



Citizen Schools' mission is to change the life trajectories of low-income middle school students. Citizen Schools taps the reservoir of out-of-school time, the power of hands-on learning, the passion of aspiring educators, and the talents of adult volunteers to advance students' learning and leadership. They help students succeed in middle and high school, advance to college and become leaders in their careers and their communities.

Citizen Schools Commentary:

During the 2009-2010 program year at Lowe's Grove Middle School in Durham, Citizen Schools enrolled an average of 101 students annually, who had an average attendance rate of over 90%. In addition, 100% of the apprenticeships offered were rated high quality. In addition to building students' academic skills, 85.7% of students reported high self-efficacy in regards to Citizen Schools programs providing leadership and self-efficacy skills that are essential for them to navigate the turbulence of adolescence.

As you know, Citizen Schools is rigorous about using data to continuously drive program quality. The primary method by which we assess our effectiveness is analyzing students' improved academic performance – specifically, comparing first and third cardmarking grades.

