

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade compact, please contact Karen Shanahan at [Karen.shanahan@spps.org](mailto: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 Wednesday Packets
- 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 15, 4:00-7:00pm  
November 17, 4:00-8:00pm  
November 18, 8:30am-3:00pm  
March 21, 4:00-7:00pm  
March 23, 4:00-7:00pm  
March 24, 8:30am-3:00pm

### Parent Workshops

Title I Night/Mays CAFE November 10, 5:30-7:30pm  
Take Your Parent to School Days for Pre-K, K, and 1<sup>st</sup> (dates TBD)

Parent Academy 6 Thursdays in spring (dates TBD)

**Lunch with the Principal** will take place fall, winter, and spring at 11:30 on the following dates:

- September 23: Building Community
- January 13: Academics
- April 28: Building the Home School Partnership

### Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

visit [www.benmays.spps.org](http://www.benmays.spps.org) for more information

### Family Engagement Events

Meet & Greet September 1, 4:30-6:00 pm  
Fall Festival September 30, 6:00pm-8:00pm  
IB Showcase Event, December 8, 5:30-7:00pm  
Mays' Cafe, January 26, 5:30-7:30pm  
IB Showcase Event, February 23, 5:30-7:00pm  
National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID) February 13, all day event  
IB 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Exhibition June 1, 5:30-7:30pm

### Classroom Visits

Parents are encouraged to visit classrooms. Please make arrangements with your teacher.



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# Benjamin E. Mays IB World School

## 3rd Grade Compact



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

**Kirk Morris, Principal**

## District Goals

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#### District Goals for Student Achievement

All students are at grade level and making growth in these areas:

- Pre-Kindergarteners on target in reading
- 3rd graders at grade level in reading and math
- 5th graders at grade level in reading, math and science

#### Decrease the gaps between student groups in:

- Grade-level learning, measured by MCAs
- Identification for Talent Development and Acceleration Services
- Referral to Special Education
- Absences
- Suspensions

### School Goals

#### Reading:

The percent of student scoring proficient or higher in reading will increase from 19% to 38 % by Spring 2017 as measured by the MCA.

#### Math:

The percent of students scoring proficient or higher in math will increase from 20% to 39% by Spring 2017 as measured by the MCA.

#### Equity:

The percent of students who have had five or more out of classroom referrals in 2015-16 school year will decrease in 2106-17 year by 10% as measured by SWIS data.

### In the Third Grade Classroom

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

- Third grade wants to focus on reading fluency and comprehension. We will focus on teaching students' to be reflective when they read
- Provide links on the grade level page of the school website to fun math sites to build student skills in basic facts
  - multiplication
  - division
- Send home math flashcards. Classroom newsletters will highlight which facts are being taught in the classroom
- An *IB Programme of Inquiry* brochure will be sent home at the beginning of each of the 6 IB units
- Third Grade will host an IB Showcase event inviting the community to school to explore one of their IB units

### 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:

- Make sure my student has easy, enjoyable books to read
- Have informal book "chats" with my child. Possible ways to discuss books:
  - "What did you find out?"
  - "What was interesting or new?"
  - "What did you learn?"
  - Non-fiction 📖 Fiction 📖
  - "Who was in this story?"
  - "What were they like?"
  - "What happened in the story? (beginning, middle, end)"
- Remind my child to check backpack daily for notes and homework
- Attend the IB Showcase event and look for the *IB Programme of Inquiry* brochures
- Visit the library
- Look for *Weekly Highlights* e-mail

### 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 in math and reading. Students thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school:

- Read easy, enjoyable books often (daily) and talk to my family about what I read
- Check out the math websites suggested by the teacher
- Practice math flashcards
- Bring our school and classroom newsletter and *IB Programme of Inquiry* brochures home and show them to my parents