

ACE Academy (All AAMI Students):

This session will run once a month for an hour. This is an African American males specific session. The focus of this session will be helping participant answer the question “Who am I?” with the thought that they will get to the answer that “I am excellence!”. This will be done through positive identity confirmation and conversations with each other. Young men will learn compassion and understanding, a strong educational and cultural foundation, the value of perseverance and determination, and how to use their individual talents for the greater good in their community.

ACE Academy (All Adult):

This session will run once a month for an hour. This session is specifically for adults in the school building. The sessions will cover leading with love with African American males in mind, engaging African American males and relationship building. The sessions cover culturally relevant environments, climates and practices to best serve African American and males of color. The sessions will be engaging, uplifting, real and provides them with tools to use.

Featured Partner (AAMI Students and All Adults):

This session will run once a month for an hour. This session designed to be a shared space with both African American males and adults. The focus of these sessions will be to explore and understand African American history beyond what is traditionally taught. In these sessions they explore the concept of cultural identity options, learn how successful individuals have managed their emotions and channeled their personal will to develop a positive sense of purpose in their roles in family and community. Cultural identity is a key point of intervention for African American boys and young men, and Mastering Our Cultural Identity: African American Male Image focuses on creating opportunities that allow our students to make conscious, positive identity choices, thus better supporting academic trajectories, school engagement, and college and industry preparation for success during and after high school.

RISE/AAMI (AAMI Students Ambassadors Only):

This session will run once a month for an hour. This session is specifically for African American male student ambassadors. The focus of these sessions will be to provide space for there to be a parallel equity team that not only elevates the voices of African American males but brings actions in regard to the insights shared. Students will gain leadership and community building skills with the intent to position them as community leaders. African American males will explore ways to disrupt institutional racism, how to engage community in the work and defining and building a legacy. This will be done through the AP/IB equity lens.

Featured Partner (All AAMI Students):

This session will run once a month for an hour. This session is specifically for African American male students. The focus of these sessions will be to provide a space for healing and reflection. Students will be lead through this session by a therapist that seeks to support students in developing practices and skills to maintain physical, mental, and emotional well-being during this challenging time and beyond. With this in mind, we will be addressing the need to encourage, engage and foster thoughtful dialogue about, and providing access to, meaningful opportunities for boys and young men of color. We are hopeful we can change the all-too-common narrative that demonizes and demoralizes them.

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