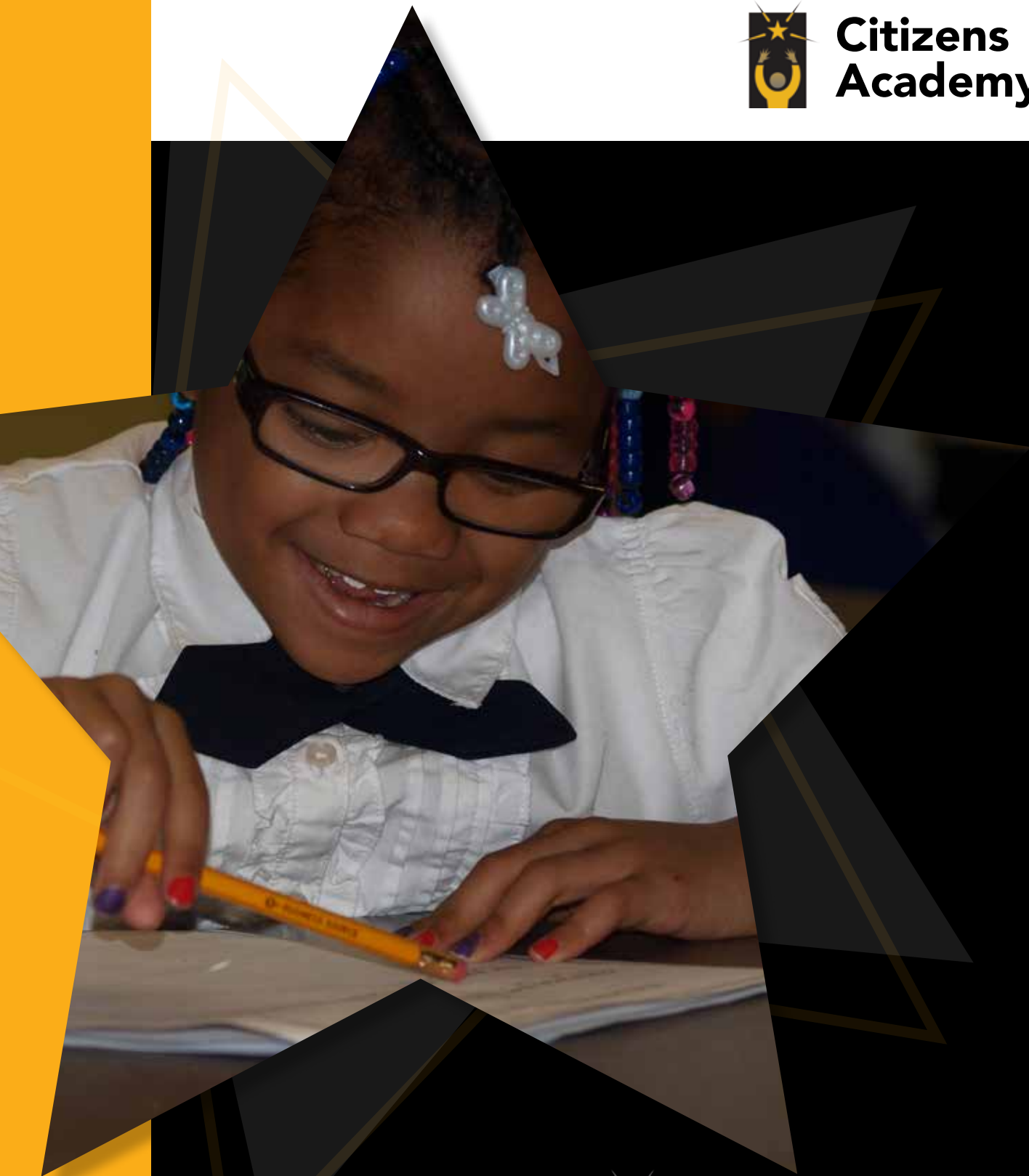




**Citizens
Academy**



2013-2014 ANNUAL REPORT



CITIZENS ACADEMY

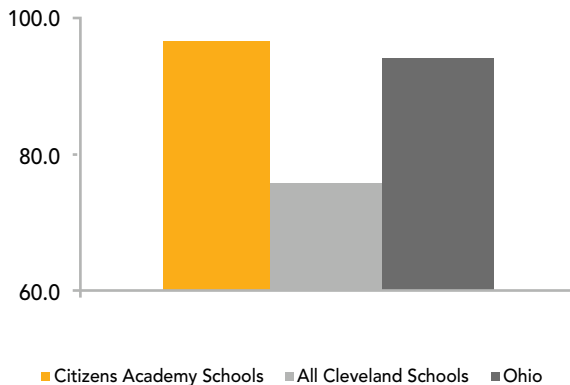
VISION: For every student to graduate from college and become a productive and civically engaged member of society.

Citizens Academy (CA), a Breakthrough school, has a long and rich history of providing a high-quality, college preparatory education to Cleveland students. In August 2012, Citizens Academy East (CAE) opened as the first replication of the Citizens model, using the exact same curriculum and following the CA Way (a set of high academic and behavioral expectations). The transformative school culture and implementation of the CA Way lays the foundation for the success of both schools, promoting a sense of ambition, personal responsibility, and a “no excuses” attitude exemplified by students and the CA community alike.



MISSION:
To produce learners who exemplify academic excellence and responsible citizenship.

Student Achievement



Overall, Citizens Academy schools outperformed their peers in all Cleveland schools (district and charter) and the state of Ohio on state achievement tests last year! Results are based on the Performance Index Scores of Citizens Academy (students tested in grades 3-5) and Citizens Academy East (students tested in grade 3) in the 2013-2014 school year.

Citizens Academy students have rigorous academic expectations designed to prepare them to succeed in college and beyond. Students take multiple assessments in reading and math that are then used throughout the school year to improve and individualize student instruction. The data-based approach is designed to measure the effectiveness of academic interventions, student enrichment opportunities, teaching methods, and curricular resources. Every student receives an individualized academic plan (MAP) detailing strategies for his/her success. Plans are updated with input from parents throughout the school year.



CITIZENS SPOTLIGHT

Citizens Academy Schools Transition to the Common Core

To gear up for the changes across the state and ensure a smooth transition, CA and CAE implemented the new Common Core standards early. The schools created Citizens Model Assessments, based on the reading and math standards, which are administered after the material is taught. In addition, the schools purchased even more technology to help students prepare for the PARCC assessments, the next generation of tests, which will be taken on computers. Students practiced on Chromebooks, iPads and laptops, and used iReady, a computer based learning program for reading and math. Students also participated in the field tests for PARCC assessments in reading and math.



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Fun Ways to Learn

In October, both schools celebrated Vocabulary Day, a fun way to learn new words and increase reading skills. Kindergarten and 1st grade students designed hats based on word families and students in grades 3 and 4 dressed up as vocabulary words. Together, the students paraded the halls of the school. Students in grades 4 and 5 designed sandwich boards based on careers and also participated in vocabulary bees.



Summer Learners

CA and CAE offered a joint full-day summer learning program, titled Imaginarium, that lasted for five weeks. The program was divided into themes including Where the Wild Things Are (focused on North American animals and building habitats); Earth, Wind, and Fire (focused on weather and environments); Carnival (groups presented speeches, songs, and dance representing one country that they researched); and Fun in the Sun (outdoor activities encouraging health and physical activity). The program integrated summer fun with learning, a combination that diminishes the learning loss that many students face.



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Black History Month Assemblies

Both schools hosted assemblies to honor Black History Month. Performances at CA included the after school choir, African dance, performance club, rhythm club, and African American history. At CAE, students presented on famous African American inventors and artists, the students sang African songs and invited families to sing along, and the school had a guest performance by the E Prep step team. The special assemblies were important in not only teaching culture and history, but also in providing performance opportunities to help students build their confidence and public speaking skills.



STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

	Citizens Academy	Citizens Academy East
TOTAL ENROLLMENT	434	238
Where Our Students Are From:		
Cleveland Heights - University Heights	4%	2%
Cleveland	80%	81%
East Cleveland	4%	11%
Euclid	6%	2%
Garfield Heights	1%	<1%
Maple Heights	<1%	0%
Mayfield	0%	<1%
Parma	1%	0%
Richmond Heights	<1%	1%
Shaker Heights	0%	<1%
South Euclid/Lyndhurst	0%	<1%
Warrensville Heights	2%	1%
Willoughby/Eastlake	<1%	0%
Our School Population		
African American	98%	97%
Other	2%	3%
Economically Disadvantaged	99%	72%
Students with Disabilities	9%	3%
Percentage of Subjects Taught by Certified Teachers	100%	100%

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FINANCIAL REPORT

FYE June 30, 2014

Citizens Academy INCOME

State	\$3,285,278
Federal	\$775,951
Philanthropy	\$113,114
Other	\$609,160
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,783,503

EXPENSE

Salaries	\$2,219,982
Benefits	\$507,387
Purchased Services	\$1,674,809
Supplies & Materials	\$206,292
Equipment	\$62,967
Depreciation	\$18,976
Other	\$42,001
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$4,732,414



Citizens Academy East INCOME

State	\$1,771,123
Federal	\$487,850
Philanthropy	\$274,939
Other	\$226,474
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,760,386

EXPENSE

Salaries	\$1,120,071
Benefits	\$273,637
Purchased Services	\$1,052,924
Supplies & Materials	\$119,570
Equipment	\$132,162
Depreciation	\$0
Other	\$20,338
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$2,718,702

Citizens Academy and Citizens Academy East both ranked in the top 4 schools for African American student achievement in Cleveland!



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