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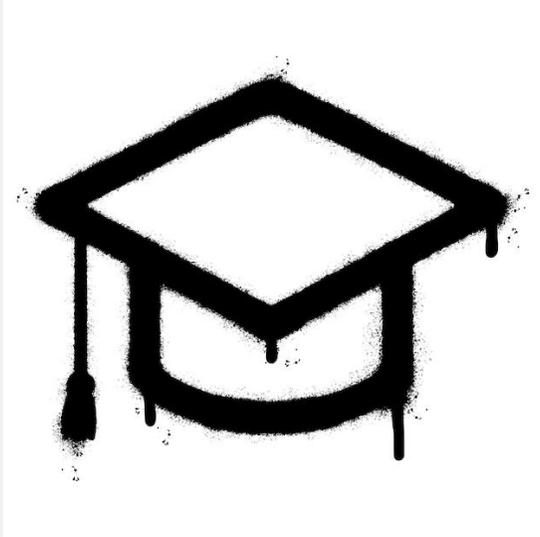
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## **OUR MISSION**

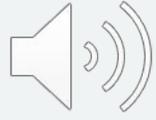


Street Cred Ed combines the lived experiences of justice-impacted individuals with the expertise of k-12 teachers to inspire youth to make informed life choices, stay engaged in education, and achieve their personal goals.



## **GRANT SUMMARY**

*Street Cred Ed* seeks grant funds to support work with at-risk youth at New Village Academy (NVA) in Annapolis, MD. We will implement a "Personal Decision Making" curriculum designed to help students make informed and rational decisions that lead to safe choices and positive outcomes. All 9<sup>th</sup> grade students at NVA will participate in a series of seminars and active learning experiences facilitated by mentors to engage in a deep exploration of real-life narratives told from the voices of individuals who made poor choices while in school and ultimately suffered the consequences. The mentors include justice-impacted individuals, high school dropouts who later completed their degrees, and others who faced the consequences of poor decision-making during their K-12 school years. The curriculum is grounded in research-based practices centered on social emotional strategies and trauma-informed instruction.



## **THE COURSE**

Each week students will engage in discussions based on experiences shared by our mentors that highlights a moment in their lives when they did not make the best decisions. These discussions will invite students to ask questions of our mentors regarding their experiences and decision making. Following each session, students will reflect in a journal writing series on their own decision making and draw any connections between their decisions and those the mentor shared. A new strategy will be highlighted each week to help students develop their own social-emotional intelligence and to recognize their own resilience, confidence, and agency. Students will be taught how to approach dilemmas, similar to those shared, in order to explore various options for acting. Each week will culminate in a closing community circle with questions carefully crafted with intention to help students evaluate their learning.



## GRANT OUTCOMES

As a result of the implementation of the “Personal Decision Making” course and mentoring program:

- New Village Academy 9th grade student **absence** rates will fall below the Anne Arundel County median of 9th grade students from similar demographics.
- New Village Academy 9th grade student **suspension** and **referral** rates will fall below the Anne Arundel County median of 9th grade students from similar demographics.
- New Village Academy 9th grade **matriculation** rates to 10th grade will be above the Anne Arundel County median of 9th grade students from similar demographics.



## ABOUT US

- Street Cred Education Consultants, Inc. (Street Cred Ed) is an innovative charitable 501c3 organization.
- Our team consists of veteran teachers, university teacher educators, education researchers, and justice-impacted individuals committed to preparing school leaders and students with the knowledge, tools, and strategies to ensure student success.
- Our team members have firsthand lived experiences of childhood trauma, school dropout, criminality, and incarceration as well as extensive classroom teaching and teacher education experience.
- Street Cred Ed is making a positive impact on school safety, crime reduction, and high school graduation rates.
- We know that building strong relationships with students, providing a culturally responsive curriculum, and offering trauma-informed care are essential to creating a positive and inclusive learning environment.



# THANK YOU

Please reach out with any questions and we look forward to having a positive and lasting impact on the youth of Annapolis.

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