

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 PreK 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
- 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.



**Benjamin E. Mays
IB World School
560 Concordia Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55103
Phone: 651.325.2400
Fax: 651.325.2401
spps.org/mays**

Benjamin E. Mays IB World School

**Pre-K Compact
2019-2020**



**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 Pre-K Classroom

The Pre-K team will work with students and their families to support students' academic success.

Some of our key connections with families will be:

- In Pre-K we focus on speaking, listening, reading, and writing. We teach letter names, letter sounds, rhyming, and understanding how a book works.
- Colors, shapes, patterns, counting to 10 and working with numbers are primary math focuses in Pre-K.
- We will host a Take Your Parent to School Day (TYPTSD) in fall and spring so you can see your child in action and make home connections.
- During TYPTSDs and Parent Teacher Conferences, parents will receive take home activities for their child to grow in math and literacy.
- In Pre-K we build foundations for the IB (International Baccalaureate) Programme by including IB vocabulary and encouraging inquiry from the students.
- Seesaw will be used to communicate and share work samples 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:

- Come to the Take Your Parent to School Days (TYPTSD) in fall and spring.
- Have fun with the tools provided at TYPTSDs and conferences.
- Read together often.
- Talk with your child about colors, shapes and numbers in everyday life.
- Look for the classroom newsletter every week.
- Sign up for Remind in the fall (Remind is a parent communication App).
- Look for the *Weekly Highlights* e-mail and check backpack regularly.
- Use Seesaw 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:

- Play the games provided at TYPTSD and conferences.
- Read with my family every night.
- Bring our classroom newsletter home and show it to my parents.