



**Citizens
Academy**



2012-2013 ANNUAL REPORT

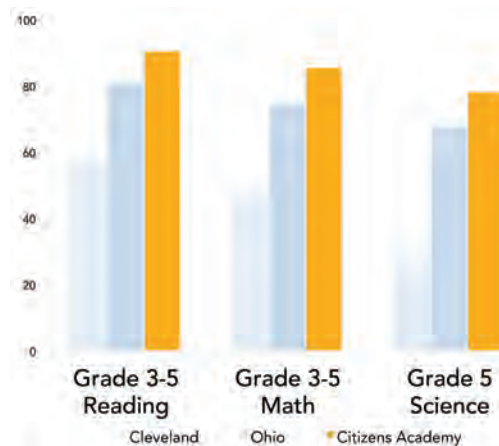


CITIZENS ACADEMY

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 since 1999. Last August, 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 leadership team at CAE even came directly from the flagship school! 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 Model community alike. CA served 420 K-5 students during the 2012-2013 school year, while the new CAE served 147 students in grades K-2.

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



CA outperformed their peers in all Cleveland schools (district and charter), the state of Ohio, and high-performing suburban districts on state achievement tests last year!

CA 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. CA's 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

CAE Holds First Annual End of Year Citizenship Assembly

Citizens Academy East celebrated the end of its first school year with a special assembly on citizenship. Mr. Larry Wallace, who attended the former Captain Arthur Roth School (now Citizens Academy East) where his mother was a teacher, spoke at the assembly about his past and the value of education. Mr. Wallace currently works for Judge Shirley Saffold. At the assembly, he presented gift cards to three deserving students – one from himself, one from Judge Saffold, and one in memory of his parents. The three students were awarded the Responsibility Award for outstanding academics and behavior, the Speaker Award, and the Attendance Award for perfect attendance. Mr. Wallace hopes to make this an annual event at CAE.



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Enrichment Programs Engage Students In and Out of the Classroom

Students at CA and CAE participate in a variety of extracurricular programs that provide them with extended enrichment opportunities. The Higley Fund allowed students who met established academic criteria to participate in the Destination Imagination (DI) program. DI allows students to compete in challenges that cultivate 21st-century high-level problem-solving skills in various academic areas. The challenges are multifaceted and student-led, giving students the opportunity to develop leadership and critical thinking. DI runs year-round and is offered to 1st through 5th grade students, giving almost every age group at the schools a chance to participate. Last year, four teams, a total of thirty students from CA and CAE, went on to compete at the regional level. Students prepared for the competition by meeting regularly during the day, after school, and even on Saturdays. The teams explored different topics, including the color spectrum, farming, the stock market, skit writing, and demonstrating energy resources. All four teams from CA and CAE offered dynamic solutions to their challenges and placed in the DI competition! Students returned home with a 3rd place trophy, a 4th place recognition, and two 1st place certificates for a non-competitive challenge. Within the CA community, DI is an exciting and

creative new way for students to grow academically and personally.



New School Technology Gives Students the Tools to Succeed

Last year, CA and CAE spent time making changes to help students build 21st century skills. At Citizens Academy, the number of computers increased, giving each classroom 4 desktops and the computer lab 28 desktops. The school also has 2 classroom set laptop carts- a total of 52 additional computers! At Citizens Academy East, there are 5 desktops in each classroom and 27 in the computer lab, along with a shared class set of iPads. Students use computers and tablets for assessments such as Scantron and iReady, blended learning activities with Ticket to Read and Study Island, preparing presentations through Powerpoint, and to continue classroom work through graphing and word processing.

Citizens Academy is one of two schools in the state recognized as both a High Performing School of Honor and a High Progress School of Honor by the Ohio Department of Education.



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

CA Students Experience Music in a New Way

CA students benefit from a robust musical education, providing them with a strong exposure to the arts through various programs. Last year, interested CA students met during lunch to participate in the Rhythm Club, where they played non-traditional percussion instruments such as buckets, trash bins, and chairs. Students not only had fun, but they also built musicianship and learned team building. The group even performed at the end of the year for the annual Citizens Academy Fine Arts Showcase.



STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

	Citizens Academy	Citizens Academy East
Total Enrollment	420	147
Where Our Students Are From:		
Avon Lake	1%	0%
Bedford	1%	0%
Cleveland	84%	78%
Cleveland Heights - University Heights	3%	1%
East Cleveland	3%	14%
Euclid	4%	3%
Garfield Heights	1%	0%
Maple Heights	1%	1%
Parma	1%	0%
Richmond Heights	1%	1%
Shaker Heights	0%	1%
Solon	1%	0%
South Euclid/Lyndhurst	1%	0%
Warrensville Heights	1%	1%
Our School Population		
African American	99%	98%
White	1%	1%
Other	0%	1%
Economically Disadvantaged	100%	79%
Students with Disabilities	11%	3%
Percentage of Subjects Taught by Certified Teachers	100%	100%

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Citizens Academy	
INCOME	
State	\$3,083,862
Federal	\$788,650
Philanthropy	\$337,193
Other	\$488,930
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,698,635
EXPENSE	
Salaries	\$2,121,064
Benefits	\$503,775
Purchased Services	\$1,664,784
Supplies & Materials	\$184,628
Equipment	\$121,141
Depreciation	\$41,491
Other	\$51,033
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$4,687,916



Citizens Academy East	
INCOME	
State	\$1,076,394
Federal	\$456,553
Philanthropy	\$495,600
Other	\$129,525
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,158,072
EXPENSE	
Salaries	\$872,864
Benefits	\$192,543
Purchased Services	\$776,397
Supplies & Materials	\$111,701
Equipment	\$181,044
Depreciation	\$0
Other	\$17,264
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$2,151,813

Cleveland Comes Together for Citizens Academy East

When the first Citizens Academy school replication opened on Cleveland's east side, the community immediately jumped in to get involved. At the former Captain Arthur Roth Elementary school, community members and volunteers helped prepare the building to house students, while Thompson Hine LLP volunteers spruced up the outside of the building. In October, CAE dedicated the plaque in the main hallway to The Lubrizol Foundation, whose donated funds helped to purchase the building. Citizens Academy East looks forward to continuing this strong partnership with the important people and community groups that helped to make this possible!



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