

Benjamin E. Mays High School

Clubs & Organizations

2024-2025



DESCRIPTION:

This **B.E. Mays High School Clubs and Organizations** document provides an overview of the various non-athletic clubs and organizations available to Mays HS students. Each club description highlights the mission, activities, and key benefits of participation, helping students find opportunities to explore their interests, develop leadership skills, and connect with peers and faculty in meaningful ways.

CLUB	DESCRIPTION	SPONSOR	EMAIL
Blue Essence Step Team	<p>The Blue Essence Club and Step Team is dedicated to empowering young women through creativity, teamwork, and confidence-building. Our step team performs dynamic, rhythmic routines rooted in tradition, strength, and expression, while our club provides a supportive space for girls to develop as leaders, foster friendships, and thrive both personally and academically.</p> <p>Mission: Our mission is to empower young women at Mays High School through the art of step, fostering sisterhood, leadership, and academic excellence. We are committed to building a community where</p>	Mrs. B. Dawson	brittany.dawson@apsk12.org

	<p>members support one another, grow as leaders, and excel academically as individuals and as a team.</p> <p>Vision: We aim to create a lasting legacy of strong, confident, and compassionate young women who inspire others with their dedication to sisterhood, leadership, and academic success. Our vision is to set the standard for excellence and unity, both on and off the stage, and serve as role models in our school and community.</p> <p>Ready to Apply? Scan the QR code to complete the application and take the first step toward becoming a part of Blue Essence!</p>  <p>Join us in stepping toward greatness with Blue Essence!</p>		
<p>Debate Club</p>	<p>Debate club is an academic extracurricular activity where students gather to research, prepare and engage in structured arguments on various topics. We learn to develop logical reasoning, improve public speaking skills and sharpen critical thinking.</p>	<p>Ms. T. Leonard</p>	<p>tymera.leonard@apsk12.org</p>

<p>E-Sports</p>	<p>Esports refers to competitive video gaming organized at the high school level, where students participate in team-based or individual competitions using popular video games. Esports has been recognized with the Georgia High School Association (GSHA) as an official sport within Atlanta Public Schools since 2023. It is a varsity sport co-ed for grades 9-12. There are two seasons: Fall and Spring. PlayVS is the nationwide platform that offers high school and collegiate-level esports leagues. The games we compete in are below:</p> <p>League of Legends (PC) Chess (PC) NBA2K (PS5 or Xbox) Madden (PS5 or Xbox) Rocket League (PC) Mario Kart 8 (Nintendo Switch) Super Smash Bros (Nintendo Switch)</p>	<p>Mrs. A Powell</p>	<p>anbria.powell@apsk12.org</p>
<p>Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)</p>	<p>Future Business Leaders of America, is a student organization that aims to prepare high school and middle school students for careers in business and leadership. FBLA members participate in workshops, conferences, and competitive events at regional, state, and national levels. These competitions cover a wide range of topics, from accounting to digital design and public speaking. FBLA also encourages community service, helping students to become not only skilled professionals but also engaged and responsible citizens. The organization's mission is to inspire and prepare students to become competent and confident leaders in a global society. Membership is open to any student who has an interest in the business field.</p>	<p>Mr. K Calhoun & Mrs. A Powell</p>	<p>kevin.calhoun@apsk12.org anbria.powell@apsk12.org</p>

<p>Garden Club</p>	<p>Are you ready to dig into something meaningful? The Garden Club at Mays High School is your chance to learn about gardening, sustainability, and taking care of the planet—all while having fun with your friends!</p> <p>We're not just about planting flowers; we're about making a difference. You'll learn how to grow food, take care of plants, and recycle to help the environment. Plus, we go on cool field trips and work with amazing partners like Atlanta Metro Farms, the Watershed Alliance, and Emory University to bring real-world experiences right to you!</p> <p>Why Join?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hands-on Projects: Get your hands dirty and watch your hard work bloom! ● Recycling & Sustainability: Discover ways to protect the planet and reduce waste. ● Fun Field Trips: Explore farms, gardens, and other eco-friendly spots around Atlanta. ● Community Impact: Be part of a team making our school and community greener and better. <p>How to Apply</p> <p>Ready to grow with us? Fill out the application form here: Garden Club Application Form.</p>	<p>Mrs. B. Dawson & Mrs. Raymond</p>	<p>brittany.dawson@apsk12.org elizabeth.raymond@apsk12.org</p>
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	For questions or more info, stop by Room 2132 or email brittany.dawson@apsk12.org . Don't miss this opportunity to grow something awesome—join the Garden Club today! 🌻		
Google Scholars	Google Scholars is a program in partnership with Big Brothers & Big Sisters. Students are assigned a mentor from Google Headquarters and frequently visit to connect, network and learn more about their future career interests. Various careers include engineering, data analysis & more!	Ms. M. Byrdsong	michelle.walker@apsk12.org
Griots With Cameras (Film Club)	Griots with Cameras is an after-school film program geared towards raising the next generation of visual storytellers. Our goal is to reclaim our narrative through filmmaking and provide exposure to the youth of marginalized communities.	Ms. E. Adeniyi	eniola.adeniyi@apsk12.org

<p>Growth Zone</p>	<p>The Growth Zone is a safe space where every 11th and 12th grade Mays High School student is valued, respected, and encouraged to grow at their own pace. We understand that challenges are part of the journey, and we work together to turn those challenges into opportunities for personal and academic success.</p> <p>Mission: The Growth Zone is a welcoming and inclusive club dedicated to supporting 11th grade Mays high school students who face social, academic, or behavioral challenges. Our mission is to empower students to overcome obstacles, build confidence, and develop skills that will help them thrive both in school and beyond.</p> <p>What We Do:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Skill-Building Workshops: Activities focused on time management, study techniques, communication, and problem-solving.2. Social Connection Activities: Team-building games, peer support groups, and fun events to promote friendship and inclusion.3. Mentorship Opportunities: Guidance from teachers, counselors, and upperclassmen to help students set and achieve personal goals.4. Mindfulness and Wellness Sessions: Stress management practices, mindfulness exercises, and strategies to build emotional resilience.5. Celebrating Success: Recognizing small wins and major achievements to build self-esteem and	<p>Mr. A. Carment</p>	<p>andre.carment@apsk12.org</p>
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	<p>motivation.</p> <p>Why Join Us:</p> <p>The Growth Zone is not just a club—it's a community where students can feel supported, discover their strengths, and unlock their full potential. Whether you're struggling with academics, facing social challenges, or looking for a fresh start, we're here to help you grow.</p> <p>Meetings:</p> <p>The club meets weekly (TBD) in a positive and relaxed environment, creating opportunities for reflection, connection, and skill development.</p> <p>Join us in The Growth Zone—where challenges become stepping stones to success!</p>		
Hispanic Heritage Club	<p>The Hispanic Heritage Club is a community service-based organization which seeks to expose its members to service opportunities, educate and share varied cultural, knowledge, and experiences with their school community, while learning and celebrating their differences by giving back to others through uplifting service.</p>	Mrs. J. Tanner & Mrs. Raymond	<p>jennifer.tanner@apsk12.org</p> <p>elizabeth.raymond@apsk12.org</p>
HOSA	<p>HOSA - Future Health Professionals is a student-led organization dedicated to preparing future leaders in the healthcare industry. At Benjamin E. Mays High School, HOSA members actively engage in hands-on skill training, participate in health fairs providing blood pressure checks, and organize community events like blood drives. Through competitive events, career</p>	Ms. B. Simon	barbara.simon@apsk12.org

	<p>exploration, and internship opportunities, students gain valuable experience and can earn scholarships. Our chapter proudly celebrates being state winners for three consecutive years. We also host an annual Induction Ceremony to welcome new members, showcasing our commitment to building a strong foundation for future healthcare professionals. Additionally, we offer <i>Wellness Wednesday</i> through Raider Express-Healthy HOSA, featuring fresh smoothies, salads, acai bowls, and other healthy items as part of the Raider Express Enterprise.</p>		
Homeless Pet Club	<p>The Benjamin E. Mays High School "WE CARE" Homeless Pet School Club works with our local animal shelter, animal rescue groups or Humane Societies to organize high school students of all grades into Homeless Pet School Clubs. Students use their own ideas including social networking ability to help find homes for homeless pets in their community.</p> <p>Mission: Teaching kindness to the next generation and finding forever homes for homeless dogs and cats</p>	Mrs. S. Lewis	sonya.lewis@apsk12.org
International Club	<p>The International Club is a community service-based organization which seeks to expose its members to service opportunities, educate and share varied cultural, knowledge, and experiences with their school community, while learning and celebrating their differences by giving back to others through uplifting service.</p>	Mrs. J. Tanner & Mrs. Raymond	jennifer.tanner@apsk12.org elizabeth.raymond@apsk12.org
JROTC Drill Team	<p>JROTC Drill Team is an exciting extension of the discipline, teamwork and leadership skills learned in class. The team performs at all JROTC ceremonies and parades, as well as at many community events. When they participate in local,</p>	Srgt. W. Cotton	cottonwe@apsk12.org

	<p>state, and national competitions, they confer as much pride on their schools as varsity sports teams. It is made up of many different teams such as Armed Exhibition, Unarmed Exhibition, Color Guard, Armed Regulation, and Unarmed Regulation.</p>		
<p>JROTC Varsity Rifle Team</p>	<p>Why Marksmanship in JROTC? It is a popular, fun, exciting and uniquely challenging Varsity sport. It teaches safety through rules and responsibility. You develop life skills—discipline, self-control, emotional control, enhances performance skills—concentration, goal setting and teamwork. Also, Riflery Marksmanship is Olympic sport and NCAA college sport with a military heritage. Students can also earn scholarships. Students are not required to be in JROTC to join the Mays Varsity Rifle Team</p>	<p>MSG. D. Jimerson</p>	<p>dexter.jimerson@apsk12.org</p>
<p>Mays/Morehouse College Upward Bound Program</p>	<p>Upward Bound is a federally funded program to develop skills needed for post secondary success. Upward Bound provides fundamental support for students through academic and intellectual challenges, exploration of various college and career options, cultural enrichment opportunities through field trips, college visits, and more!</p>	<p>Ms. T. Dubose</p>	<p>tykira.dubose@apsk12.org</p>
<p>Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society</p>	<p>Mu Alpha Theta is a national mathematics honor society for high school and two-year college students, dedicated to promoting interest in mathematics, recognizing superior mathematical scholarship, and encouraging enjoyment of the subject through various activities</p>	<p>Mr. A. Banes</p>	<p>ax.baines@apsk12.org</p>
<p>Muslim Students Association</p>	<p>Muslim Students Association(MSA) - The Muslim student's association is a student led organization dedicated to supporting the Muslim student population of Mays high school. The club offers the opportunity for students to gather and support each other as they navigate through high school.</p>	<p>Ms. A. Conry</p>	<p>atiyah.conry@apsk12.org</p>

	MSA will also support efforts to educate the general high school population about Islamic culture.		
National Beta Club	National Beta Club seeks to promote scholarship, service, leadership, and character amongst the student body.	Dr. L. Kenly	l.kenly@apsk12.org
National Honor Society	National Honor Society seeks to promote character, leadership, scholarship, and service amongst the student body	Dr. L. Kenly	l.kenly@apsk12.org
No Place for Hate	An anti-bullying Educational Campaign with media-driven programs designed to combat prejudice and create effective tools to address these issues in the classroom and community. This program is a self-directed program helping all of the stakeholders take the lead on improving and maintaining school climate so all students can thrive.	Ms. E. Blount	ericka.blount@apsk12.org
Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society	<p>Rho Kappa is a prestigious honor society that recognizes students who excel in social studies. Membership highlights academic excellence, civic engagement, and dedication to community service while fostering leadership and a deeper understanding of social studies disciplines.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>To qualify for membership, students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be enrolled at the school for at least one semester. 	Mrs. B. Dawson	brittany.dawson@apsk12.org

- Complete two core social studies courses and be prepared to complete at least three.
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or its numerical equivalent.
- Demonstrate civic engagement through participation in school or community activities.
- Provide a Community Service Letter showing evidence of at least 25 hours of service on official letterhead.
- Provide a letter of recommendation.

Membership Dues

- Juniors: \$20 (Includes certificate, membership card, pin, and new initiate fee).
- Seniors: \$30 (Includes certificate, membership card, pin, new initiate fee, and graduation cord).

Membership Intake

Membership intake occurs twice a year in the fall and spring.

If you meet the eligibility criteria during the intake period, you will receive an invitation through your advisory class. All eligible students will also be invited to an Honor Societies Interest Meeting, where additional details about the application process will be provided.

	<p>For further information, please see Mrs. Dawson in Room 2132 or email her at brittany.dawson@apsk12.org.</p> <p>Become part of Rho Kappa to celebrate your achievements in social studies and grow as a leader in your community!</p>		
SAVE Promise Club	<p>SAVE Promise Clubs are youth-led organizations that encourage young people to take charge of keeping their friends, schools, and communities safe.</p>	Ms. K. Tate	kimberly.tate@apsk12.org
Science National Honor Society	<p>11th & 12th Grade Students Only (Invitation ONLY)</p> <p>A member must have and maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) across all classes and a 3.5 GPA across all sciences. (3.5 approximate to 89-90 Science G.P.A.)</p> <p>A member must be currently enrolled in a science class. (<i>There may be some slight exceptions as cleared by The <u>National Board Consultation Team</u>.</i>)</p> <p>A member must maintain behavior that is acceptable to the guidelines as outlined by the school's code of conduct.</p> <p>Annual dues must be paid upon acceptance. Dues include member certificate, pin (Sr. Honor Cord &</p>	Mrs. S. Hubbard-Belcher	shbelcher@apsk12.org

	Diploma seal upon graduation clearance during the senior year).		
School Newspaper	<i>The Legacy</i> is Mays High School's School Newspaper that highlights the beauty happening on, and around, The Hill. Through this program young writers are able to cover various topics from sports to fashion thus giving scholars an opportunity to be a voice of the Mays High community.	Ms. E. Adeniyi	eniola.adeniyi@apsk12.org
SkillsUSA	We empower students to become skilled professionals, career-ready leaders and responsible community members. Through the Framework, SkillsUSA students hone their hands-on skills against current industry standards in more than 130 occupational areas, from 3D Animation to Welding and nearly everything in between. At the same time, they develop the transformative career-readiness skills — teamwork, communication, professionalism, leadership and more — that fuel career and life success.	Ms. V. Somerville & Ms. A. Barron	somervilled@apsk12.org alesa.barron@apsk12.org
Sister Circle	Sis Circles is committed to delivering impactful programs and activities toward an equitable society for Black and Brown teen girls through intergenerational group mentorship and a specially designed culturally appropriate curriculum that equips our teen girls with essential social and emotional skills, including self-awareness, emotion management, teamwork, and healthy decision-making.	Ms. E. Blount	ericka.blount@apsk12.org

<p>Student Government Association(SGA)</p>	<p>BE Mays High School Student Government Association (SGA) is a student-led organization dedicated to fostering leadership, school spirit, and community engagement. Serving as the voice of the student body, SGA organizes events, promotes student involvement, and collaborates with administration to address student needs and concerns. SGA empowers students to take an active role in shaping a positive and inclusive school community.</p>	<p>Ms. T. Dubose</p>	<p>tykira.dubose@apsk12.org</p>
<p>Technology Student Association</p>	<p>TSA (Technology Student Association) is an intra-curricular ,student -based organization that prepares its members to be successful leaders in a technological society through competitions and workshops. In our organization, we help students develop and improve communication, leadership, teamwork, and competitive skills. TSA is dedicated to students enrolled in Engineering and Technology Education pathway programs. Students may experience leadership through opportunities to serve as an officer, work on a committee after school and in the classroom. We offer over 70 competitive events for high school students . We have 5 conferences: C.O.R.E (Chapter Officer Retreat for Excellence), Tech Day, Leadercon (Fall Leadership Conference), State Leadership Conference) and Nationals.</p>	<p>Ms. M. Boone</p>	<p>mariama.boone@apsk12.org</p>

<p>That SW Lit Squad Media Center Ambassadors</p>	<p>That SW Lit Squad Media Center Ambassadors are a group of dedicated students who eat, sleep, breathe all things literacy! They are recognized innovators who encourage the usage of various literacy platforms to improve student outcomes in a fun & exciting way!</p>	<p>Ms. A. Smith</p>	<p>axsmith@apsk12.org</p>
<p>Women of Distinction</p>	<p>The mission of Young Women of Distinction is to equip young women with the skills, agency, and network to exceed expectations and realize their limitless potential.</p>	<p>Ms. T. Mangham</p>	<p>tanika.manham@apsk12.org</p>