

Benjamin E. Mays Elementary School

2016-2017 Family Friendly SCIP

At Benjamin E. Mays Elementary School, we challenge students to think critically on a global scale. As an International Baccalaureate (IB) school, Benjamin E. Mays also challenges students to understand the world around them and how to take action within it. The IB program strives to help students develop an international perspective through class projects that examine real-life situations around the world.

One of the tools we use to continually improve our school towards that mission is the district's SCIP (School Comprehensive Improvement Plan) process. In our SCIP document, we review our school wide data and create a strategic plan for the school year ahead.

This year, we have three main areas of focus in our SCIP, keeping a strong theme of culturally relevant, personalized learning practices at the core of all that we do:

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| R E A D I N G | <p>We will focus on improving our scholar's reading levels by...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Implementing the Reader's Workshop structure throughout the building ● Using each scholar's test data (benchmarks) to differentiate instruction ● Conferring with scholars to help them successfully read and understand books at each child's reading level. ● Setting up routines and rituals that helps each scholar build reading stamina and become an independent reader. |
| M A T H | <p>We will focus on improving our scholar's math abilities by...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Using research based strategies in their math instruction that focus on using manipulatives to move students from concrete math ideas to abstract math ideas. ● Providing teachers with packets explaining the Minnesota State benchmarks being taught in each math unit with examples of the skills scholars will need to master each math unit. ● Teaching math facts (adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing) using a variety of ways to improve fluency. |
| P B I S | <p>We will strengthen our school-wide focus on positive behavior by...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staff being trained in and using <i>take a break</i> and <i>buddy room</i> strategies ● Administration, coach and behavior specialist providing feedback to teachers regarding the <i>take a break</i> and <i>buddy room</i> procedures |

For more information, you can find the complete version of our 2016-2017 SCIP document here on our website <http://www.spps.org/BenMays>

We appreciate your commitment to your child's success and your collaboration in this process. We look forward to another year of partnership with our school!