

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:

- *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 1st (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 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 5th 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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**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 2016-17 year by 10% as measured by SWIS data.

In the Fourth 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:

- Fourth grade wants to focus on reading out loud and at an appropriate pace (with good expression)
- A "Book Talk" bookmark will be sent home during Fall Conferences with ideas on what to ask your student about what they read
- Provide links on the grade level page of the school website to build skills in:
 - Multiplication (3 digits by 2 digits)
 - Division (with 2 digit divisors)
- Focus on quick recall of basic math facts, links to math games will be posted on our grade level page
- *Thinking Blocks* will be used to practice real world math application problems
- 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 6 IB units.
- Fourth Grade will host an IB Showcase event

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 (from the school library or a trip to the local library)
- Use the "Book Talk" bookmark to talk with my child about what they read
- Visit the grade level page of the school website and check out the links
- Attend the IB Showcase event and look for the *IB Programme of Inquiry* brochures
- Visit the library
- Look for the *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)
- Practice math facts until they are automatic
- Check out the math websites suggested by the teacher
- Bring our school and classroom newsletter and *IB Programme of Inquiry* brochures home and show them to my parents