

If you believe you could develop a friendship with a young man trying to navigate his way through high school and shape a successful future, we want to talk to you about Lighthouse's East Tech Mentoring Program.

If you are available between 12:00 noon and 1:30pm on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, and can commit to being available weekly throughout the school year, we would like you to consider joining our mentoring team every week at East Tech High School located on the corner of East 55th Street and Scovil Avenue.

#### **With Our Program:**

In the past ten years, we have mentored many young men throughout high school guiding them to complete their education instead of dropping out of school.

They have been provided with work and life preparation guidance along with decision making and problem solving topics and discussions.

#### **Benefits:**

- \* Giving back to others
- \* Self-fulfillment
- \* Great networking opportunities
- \* Professional training

The mission of Lighthouse, Inc. is to equip and empower the kids in Central with the resources and opportunities to reach their potential.



For more information please contact our

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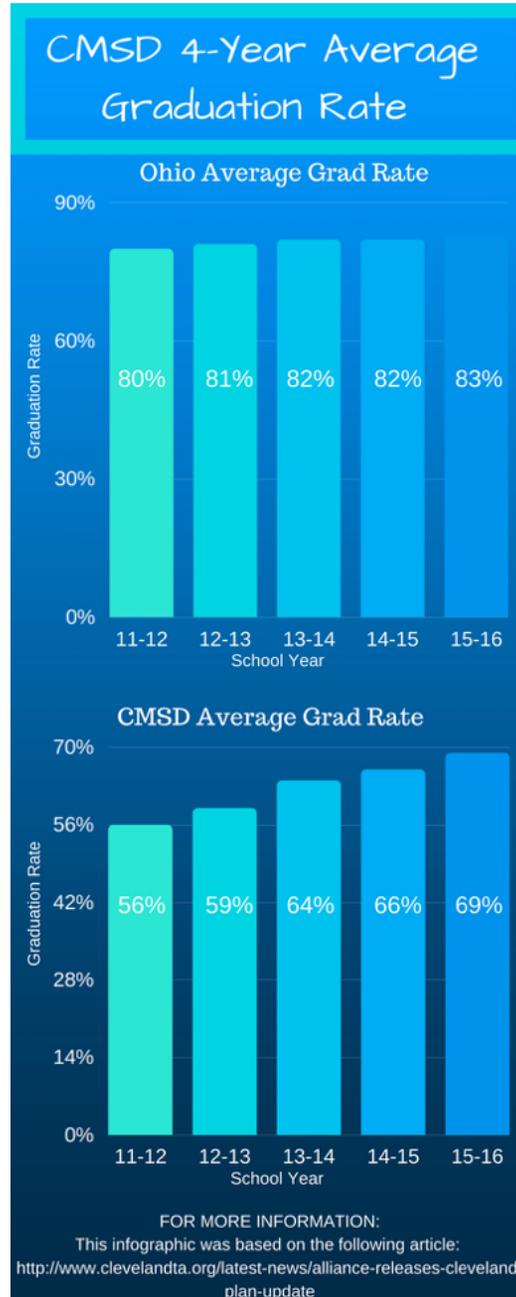
Mentoring and tutoring are vital tools that can be used to help improve overall education for our students. Cleveland students continue to have lower academic performance than students across the state of Ohio.

Poverty and violence in the neighborhoods are two factors that can result in behavioral problems in the class like withdrawal, irritability, anxiety, and trouble focusing.



Our basketball program also suffered when team members were no longer able to play due to detentions or poor grades. As a result, in 2008, Lighthouse Inc entered into a partnership agreement with East Tech High School with the full support of CMSD officials.

Our early program has evolved into the Lighthouse East Tech Mentoring Program that still exists today. Every year 10-12 boys return and new boys are selected by the East Tech staff, and our Youth Development Coordinator to receive crucial "life support" from a dedicated, volunteer staff representing Lighthouse, Inc. We address critical thinking issues as well as work to improve their reading and communication skills over lunch during school hours.



There is still hope for improvement. An educational report done by the Cleveland Transformation Alliance, stated that CMSD graduation rates rose 13% from the 2011-2012 school year to 2015-2016. While that graduation rate, 69%, was lower than the 83% graduation rate for the state of Ohio, the state average only rose 3% during that same time frame.

It is clear the district wants its students to succeed, but there is more work to be done. That is where Lighthouse comes in!

Our East Tech Mentorship program has a strong focus on teaching life development skills. We have observed students reach beyond their current worldview to become more equipped through education, exploring issues and recognizing and pursuing their talents. They may even become role models to others who are seeking positive leadership and hope for a safer community, with unified and prosperous families.

