



FAQ: Hosting America SCORES Cleveland Programming

Mission - America SCORES 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.

What is the history of America SCORES?

The America SCORES model was developed in 1994 in Washington, D.C. by Julie Kennedy, a teacher who recognized that her students lacked safe afterschool options. She used her own experience as an athlete and began to teach her class soccer after school. In inclement weather, she turned to her other passion, teaching her students to write and perform poetry. The model was quickly replicated at schools throughout D.C., and five years later America SCORES became a national organization.

How long has America SCORES been in Cleveland?

In 2004, America SCORES Cleveland was founded, serving 120 students in its first year. Today, over 1,000 youth in Cleveland and 15,000 youth in urban public school districts nationwide are positively impacted by SCORES programming.

How many schools are currently involved with America SCORES?

America SCORES Cleveland provides programming in 11 schools within the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.

What are the age ranges of the students (poet-athletes)?

America SCORES first offers programming for grades ranging from 1st- 5th. The programs are divided in to two categories: Jr. SCORES for 1st and 2nd graders; and Core programming for 3rd – 5th graders. After a few years of successful programming, America SCORES and the school leadership could discuss Middle School expansion.

How many days a week would programming be held at my School?

Core programming (3rd-5th grade) meets five days a week with soccer games on select Friday afternoons. Jr. SCORES programming (1st & 2nd grade) meets four days a week.

What are the hours of the Program?

All America SCORES programming is after-school with specific times ranging from 2:30-5:00pm depending on a school's dismissal time. Each practice ranges from 75 minutes to 90 minutes.

How long is a season?

Seasons (fall and spring) are 10-12 weeks long, for 20-24 weeks annually.

Who operates the America SCORES program at my School?

The day to day operation of the America SCORES program is done by school staff. America SCORES will hire "coaches" from your school staff to do the day-to-day operation of the program.

Do coaches get paid? And are they trained?

Yes, coaches are paid. Coaches are paid \$35 per session as well as compensated for trainings and special events.

Yes, we provide a training at the beginning and in the middle of each season for both Soccer and Writing coaches. Coaches will be trained on all the curricula and lessons to be delivered during programming. Please note that all training and coach meetings are MANDATORY!



Where we are in Cleveland



Juniors (1st-2nd grade), Core (3rd-5th grade), Middle School (6th-8th grade)

School	Address	Programs offered	Program Hours
Artemus Ward	4315 W. 140 th Street, 44135	Junior, Core, Middle	3:40 – 5:00 pm
Buhrer Dual Language Academy	1600 Buhrer Ave. 44109	Junior, Core, Middle	3:40 – 5:00 pm
Franklin D. Roosevelt Academy	800 Linn Drive, 44103	Junior	2:30 – 3:45 pm
Fullerton School of Academics	5920 Fullerton Avenue, 44105	Junior, Core	2:50 – 4:15 pm
Mound STEM School	5935 Ackley Avenue, 44105	Junior, Core, Middle	3:00- 4:35 pm
Newton D. Baker School of the Arts	3690 W. 159 th Street, 44111	Junior, Core, Middle	3:40 – 5:00 pm
Robinson G. Jones School	4550 W. 150 th Street, 44135	Junior, Core, Middle	3:00 – 4:00 pm
Thomas Jefferson International Newcomers Academy	3145 W. 46 th Street, 44102	Junior, Core	2:30 – 3:45 pm
Wade Park School	7600 Wade Park Avenue, 44103	Junior, Core, Middle	2:30 – 3:45 pm
Warner Girls' Leadership Academy	8315 Jefferies Avenue, 44105	Junior, Core	3:30 – 5:00 pm
Willson School	1126 Ansel Road, 44108	Junior, Core	2:30 – 3:45 pm