

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 Kindergarten 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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Kindergarten 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 Kindergarten Classroom

The Kindergarten 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 letter names, letter sounds, sight words, reading, and writing.
- Math will focus on number sense, patterns, counting to 100, addition and subtraction. 10-Frame activities will be used in the classroom and 10-Frame bookmarks will be provided to families.
- During Family Day and Parent Teacher Conferences, parents will receive take home activities for their child to grow in math and literacy.
- Goal of 30 minutes sustained reading by the end of the year.
- An IB Programme of Inquiry brochure will be sent home at the beginning of each of the six IB units.
- Kindergarten 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:

- Use the tools provided at Family Day and conferences to work on literacy and math.
- Read together often!
- Encourage sorting and counting at home.
- Look for the classroom newsletter every week.
- Attend the IB Showcase event and look for the *IB Programme of Inquiry* brochures
- 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 from Take Your Parent to School Days and conferences.
- Read with my family every night, even if it is only for a few minutes.
- Bring the classroom newsletter and IB brochures home and show them to my parents.