



7 LEADERS - 7 SCHOLARS 2017 PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

PROGRAM NAME: 7 Leaders – 7 Scholars

PROGRAM LOCATIONS: Albert Hill Middle, Blackwell Elementary, and Carver Elementary Schools

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS: Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade Male Students

PROGRAM STRUCTURE: Volunteers will meet with students monthly (or semi-monthly) during structured sessions to cover topics such as the following:

- **Introduction & Expectations**
This is our opportunity to learn basic things about our students. Everything from their favorite subject to their favorite sports team. We also encourage students to learn something new about each other. In addition to that, this is our time to relay our expectations from them as they matriculate through our program.
- **Bullying**
The issue of bullying in schools is nothing new. However, with the changes in social norms, technology, and societal pressures, bullying has taken on many forms. We want to encourage our students to recognize and appreciate unique qualities, stand up for others, and identifying the proper responses to bullying.
- **Talents, Abilities, and Gifts**
This is a nice link to our discussions on bullying and learning to appreciate the uniqueness of individuals. This is where we like to learn about the things that our students enjoy doing and encourage them to focus on those things. While it is great being apart of a team, each individual should be aware of what they can do and how they can contribute with their talents and abilities.
- **Health Awareness**
Being a better person begins with taking care of oneself. We want to help students understand the importance of everything from general hygiene, to oral health, to physical fitness. This may include bringing in a health professional to express this importance to the students.
- **Money Matters**
It's never too early to learn the importance of managing money and the value that we place on things. We want to impress upon the students, that while they may not be earning anything right now, there are basic principals that they can learn to help them to succeed financially.
- **Peer Relations**
Let's face it, students have a lot of pressures (be they real or imaginative). The way they handle these pressures is often reflected in how they treat each other in school. We want to understand how they interact with their peers and how to positively respond to everyone.
- **Family Relations**
All learning begins at home. We want our students to understand that what they learn at home affects how they learn in school and beyond.

In addition to the topics that have been listed, we will incorporate discussions and activities that may surface as relevant issues to the students throughout the school year. This is where we look for the assistance from teachers and faculty. We would encourage that teachers bring issues to our attention that they feel needs to be addressed with students (and possibly even parents). As our rapport with students develops, we would anticipate that they too, would bring lessons to our attention. All things considered, we anticipate that the program structure will not be a rigid one, but a fluid one with the only expectation that students will gain a different perspective. Our hope is that this will encourage our 7 Leaders 7 Scholars students to make better academic and life choices.