

### WE MEET YOUTH WHERE THEY ARE

The Becoming A Man (BAM) program empowers young men to develop the social and emotional skills needed to thrive.

**DURING THE 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR, BAM SERVED NEARLY 300 BOYS AND YOUNG MEN ACROSS 6 SCHOOLS IN KANSAS CITY.**



**96%**

of students report that BAM has helped them identify ways to improve their performance in school



**93%**

of students had fewer suspensions after enrolling in BAM



**96%**

of students felt like BAM helped them make better decisions



**90%**

of students believe BAM will help them graduate



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—BAM PARTICIPANT



### SCHOLAR STORY

When Terrell and Josh joined BAM, they joined to get out of class for a period. Over the course of the BAM program, teachers reported seeing a remarkable increase in their academic engagement and performance. They've not only shown up to class more consistently, but their dedication and effort had improved significantly. It was clear that BAM has played a vital role in motivating them to excel academically.

For Terrell and Josh, the transformation goes beyond the classroom. Both young men credit BAM to helping them make better choices when it comes to the people they surround themselves with. Each have started gravitating towards positive influences and distancing themselves from negative influences. Terrell told his BAM counselor, "Now, I think about what will happen when I make a decision or react. I'm always focused on consequences."

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