

What is a Family-School Compact?

A Family-School Compact for Achievement is an agreement that parents, students and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all students get the individual support they need to reach and exceed grade level standards.

Jointly Developed with Parents

The parents of Benjamin E. Mays IB World School helped develop this Compact for Achievement. School wide meetings are held each year to update the compact. Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.

For more information on the 5th grade compact, please contact Karen Shanahan at Karen.shanahan@spps.org or 651.325.2400.

Communicating about Learning

Benjamin E. Mays IB World School is committed to communicating regularly with families about children's learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to communicate are:

- *Weekly Highlights* e-mail
- Bi-Weekly Classroom Newsletters
- Teachers will give families their contact information at the start of the school year.

Do you have questions about your child's progress? Contact their teacher.

Activities to Support Partnerships

Conferences

November 17, 3:00-6:00 pm
November 19, 3:00-6:00 pm
November 20, 8:30am-2:00 pm
March 23, 3:00-6:00 pm
March 25, 3:00-6:00 pm
March 26, 8:30am-2:00 pm

Parent Workshops and Advocacy

Title I Night/Mays CAFE October 22, 5:30-7:30 pm
Take Your Parent to School Days for Pre-K, K, 1st, & 2nd (dates TBD)
Year in Review, May 6, 5:30-7:00 pm

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Tuesday, September 15, 6:00-7:00 pm
Tuesday, December 8, 6:00-7:00 pm
Tuesday, January 12, 6:00-7:00 pm
Tuesday, April 20, 6:00-7:00 pm
Tuesday, May 18, 6:00-7:00 pm

Family Engagement Events

Meet & Greet September 3, 4:30-6:00 pm
Fall Festival September 25, 5:30-7:30 pm
IB Showcase December 10, 5:30-7:00 pm
National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID) February 8, all day event
IB Showcase February 25, 5:30-7:00 pm
Mays Moves April 23, 5:30-7:00 pm
IB 5th Grade Exhibition June 3, 5:30-7:30 pm

Classroom Visits

Parents are encouraged to visit. Please contact your teacher to make arrangements if you plan to visit more than 20 minutes.



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5th Grade Compact 2020-2021



**information to help your child
succeed in school**

Kirk Morris, Principal

Teachers, Parents, Students – Together for Success

During the 2020-2021 school year, Benjamin E. Mays IB World School will be focused on Student Voice, which is:

- including the opinions, beliefs, perspectives, and cultural backgrounds of students to increase their sense of agency and ownership.
- engaging students in learning experiences that encourage class discussion and academic discourse.
- supporting students in becoming more independent learners through productive struggle and an increased sense of self-efficacy.

Our school-wide approach to Student Voice includes our commitment to Restorative Practices, inquiry-based learning (IB), increased opportunities for students to explain and justify their thinking, and culturally responsive instruction grounded in relevance, relationships, and rigor.

District Goals

District Goals for Student Achievement

More at spps.org/strategicplan

- Decrease disparities based on race, ethnicity, culture and identity
- Increase achievement of English Learners
- Increase achievement of students receiving special education services
- Improve kindergarten readiness
- Increase academic growth in reading and math for all students
- Prepare all graduates for college, career and life

School Goals

Reading:

The percent of student scoring proficient or higher in reading will increase from 18.4% to 35% by Spring 2021 as measured by the MCA.

Math:

The percent of students scoring proficient or higher in math will increase from 16% to 35% by Spring 2021 as measured by the MCA.

In the Fifth Grade Classroom

The fifth grade team will work with students and their families to support students' academic success. Some of our key connections with families will be:

- Fifth grade will work on reading comprehension and understanding different genres and text types as well as sustained reading with the goal of students reading for 40 minutes uninterrupted.
- 5th Grade students will need to solve real world math problems and word problems with multiple steps. Games to practice problems are posted on the classroom page of the school website.
- An IB Programme of Inquiry brochure will be sent home at the beginning of each of the six IB units.
- Fifth Grade will host an IB Exhibition event inviting the community to school to explore one of our IB units.
- Schoology will be used to share assignments, student work, and assessments with families.

At Home

Benjamin E. Mays IB World School parents joined staff to develop ideas about how families can support students' academic success. Families may have other ideas to add to this list:

- Make sure my student has enjoyable books to read.
- Ask my child about what they read
 - What is the main idea?
 - Supporting details?
- Encourage my child to question as they read
 - Make predictions about what will happen next
- Work with my child on math homework Monday through Thursday.
- Visit the library.
- Initial Reading Calendar.
- Attend the IB Exhibition event and look for the IB Programme of Inquiry brochures.
- Look for the *Weekly Highlights* email.
- Use Schoology to follow my child's classwork.

Benjamin E. Mays Students

Benjamin E. Mays IB World School students joined staff and parents to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school and reach for the stars. Students thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school:

- Bring the classroom newsletter and IB Programme of Inquiry brochures home and show them to my parents.
- Read for at least 20 minutes at home daily.
- Bring home bi-weekly progress report to share with my family.
- Bring homework home to complete Monday through Thursday and return it to school.