

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

# Citizens Academy & Citizens Leadership Academy

10118 Hampden Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44108



**Citizens  
Academy**



**Citizens  
Leadership  
ACADEMY**



## **ABOUT CA AND CLA**

The flagship Citizens and Citizen Leadership model schools, Citizens Academy (CA) and Citizens Leadership Academy (CLA), are both located on the Citizens Hampden Campus, as of July 2021. CA serves scholars in grades K-4 and CLA serves scholars in grades 5-8.

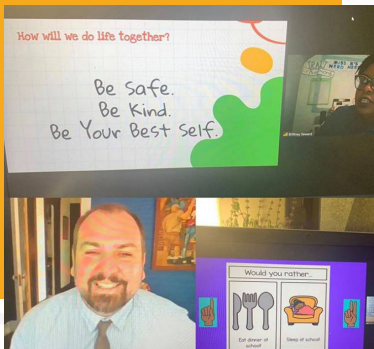
At CA, scholars practice The CA Way, a set of high academic and behavioral expectations that promote the pillars of ambition, personal responsibility, and high structure/high support. CLA has a rigorous curriculum with a synergistic approach to teaching based on EL Education, which embraces character building that helps to prepare students for the transition to high school, college, and career.

## **REMOTE LEARNING**

Breakthrough Public Schools made the decision early to start the 2020-2021 school year virtually. The Network Academic Team created a rigorous remote learning program, which mirrored the standards of excellence expected from our in-class instruction. To assist the Breakthrough families with employment obligations, we partnered with Open Doors Academy to open six of our facilities as Remote Learning Centers (RLCs). The RLCs provided students with a safe space to participate in distance learning. All Breakthrough schools participated in remote learning for the entire 2020-2021 school year.



At Citizens Academy (CA) and Citizens Leadership Academy (CLA), the Principals and Dean of Culture rewarded scholars with daily, on-time attendance by hand delivering pizzas to the highest performing students.



Teachers at CA held weekly collaboration meetings with their grade teams to ensure that scholars and families were engaged in remote learning and felt supported as Breakthrough embarked on a new avenue for education.



At CLA, the final two Mondays of the school year were designated as in-person Field Days. Students were placed on teams to compete against each other in relays, tug of war, musical chairs, etc. This continued to build a strong collaboration between the students and staff.



On Tuesday, June 1, CLA hosted a full graduation ceremony for 8th grade students. Students wore caps and gowns and spoke at the event before accepting their certificates of promotion.



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Roughly one-third of Citizens Academy scholars were multiple grade levels behind in their relative placement halfway through the year. By the end of the school year, close to half (45%) of these scholars furthest behind had jumped up one or more placement levels.

The majority (52%) of Citizens Leadership Academy scholars met or exceeded their math growth goals for the year as measured by their spring i-Ready assessment.

**BREAKTHROUGH**  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## OUR STUDENTS ARE FROM

CA	CLA
Cleveland: 87%	Cleveland: 77%
Cleveland Heights: <1%	Cleveland Heights: 7%
East Cleveland: 6%	East Cleveland: 5%
Euclid: 2%	Euclid: 4%
Garfield Heights: <1%	Garfield Heights: 3%
Maple Heights: 1%	Maple Heights: 2%
Mentor: <1%	South Euclid-Lyndhurst: 2%
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Twinsburg: <1%	
Willoughby-Eastlake: 1%	



## OUR STUDENT COMMUNITY

CA	CLA
African American: 96%	African American: 96%
Latinx: 1%	Latinx: 1%
Multiracial: 3%	Multiracial: 3%
Low-Income: 89%	Low-Income: 79%
Exceptional Learners: 12%	Exceptional Learners: 17%
Total Enrollment: 322	Total Enrollment: 150



## OUR 2020-2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jeffrey Fast, Finance Chair  
Alan Kopit, Board Chair  
Yolanda Saunders-Polk  
Sam Steinhouse  
Linda Zucca



## 2020-2021 FINANCIALS

	CA	CLA
<b>Revenue</b>		
State	\$2,691,588.34	\$1,511,590.90
Intergovernmental	958,367	481,511
Tax Distribution	289,775.66	127,555.10
Philanthropic	-	-
Other	96,022	74,520
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$4,035,753.00</b>	<b>\$2,195,177.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Salaries & Benefits	\$2,009,707.00	\$1,265,714.00
Purchased Services	1,578,083	909,863
Supplies & Materials	177,825	41,726
Equipment	-	-
Other	16,714	17,013
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,782,329.00</b>	<b>\$2,234,316.00</b>

FYE June 30, 2021 Unaudited Financials