

## 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 4th 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:

- *Mays Weekly Highlights* e-mail
- Website: [www.spps.org/mays](http://www.spps.org/mays)
- Teachers will provide contact information at the start of the school year.

If you have questions about your child's progress, please contact their teacher.

## Activities to Support Partnerships

### Conferences

November 16 & 18, 3:00-6:00 pm  
November 19, 8:30 am-2:00 pm  
March 22 & 24, 3:00-6:00 pm  
March 25, 8:30 am-2:00 pm

### Parent Workshops & Advocacy

Title I Night/Mays CAFE Sept. 30, 5:30-7:30 pm  
Family Days Pre-K, K, 1<sup>st</sup>, & 2<sup>nd</sup> October 5-8  
Year in Review, May 5, 5:30-7:00 pm

### Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Tuesday, September 14, 6:00-7:00 pm  
Tuesday, December 14, 6:00-7:00 pm  
Tuesday, January 11, 6:00-7:00 pm  
Tuesday, April 12, 6:00-7:00 pm  
Tuesday, May 10, 6:00-7:00 pm

### Family Engagement Events

Meet & Greet September 2, 4:30-6:00 pm  
Fall Festival October 15, 5:30-7:30 pm  
National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID) February 14  
IB Showcase February 24, 5:30-7:00 pm  
Mays Moves April 1, 5:30-7:00 pm  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Exhibition/Recognition June 9, 8:30-11:00 am

### Classroom Visits & Volunteering

Mays has an open door visiting policy. Please contact your teacher to make arrangements if you plan to visit more than 20 minutes. For volunteer opportunities, contact your child's teacher or watch the *Mays Weekly Highlights*.



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# Benjamin E. Mays IB World School

4th Grade Compact  
2021-2022



information to help your child  
succeed in school

The 2021-2022 school year will focus on helping our students become **Independent Learners**. This means **instruction** that supports students while pushing **rigor** and providing opportunities for **agency**, self-monitoring, and independent use of **strategies**. Literacy & math **small groups** will be key to forming Independent Learners. Small groups meet students where they are with **relevant** instruction to **accelerate learning**.

Benjamin E. Mays IB World School recognizes families as partners in education. We hope to work together to develop Independent Learners.

### District Goals

#### District Goals for Student Achievement

More at [spps.org/strategicplan](https://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% to 35% by Spring 2022 as measured by the MCA.

#### Math:

The percent of students scoring proficient or higher in math will increase from 16% to 35% by Spring 2022 as measured by the MCA.

### In the 4th Grade Classroom

The fourth grade team will work with students and their families to support students' success in reading and math. Some of our key connections with families will be:

- Goal of 40 minutes sustained reading by the end of the year.
- During Fall Conferences, parents will receive a "Book Talk" bookmark with ideas on what to ask your student about what they read.
- Teachers will work to provide access to books for reading at home.
- Focus on quick recall of basic math facts, ST Math will provide practice at student level.
- To develop Learner Profile and Unit theme awareness, an IB Programme of Inquiry brochure will be sent home at the beginning of each of the six IB units.
- Fourth Grade will host an IB Showcase event.
- 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' success in reading and math. Families may have other ideas to add to this list:

- Encourage reading at home.
- Visit the library.
- Use the "Book Talk" bookmark to talk with my child about what they read.
- Practice basic math facts.
- Attend the IB Showcase event and look for the IB Programme of Inquiry brochures.
- Look for the *Weekly Highlights* e-mail and regular classroom newsletters and progress reports.
- 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:

- Read easy, enjoyable books for at least 20 minutes at home every day.
- Practice math facts until they are automatic.
- Bring the classroom newsletter and IB Programme of Inquiry brochures home and show them to my parents.