

2016-17 ANNUAL REPORT



Citizens Leadership ACADEMY

As Northeast Ohio's only EL Education middle school, Citizens Leadership Academy builds core academic skills through project-based learning, using the city as our laboratory. Established in 2011, we have continually ranked as a top Cleveland school, and even earned the state's Momentum Award in 2016 for outstanding student learning growth. This placed us in the top 1% of all Ohio schools for student growth and in the top two among Cleveland schools.

FOLLOW OUR SCHOOL'S STORY ONLINE
@CITIZENSLEADERSHIPACADEMY & #CITYISOURCLASSROOM



Book Drive!
Throughout February
for Black History Month for books
with diverse protagonists



A BREAKTHROUGH SCHOOL

Updates from our school year...

RUSTBELT REFORMERS

Our annual Rustbelt Reformers project had students collect the stories of people who are reinventing Cleveland. Among many interviewed was Michael Estime, TV3 meteorologist who told students about his career pathway and the importance of African-American role models in the media. After five years and counting, Rustbelt Reformers still offers our students unparalleled opportunities for real world learning, what our school is all about!

PEACE CIRCLE MARCH

Students from each grade marched and formed peace circles to show support for immigrants, refugees, and people of all faiths. In preparation, they researched and contemplated the local impacts of President Trump's proposed immigration policies and lived the school's values of active civic engagement!

BROWN GIRL DREAMING

Students were lit up by Jacqueline Woodson's Newbury Honor book *Brown Girl Dreaming*. Wondering why they hadn't read more stories about minority experiences, they took a library inventory at the Citizens' elementary schools and saw a need for books with diverse protagonists. Students won a grant from Neighborhood Connections and used the funds to organize a diverse book drive. They distributed the new books to the three Citizens Academy elementary schools that are now stamped and displayed as Library Diversity Initiative books!

AFTER SCHOOL EXCELLENCE

Students spread their wings through a variety of after-school clubs. For instance, the Track club competed inter-scholastically for the first time this year. And members of the Classical Guitar Club, with the help of the Cleveland Classical Guitar Society, brought their music to audiences during several performances, and even opened for two-time Grammy winner William Kanengiser!

ODE WILD SCHOOL SITE

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources designated CLA as a Wild School Site! We received funding to build an outdoor classroom, used to get students outside and closer to nature and wildlife.



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OUR STUDENT COMMUNITY

OUR SCHOLARS ARE FROM:

Cleveland	80%
East Cleveland	7%
Euclid	5%
Cleveland Heights	4%
South Euclid	3%
Garfield Heights	1%
Shaker Heights	1%
University Heights	<1%
Warrensville Heights	<1%
Willoughby Hills	<1%

OUR COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS IS:

African American	98%
White, Non-Hispanic	1%
Multiracial	NC
Economically Disad.	100%
Students with Disabilities	17%

Total Enrollment 271

% of Subjects Taught by Certified Teachers 100%

2016-17 FINANCIALS

State	\$2,233,100
Intergovernmental	\$664,399
Tax Distribution	\$197,968
Philanthropic	\$207,952
Other	\$20,229
TOTAL FUNDING	\$3,323,648

Salaries	\$1,581,122
Benefits	\$462,957
Purchased Services	\$1,198,484
Supplies & Materials	\$106,871
Equipment	\$25,017
Depreciation	\$22,462
Other	\$61,577
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,458,490

FYE June 30, 2017 Unaudited Financials



STATE TEST RESULTS

	OH	CMSD	CLA
Performance Index	84.1	59.1	75.7
Value Added	-	-52.9	+10.5

Source: ODE 2017

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among all K-8
East Side schools for
student growth

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Breakthrough is Ohio's best network, study says

CREDO study results
Here's how charter operators with schools in Ohio fared in the latest study by Stanford's Center for Research on Education Outcomes (CREDO), an independent research organization. CREDO reported in 2015 that Breakthrough was the top-performing charter network in the state, based on student growth. The study also found that Breakthrough's schools had the highest percentage of students who were economically disadvantaged and students with disabilities.

By types of results
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Comparison results
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"Breakthrough had students score so far ahead of traditional district schools in math that it was as if they had taken classes for an extra 148 days, or an extra 80 percent of a school year," CREDO reports."

Our nonprofit network
of K-8 schools was ranked
#1 overall in Ohio by CREDO
at Stanford University.
Read more at btcle.org

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