



# Fact Sheet

## Mission

America SCORES Cleveland inspires urban youth to lead healthy lives, be engaged students, and have the confidence and character to make a difference in the world.

## Vision

America SCORES Cleveland's vision is to engage and support our Cleveland poet-athletes through high school graduation, in an effort to develop healthy, civically engaged students and leaders within our communities.

## Program

America SCORES Cleveland (SCORES) utilizes a team-based learning approach that takes place in safe and trusting after-school and summer environments. The sport of soccer is used as the catalyst to measurably improve social-emotional development, reading/writing literacy skills, fitness levels and healthy habits, and academic engagement. SCORES provides over 1,000 Cleveland youth with 30 weeks of after-school and summer activities through the following programs:



Junior Program  
(1-2)



Core Program  
(3-5)



Middle School Program  
(6-8)



Extension Programming  
(Summer, Winter, & Alumni)

### Why Soccer?

As a popular sport soccer is accessible to children regardless of economic status. Soccer engages youth in vigorous activity and provides a platform for teaching fitness and nutrition. Youth learn the values of teamwork, sportsmanship and discipline.



### Why Poetry?

Creative thinking promotes problem solving and performing instills public speaking skills. Poetry gives youth a positive outlet to express emotionally charged experiences that may inhibit their ability to perform academically. Creative writing encourages a connection to literature that deepens classroom engagement.



### Why Service-Learning?

Volunteerism instills in children a sense of compassion, social responsibility, and personal worth. Through service-learning projects, children develop leadership skills and collaborative experiences at an early age. Youth apply their knowledge to group-selected community projects, which inspires self-efficacy and pride.



## Where we are in Cleveland



**AMERICA  
SCORES**  
Cleveland



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Data Collaborative

America SCORES Cleveland partners with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) to deliver programming. 100% of CMSD students are considered economically disadvantaged.



America SCORES provides poetry, reading, and creative writing instruction to increase literacy skills.

**76%**

of participants improved on their Writing Assessment scores.

**95%**

of participants agree that the SCORES program helped them gain self-confidence & made them feel good about themselves.

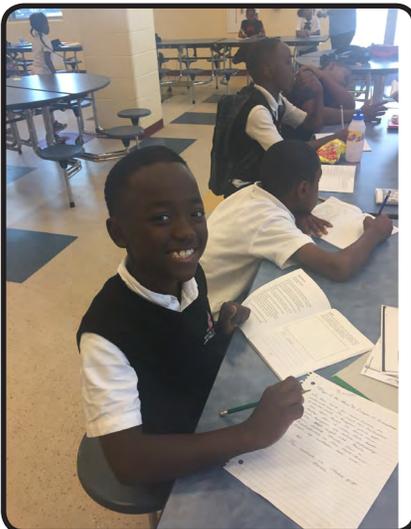
America SCORES actively engages youth in soccer, fitness, and health instruction to promote and increase fitness levels.

**68%**

of poet-athletes increased their aerobic fitness levels.

"My favorite part of America SCORES is that you get to have fun and feel confident that you can achieve."

- Imari B.  
5th grade  
Robinson G. Jones  
School



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