

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 1st Grade Compact, please contact Devina Moore at Devina.Moore@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
- 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

October 29, November 7 3:00-6:00 pm
November 8, 8:30 am-2:00 pm
March 18 & 27, 3:00-6:00 pm
March 28, 8:30 am-2:00 pm

Parent Workshops & Advocacy

Title I Night/Mays CAFE Dec 4th, 5:30-7:30 pm
Family Days Pre-K, K, 1st, & 2nd October 1-2
Year in Review, May 1, 4:30-6:00 pm

Parent Advisory Board

Tuesday, October 1, 4:00-5:00 pm
Tuesday, December 10, 4:00-5:00 pm
Tuesday, February 25, 4:00-5:00 pm
Tuesday, April 15, 4:00-5:00 pm
Tuesday, May 6 4:00-5:00 pm

Family Engagement Events

Meet & Greet August 29, 2:30-4:30pm
National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID) February 10-14
IB Showcase February 12-16
Spring Carnival May 22, 4:00-7:00 pm
5th Grade Exhibition/Recognition June 6, 2025

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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1st Grade Compact
2024-2025



information to help your child
succeed in school

The 2024-2025 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

- 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 2025 as measured by the MCA.

Math:

The percent of students scoring proficient or higher in math will increase from 16% to 35% by Spring 2025 as measured by the MCA.

In the 1st Grade Classroom

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

- Literacy will focus on reading and writing over a sustained period of time.
- Goal of 30 minutes sustained reading by the end of the year.
- Teachers will work to provide access to books for reading at home.
- Addition and subtraction facts are taught with the goal of automaticity. Coin values are also taught in 1st grade. Math games will be provided to families during conferences and Family Day to practice these skills.
- At the beginning of each of the six IB units, we will send an *IB Programme of Inquiry* brochure home.
- First Grade will host an IB Showcase.
- 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:

- Practice reading and math skills with the games the teacher provides.
- Encourage my child to read and write at home.
- Know which math fact my child is currently working on and support them.
- Use coins at home. Begin by asking if they recognize a coin and the value. Then move to having them show certain amounts with a variety of coins.
- Attend the IB Showcase event and look for the *IB Programme of Inquiry* brochures.
- Visit the library.
- Look for the *Weekly Highlights* e-mail.
- Check my student's backpack weekly.
- 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:

- Count out change for my parents when we go shopping.
- Read for fun often.
- Bring the classroom newsletter and IB Programme of Inquiry brochures home and show them to my parents.