



# Mentoring

## MISSION

*STARBASE Mentoring combines STEM activities with a relationship-rich, school-based environment to provide the missing link for at-risk youth making the transition from elementary to middle school.*

*It extends the positive impact of STARBASE through a team mentoring approach which solidifies students' attachment to school and engagement in STEM.*

## THE MODEL

- ⑤ School-based (after school program)
- ⑤ Team mentoring —3-4 mentors, 10-15 students
- ⑤ Targeting (but not limited to) 6th and 7th grade students who have participated in STARBASE
  
- ⑤ Clubs meet 4 hours per month for 6-9 months
- ⑤ STEM activity-based
- ⑤ Minimum of 40 students served per pilot program
- ⑤ Minimum of 3 clubs per program



## OUTCOMES FOR PARTICIPATING YOUTH

- ⑤ Increased STEM interest and knowledge

- ⑤ Reduced high-risk behavior
- ⑤ Increased engagement with school
- ⑤ Increased career awareness

## **BENEFITS FOR PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS**

- ⑤ Improved connection between school and parents
- ⑤ Enhanced community visibility for the school
- ⑤ Improved student-teacher relationships
- ⑤ Cost savings — participants are less likely to be held back or placed in special education
- ⑤ Increased opportunity for teacher recruitment and professional development