



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:

A numerical update on Citizen Schools' goals of 69% of participating students maintaining or improving their English GPA, 66% of participating students maintaining or increasing their Math GPA, and 70% of participating students seeing gains in oral communication based on pre and post testing will be available later this summer once end of semester grades are submitted and analyzed.

Citizen Schools' apprenticeship model is their signature strategy to engage middle school students in active learning and help them make healthy, positive choices. Apprenticeships integrate skill-building activities such as written and oral communication, data analysis, and leadership development, in addition to providing opportunities for students to explore new disciplines and develop new skills.

During the 2009-2010 school year, they recruited volunteers from diverse organizations in Durham to serve as volunteer Citizen Teachers and lead apprenticeships. Particularly successful apprenticeships from the 2009-2010 school year include the following:

Fidelity Investments: Volunteers from Fidelity taught a Financial Games apprenticeship in addition to running a "Dress for Success" campaign where employees collected business clothes for 8th grade students in our 8GA program.

EMC: Volunteers from EMC taught an electrical engineering apprenticeship.

Be Active/Durham County Health Department: Volunteers from the local Health Department taught "The Power of Eating Right" apprenticeship where students learned about healthy lifestyles.

Durham Cares Commentary:

We are impressed with the variety of apprenticeships that Citizen Schools held during the 2009-2010 school year. We look forward to seeing how these apprenticeships help influence the students' grades.

