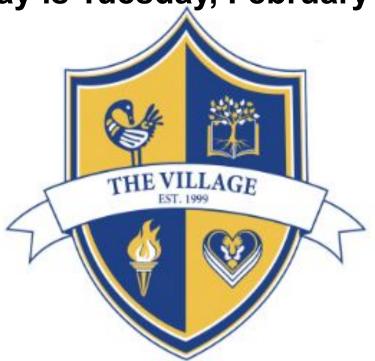
Good Evening Parents Today is Tuesday, February 11th



Welcome Parents and Guardians



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STEAM Academy Vice Principals





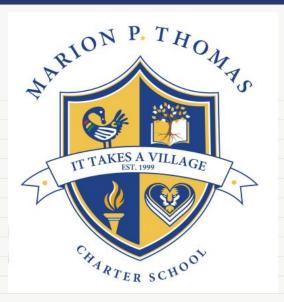


Chit-Chat Schedule & Time

September	9/10	@9:15 am
October	10/8	@6:00 pm
November	11/12	@9:15 am
December	12/10	@6:00 pm
January	01/14	@10:00 am
February	02/11	@6:00 pm
March	03/11	@9:15 am
April	04/08	@6:00 pm

*** May is NJSLA Testing, Chit-Chat will be in the afternoon, date TBD





Our Mission: The Mission of Marion P. Thomas Charter School is to build culturally rich, transformative educational spaces that cultivate successful, lifelong innovators who use their passions, character, and intellect to better themselves, the greater Newark community, and the world beyond. <u>The MPTCS Crest</u> speaks to four core values that are designed to guide our young people and govern our work.



- The Sankofa Bird is a West African adinkra symbol which means to "go back and get it." We want our scholars to use knowledge from the past to inform, inspire, build a successful future, and give back to the community.
- The Tree of Knowledge symbolizes lifelong learning that is rooted in rich culture and well-rounded experiences.
- The Torch represents the igniting of fire, passion, and leadership in our scholars. We want them to be trailblazers and light their own paths.
- *The Tiger* encased in the heart signifies the balancing of strength, boldness, resilience, and prowess with compassion and strong character. We want our scholars to be good people who are courageous and self-aware.

Scholar Pledge

I Pledge:

- 1. To be present, both physically and mentally, to absorb and internalize the information given.
- 2. To try my best in all that I do. Making mature and wise decisions, and holding myself accountable for my actions.
- 3. Do my very best to show respect, get along with my fellow scholars and staff, and help make our STEAM Academy a peaceful and productive place for everyone.
- 4. To recognize Everyone is important and has their own special way of seeing and doing things. When we share our ideas, we help each other learn and grow.
- 5. Not to fear mistakes, but reflect, learn from them, and continue to push forward.
- 6. To always represent myself, the school, my family and the community by being a respectful ambassador for the city of Newark.

Teaching Beyond the Classroom

Affirmations for Success | am:

Respectful

Responsible

Reliable

Resilient

Resourceful

School Mantra

"All of us are better than any one of us, as long as each of us, gives the best in us"

STEAM Education



STEAM Education

- S Science
- T Technology
- E Engineering
- A Arts
- M Mathematics

STEAM Approach

- Observation
- Creativity
- Innovation
- Planning
- Revision
- Collaboration
- Presentation

What Should Our STEAM Academy Scholars Look Like?



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CHARTER SCHOOL



Grades

Navy blue pale with MPTCS logo Navy blue pants, skorts, or shorts Navy blue cardigan with MPTCS logo Grades 6-8

Light blue oxford shirt with MPTCS logo Navy Blue uniform pants, skorts, or shorts Navy blue ascot or tie

ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR BLACK SHOES OR

SNEAKERS.

Kids Paradise
1016 Springfield Ave
Irvington NJ 07111
973-374-4700

Today Kids

1049 Springfield Ave Irvington NJ 07111 973-374-3070

Flynn O'Hara

196-198 Ferry Street Newark, NJ 07105 862-231-2149





The uniform store carries both fleece and sweaters, which are part of the official STEAM Academy Uniform. These options offer warmth and comfort, making them great additions for the cooler months ahead.

Effective **January 6th**, students will no longer be permitted to wear hoodies during recess. We kindly ask families to prepare alternative outerwear, such as jackets, or other approved attire, that adheres to our school's dress code and provides appropriate warmth for outdoor activities.

Staff & Student Safety

Staff and Student safety is our top priority. Whenever we have a safety concern, our expectation is for everyone to comply.

If you see something, say something.

Call the main office (973) 621 - 0060 ext. 2212

February Calendar - Key Information

- February 13th: Parent Teacher Conferences 1:00 4:00 & 5:00 7:00
 - 1:00 Parent meeting in the cafeteria
 - 1:15 Meeting with teachers
 - 4th to 8th graders in the Gym
 - Prek to 3rd graders in their classrooms
- February 14th: Village Perfect Attendance Celebration Students that received their letters
- February 17th: Presidents Day School is Closed
- February 19th: Parent/Scholar Dance (5:00 7:00 pm) STEAM Gym
- February 20th: MPTCS Open House for New Families (5:30 7:30 pm) at 125 Sussex Avenue
- February 24th: MPTCS Virtual Board Meeting 5:00 pm
- February 26th: January Perfect Attendance Celebration at STEAM Academy
- February 27th: Black History Month Show "Icon Living" starting at 5:30 pm at PAC Academy 28 Burnet St.



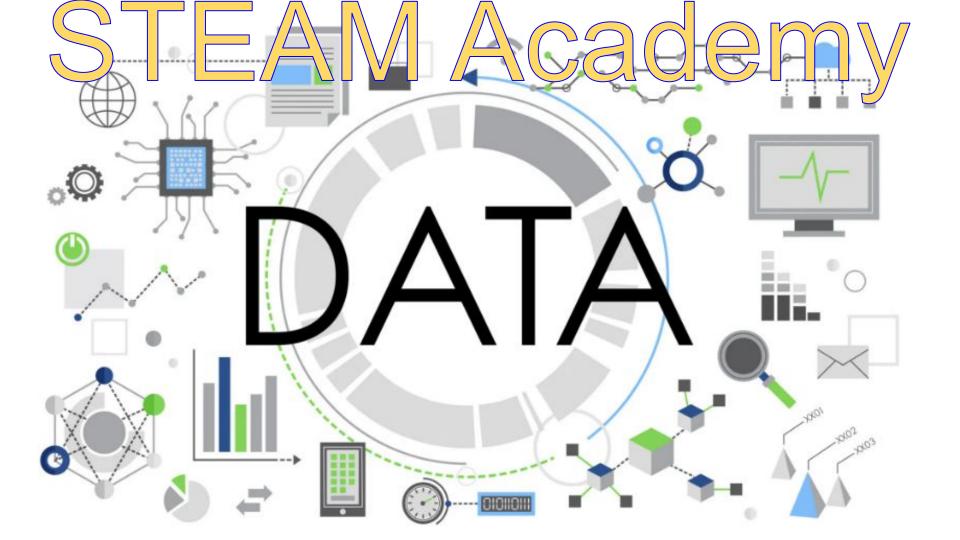
Math Released Items

ELA Released Items

Computer Based Practice Tests

You can also use Youtube for additional support - Search NJSLA practice problems



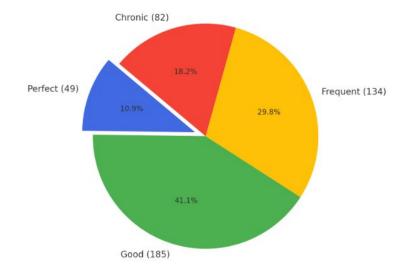


Attendance Data - As of 2/11/25 School Goals:

- 97% Average Daily Attendance
- ≤15% Chronic Absenteeism Rate

Attendance (106 days)			
	Students	Percent	
Perfect	49	10.9%	
Good (≤ 4%, 4 days)	185	41.1%	
Frequent (4% - 9%, 4-10)	134	29.8%	
Chronic (≥ 10%, 10 days)	82	18.2%	

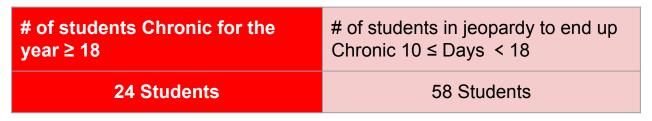
Student Attendance Distribution (106 Days)



Chronic Absenteeism

Chronic absenteeism is when a student misses **10% or more** of the school year. As of 2/11, we have accumulated a total of **106 days of school**, chronic absenteeism applies to students who have missed **10 or more days**. For the entire school year, chronic absenteeism applies to students that miss **18 or more** days of school.

Chronic absenteeism is a key indicator of academic risk, as it can lead to lower achievement, disengagement, and increased dropout rates. It can also lead to retention and put your scholar in jeopardy of not returning to STEAM Academy next school year.



Our goal for the year is $\leq 15\%$, which equal to ≤ 67 students.

Attendance Data

School Goals:

97% Average Daily Attendance

January avg	December avg	November avg	October avg	September avg
92.71%	93.48%	90.43%	95.85%	95.61%
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92.89%	93.27%	90.46%	95.90%	95.32%
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93.27%	95.90%	93.09%	97.06%	96.77%
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93.84%	95.16%	89.79%	96.66%	96.82%
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93.90%	94.80%	91.99%	95.83%	95.65%
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91.40%	88.26%	86.67%	93.30%	93.08%



Key Features of i-Ready

- 1. **Diagnostic Assessments** Adaptive tests that identify students' strengths and areas for growth.
- 2. **Personalized Lessons** Individualized instruction based on diagnostic results for each student.
- 3. **Progress Monitoring** Tracks student growth and helps teachers adjust instruction.
- 4. **Standards-Aligned Content** Supports state and Common Core standards.
- 5. **Teacher Resources** Provides reports and lesson plans to help differentiate instruction.

January iReady Usage Data - STEAM Math. Lea

	ELA Lessons Passed			Math	n Lessons Pa	ssed
Grade	0	1-3	4+	0	1-3	4+
K	2	15	22	16	9	14
1	21	17	9	10	23	14
2	12	10	8	27	2	1
3	13	10	6	3	14	12
4	5	16	21	25	11	6
5	4	7	43	21	28	5
6	16	13	30	34	17	8
7	53	10	0	43	15	5
8	39	15	2	38	17	1
Total	165	113	141	217	136	66



Where are we now? iReady ELA Data



	iReady Diagnostic Average September 23 rd	iReady Mid-Year Average January 15 th	Growth
К	343.9 - Emerging K	371.6 - Early K	+27.7
1	374.7 - Grade K	422 - Grade K	+47.3
2	445.1 - Grade 1	463.2 - Grade 1	+18.1
3	465.3 - Grade 1	493.6 - Grade 2	+28.3
4	478.1 - Grade 2	499.1 - Grade 3	+21.0
5	506.3 - Grade 3	513.5 - Grade 3	+7.2
6	536.6 - Grade 3	543.8 - Grade 4	+7.2
7	561.1 - Grade 4	562.8 - Grade 5	+1.7
8	566.5 - Grade 4	568.3 - Grade 5	+1.8



Where are we now? iReady Math Data



Grade	iReady Diagnostic Average September 23 rd	iReady Mid-Year Average January 15 th	Growth
K	335.7 - Emerging K	358.8 - Emerging K	+23.1
1 364.5 - Grade K		388.8 - Grade K	+24.3
2	390.7 - Grade 1	408.6 - Grade 1	+17.9
3	408.6 - Grade 1	425.7 - Grade 2	+17.1
4	409.6 - Grade 1	426.3 - Grade 2	+16.7
5	423.6 - Grade 2	436.9 - Grade 3	+13.3
6	453.4 - Grade 4	457.8 - Grade 4	+4.4
7	469.8 - Grade 5	473.7 - Grade 5	+3.9
8	477.7 - Grade 5	482.8 - Grade 6	+5.1



Implemented Steps Since last Meeting



- Increase the task completion on iReady at home.
- Writing time during our Friday schedule
- Completed Week 3 of Math mastery program.
 - During periods 1 & 2 for middle school with Principal Silvestre
 - Students in 4th & 5th grade meet with VP Richardson

Starting This week:

- College Tutors from NJIT
 - We have 5-7 students that work with our small groups during homework lab
 - They support on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? CONCERNS?