Look Up To Cleveland (LookUp) connects high school students to Cleveland and the people, places, and projects moving it forward. They develop leadership skills, learn how to effectively collaborate, and discover ways in which they can contribute to their community right now.

Students develop an appreciation and greater awareness of the local community landscape through interactions with local leaders and experiential tours of significant sites and projects.

Visit Look Up To Cleveland online or contact Maya Smith and Patrick Emery to learn more and apply.
The LookUp Difference
The charts below indicate the percentage of participants who agreed or strongly agreed with specific statements before and after the program.

I know about Cleveland’s civic assets, issues, and stakeholders. ▲76%

BEFORE
12%

AFTER
88%

I am able to use information about the community to envision Cleveland’s future. ▲76%

BEFORE
12%

AFTER
88%

Details
The LookUp school year program is offered at no charge thanks to the generous support of local corporations, family foundations, and individuals. Students must be nominated by their school to participate. Applications are open at www.cleveleads.org/LookUp.

2024 Schedule
OPENING RETREAT
October 22-23, 2023

SESSION 1
November 7, 2023

SESSION 2
December 6, 2023

SESSION 3
January 24, 2024

SESSION 4
February 29, 2024

SESSION 5
March 12, 2024

COMMENCEMENT
April 25, 2024

The opening retreat is virtual on Sunday from 5:00-7:00 p.m. All other sessions, including day two of the retreat, are in-person from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

“[LookUp] took me outside of the world I knew and gave me a glimpse of the lives of those who live right next to me. Learning about poverty and hunger in Cleveland helped me better understand the city and the identity wheel helped me better understand myself and my peers.”

LOOKUP 2022 PARTICIPANT

“I was able to learn more about what leadership looks like beyond the surface definition and what leadership actually looks like in communities.”

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