

Elevating *the* Genius *of* Black Boys



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Strategies for Cultivating the Genius of Black Boys

What needs to happen in classrooms
and other learning environments for
Black boys?

—● INTERESTED AND INTERESTING!



**Active, engaging,
synergetic
learning
environment**

—● TALKING!



**Interactive
discourse and
analysis with an
emphasis on word
play**

—● I AM UNIQUELY ME!



**Opportunities for
creativity,
individualism, and
embellishment**

—● WORKING TOGETHER!



**Collective and
collaborative
activity and
problem-solving**

—● DOING BETTER! DOING MORE!



**Competitive
mental and
physical
challenges**



—● YOU AND US!



**Meaningful,
mutually
respectful
connection to
my family
and
community**

—● I CAN!



**Educational
empowerment
and personal
responsibility**

—● **I THINK!**



Opportunities for self-reflection

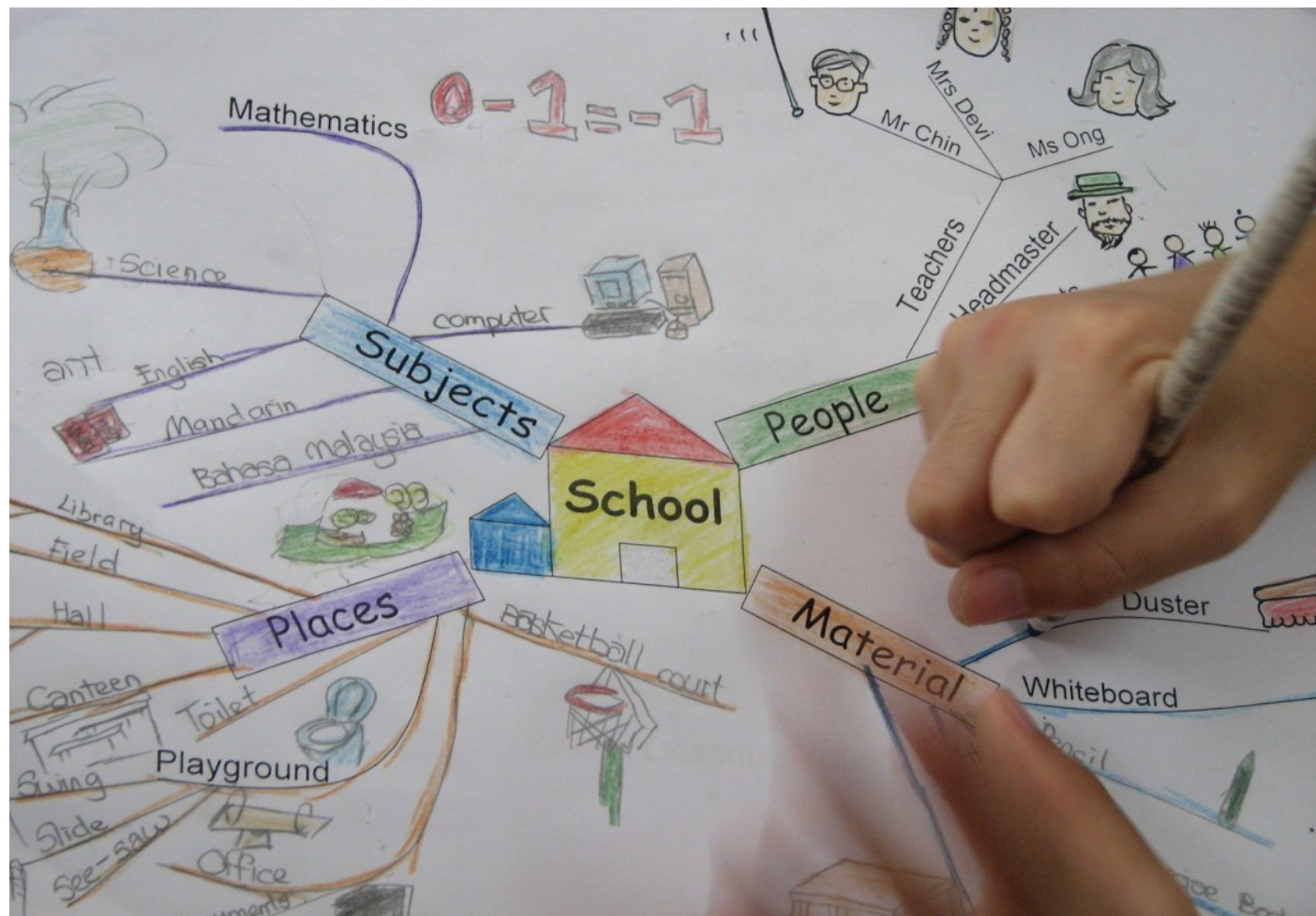
—● I AM CONNECTED!



**Opportunities to
connect with nature
and each other for a
higher purpose, a
good cause**



● IT'S MEANINGFUL!



**An integrated,
connected
curriculum**

—● EVERYONE BELONGS!



**A sense of
community
and
belonging**