

Changing the Narrative

for boys and young men of color through after school and summer programs



Environment	Academics	Healthy Meals	Youth Voice and Leadership	21 st Century Skills	College/Career
Safe and supportive environments with opportunities for academic enrichment and recreation that they likely do not have access to anywhere else.	By the 3 rd grade, students are reading at grade level because of the homework assistance along with enrichment opportunities that enhance their reading and writing skills.	Access to free healthy meals, which for many students may be their last meal of the day. There are also opportunities for gardening and cooking demonstrations to address food security.	Intentional opportunities for students to play a meaningful and authentic role in program engagement and community service.	Promote learning through projects and events that are hands-on and engaging, which foster creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, and communication skills.	Students are well prepared to enter college and/or the workforce and have options and the information on how to choose. After school and summer programs become some of these students' first jobs after graduating high school.



1 st grade	3 rd grade	5 th grade	middle school	high school	graduate
Role Models	Academics	Physical Activity	Skill Building	Graduation	Community
Staff members who are from the same neighborhoods, look the same, and speak the same language help students visualize their future in positive ways.	An additional 90 days of school and learning opportunities; Regular attendance is required, students must attend the regular school day to be eligible.	Opportunities for physical activity and sports programs designed to align with the school day to promote active lifestyles and address the childhood obesity epidemic.	Intentionally links program goals and curricula with 21 st century skills and provides activities to help students achieve mastery by exposing them to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), robotics, and computer literacy.	Support students through graduation requirements and create college and career pathways and opportunities through mentorships, internships and field trips that broaden horizons.	Youth feel connected to their communities, have skills and knowledge to be self-sustainable productive citizens that make a positive impact, support their families, and give back to their community.

