Engaging Black Boys in Schools
Episode Guide

Focus: Myths and stereotypes regarding academic achievement of black boys

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Key Findings

- Living in an abusive household may contribute to academic disadvantages
- Living in a single-parent household does not hurt children’s academic achievement
- Parenting style, the level of supports, parent’s educational attainment, cooperative relationship, and parental attitudes toward education are closely related to academic performance
- Over-representation of the black males in juvenile is one of the leading contributing factors to lower academic achievement
- Black boys wish to be treated with respect and dignity within schools
- Black boys place extreme value in education

Key Recommendations

- Develop healthy social relationships
- Build a supportive family environment
- Promote mutual respect with teachers and school staff
- Create connections between the knowledge students learned from school to later life stages
- Add more extra-curricular activities
- Revise overly strict discipline and testing policies

Resources