

Benjamin E. Mays

International Magnet

"Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders Today"

IB World School since February 2006

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Number of students: 365 (2009)

Demographics (2009/2010):

73% African American	16% Asian American	4% Hispanic American
7% European American	1% American Indian	

The mission of Benjamin E. Mays International Magnet School is: "Through rigorous intercultural and interdisciplinary studies, students will be empowered with the communication and leadership skills necessary to become productive global citizens who are inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring."

Benjamin E. Mays International Magnet School was authorized as an IB World School in February 2006. We incorporate the tenets of IB/PYP throughout our instructional program. Our staff is highly trained in the IB/PYP and work collaboratively to promote international-mindedness and high academic standards. Our students are action-oriented and have raised money for worthy causes such as Heifer International®, children affected by Hurricane Katrina, and those affected by the Tsunami in Southeast Asia.

Program Highlights:

- All-day kindergarten classes.
- School uniforms required Monday through Friday.
- Spanish instruction provided by a specialist for students in grades K - 6.
- Enrichment classes in television studio production, African drumming, harp, orchestra, band, and vocal music.
- Math Masters® and Lego League competitions.
- Collaborative/co-teaching model with classroom and support teachers (Special Ed., ELL).
- Gifted services for qualified students.
- Mays Book Club. Each year, the principal selects four picture books correlated to the Learner Profile or PYP Attitudes and reads them to the entire school.
- Speakers, residencies, and field trips correlated to IB/PYP Units of Inquiry.
- Teachers' "Leveled Library" for guided reading with book sets correlated to IB/PYP Units of Inquiry.
- Student produced morning announcements and weekly news show.
- SmartBoards® in all grade 3 - 6 classrooms.
- Leadership Council for fifth and sixth graders. These students serve as school ambassadors, implement



community service activities, and learn public speaking skills through Toastmasters International®.

- “Everybody Wins!”® “Power Lunch” reading partnership with the Minnesota Supreme Court and US Bank. This program provides a reading buddy each week for every student in grades 1, 2, and 3.