



**WELCOME TO THE 2020-2021
SCHOOL YEAR!**

Welcome Raider Families!



Tell Us How You
Are Doing
Today!

(Put the
number in the
chat box)

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2019-2020: AMAYSing Things on "The Hill"

Last school year, our Raiders excelled in academics and extra-curricular activities, demonstrating that they are indeed college and career ready!

- Increase in Students Scoring 1000+ on SAT Day
- 17 First Place Winners in the APS Technology Fair
- Amazon Future Engineer School
- 1 student selected to participate in the International Science Fair
- Over 40 students projected to complete graduation requirements early
- Almost 7 million dollar increase in scholarship funds for the Class of 2020
- Region 5AAAAAA Champions (Football)
- Awarded \$35,000 Grant for Project Lead the Way
- Awarded \$5,000 Grant for Engineering
- Awarded \$25,000 Grant for Audio, Video, and Technology
- 1 Georgia Department of Education ESOL Language Program Winner
- Two 1st Place Winners in the Social Studies Fair
- An approximate 22% increase in students scoring proficient or distinguished on the Winter administration of the GSE Algebra EOC



What's New at Mays High School?

Grade Level Academies

Mays is divided into grade level academies. We will function as 1 school with 4 academies.

Research shows that academies have a positive impact on student engagement and performance as academies.

Through the Academy model we are striving to accomplish the following:

- improving student achievement.
- allowing teachers to work collaboratively to help identify strengths and obstacles for students.
- creating a family environment to provide personal support to each student.
- reducing high level discipline infractions.
- creating a positive school culture and climate.

9th Grade Academy Leadership



Mr. Chapman
Assistant Principal



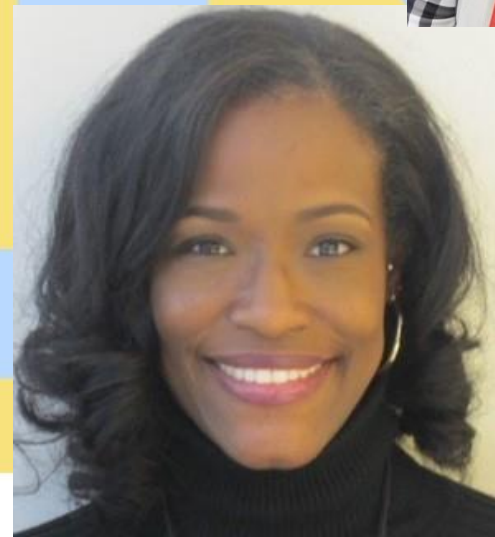
Ms. Smith
Master Teacher
Leader



Dr. Morris
AVID
Coordinator



Mrs. McKenzie
Master Teacher Leader



Ms. Smith
Academy Counselor



Ms. Azziz
Grade Level Sponsor

9th Grade Contact Information

| | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|--|
| Academy Administrator | Travis Chapman | travis.chapman@atlanta.k12.ga.us |
| Master Teacher | Unchantria Smith | Unchantria.Smith@atlanta.k12.ga.us |
| Master Teacher | Tonya McKenzie | Tonya.Mckenzie@atlanta.k12.ga.us |
| Grade Level Sponsor | Thameena Azziz | Thameena.Azziz@atlanta.k12.ga.us |
| Counselor | Nikki Smith | nasmith@atlanta.k12.ga.us |
| Remind 101 | | Text @kf43e2 to 81010 |
| Google Classroom | | Code: no2vo3x |

10th Grade Academy Leadership



Mr. James
Assistant Principal



Ms. Barner
Master Teacher Leader



Ms. Jackson
Guidance Counselor



Dr. Cherry
Grade Level Sponsor

10th Grade Contact Information

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| Academy Administrator | Antwayne James | antwayne.james@apsk12.org 336-380-5688 |
| Master Teacher | Nakeya Barner | nbarner@atlanta.k12.ga.us |
| Counselor | Wendy Jackson | wjackson@atlanta.k12.ga.us |
| Grade Level Sponsor | Dr. Chainey Cherry | chcherry@atlanta.k12.ga.us |
| Remind 101 | | Text @3788de7 to 81010 |
| Google Classroom | | Code: 4brl5br |

Junior Academy Leadership "The Dream Team"



Dr. NaTasha Woody
Assistant Principal



Ms. Shamika White
Master Teacher Leader



Dr. Lizzette Kenly
Grade Level Sponsor



Ms. Aleesa Reese
Guidance Counselor

11th Grade Contact Information

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Academy Administrator | Dr. NaTasha Woody | woodyn@atlanta.k12.ga.us 815-314-0434 |
| Master Teacher | Shamika White | sywhite@atlanta.k12.ga.us |
| Counselor | Aleesa Reese | amreese@atlanta.k12.ga.us |
| Grade Level Sponsor | Dr. Lizzette Kenly | lkenly@atlanta.k12.a.us |
| Remind 101 | | Text @de6d7k to 81010 |
| Google Classroom | | Code: is553ar |

12th Grade Academy Leadership



Ms. Angela Powell
Assistant Principal



Mrs. Anbria Powell
Senior Grade Level
Sponsor



Ms. Kimberly Daniel
Master Teacher
Leader



Ms. Barbara Simon
Senior Grade Level
Sponsor



Ms. Carla Aldridge
Academy Counselor

12th Grade Contact Information

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Academy Administrator | Angela Powell | apowell@atlanta.k12.ga.us 470-765-6158 |
| Master Teacher | Kimberly Daniel | kimberly.daniel@atlanta.k12.ga.us 678-626-7175 |
| Senior Counselor | Carla Aldridge | caldridge@atlanta.k12.ga.us 470-344-9204 |
| Senior Grade Level Sponsors | Barbara Simon Anbria Powell | barbara.simon@atlanta.k12.ga.us anbria.powell@atlanta.k12.ga.us 404-919-8122 |
| Graduation Coach | Harold Beasley | hbeasley@atlanta.k12.ga.us 404-358-2071 |
| Remind 101 | | Text @g9ae4e to 81010 |
| Google Classroom | | Code: cautteg |

Registration

All 9th Grade and Students New to Mays High School

Please see the QR code or link below to register your Raider for the 2020-2021 school year. The deadline to complete registration is Friday August 14, 2020. You may also reach out to our Raider Registrar, Chris Strozier using the information below:

ChrisStrozier@apsk12.org

(404) 802-5133



<https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/enrollment>

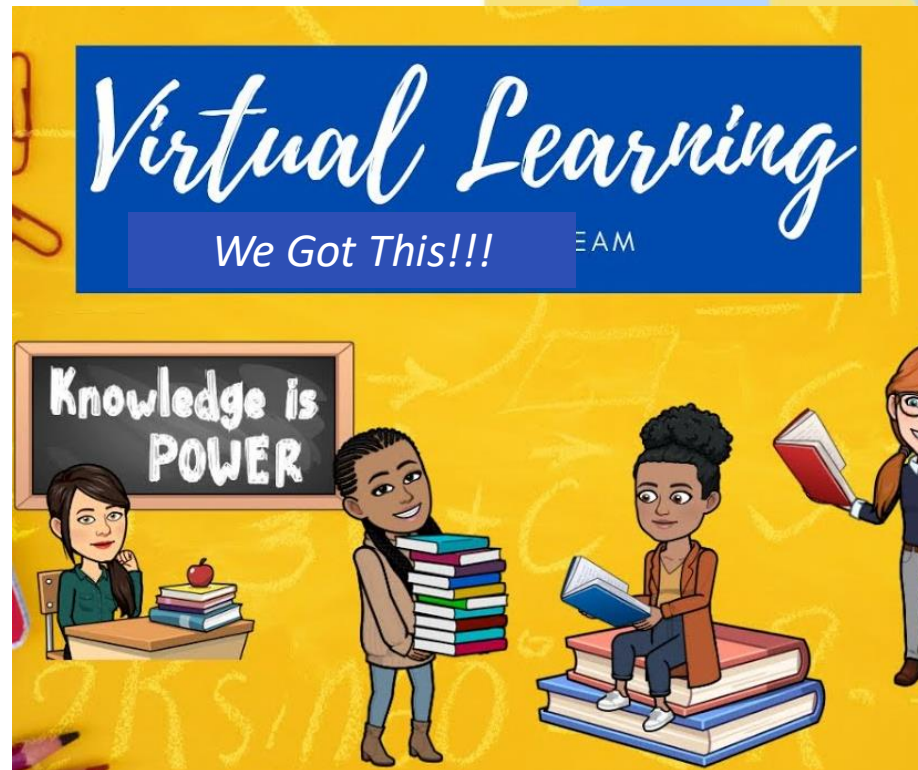
What can families expect from Benjamin E. Mays High School?

- Safety of students and staff first
- Partnership with our families
- Weekly communication from the principal
- Streamlining our learning platforms

What can families expect from Benjamin E. Mays High School? (cont.)

- Expect a device for every student
- High expectations for teachers, students, and families
- Food provisions as needed (Mays is a Food Distribution Site)
- Expect valuable information prior to Day 1 (school opening)
- Resources to meet both academic and social emotional needs

Benjamin E. Mays Virtual Plan



Technology Needs

The Atlanta Public Schools want to ensure every student has a device and an internet connection to access online instruction.

To ensure every child is ready for Day One instruction, we need all APS families to fill out the following “Information Technology Readiness” survey.

Please complete **one survey** for **each** of your children attending an APS school. After the survey is completed, parents will be contacted to arrange for them to receive the technology they need.



<http://tinyaps.com/?techsurvey>

Chromebooks

Students who received a Chromebook in Spring 2020 should retain this device. If technical support is needed, please call 404-802-1000.

Tentative Virtual School Bell Schedule

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday

1st Block

8:30 – 9:45

15 Minute Break

2nd Block

10:00 – 11:15

15 Minute Break

3rd Block

11:30 – 12:45

Student/Faculty & Staff Lunch

12:45 – 1:30

Virtual Study Hall/Office Hours

1:30 - 2:15

4th Block

2:15 – 3:30

Virtual Office Hours

Tuesday and Thursday

3:30 – 4:30

4 x4 Scheduling for All High Schools

- Students will take the same four classes each day for the entire first semester
- Students will complete an entire course in one semester.
- Honors classes will still be offered
- Tentatively, all AP courses will be offered 2nd semester.
- By the end of the school year students would have completed 8 courses.
- Note: If College Board AP testing remains exactly as it was last year, AP teachers will ensure the teaching portion and the content review takes place before the AP exams.

Scheduling FAQs

When will I receive my schedule?

Tentatively, students will receive their schedule August 14th via Infinite Campus Parent Portal

What will class rotations look like?

Students will follow the virtual bell schedule.

Are academics and attendance expectations different from COVID learning timeframe (March through May)?

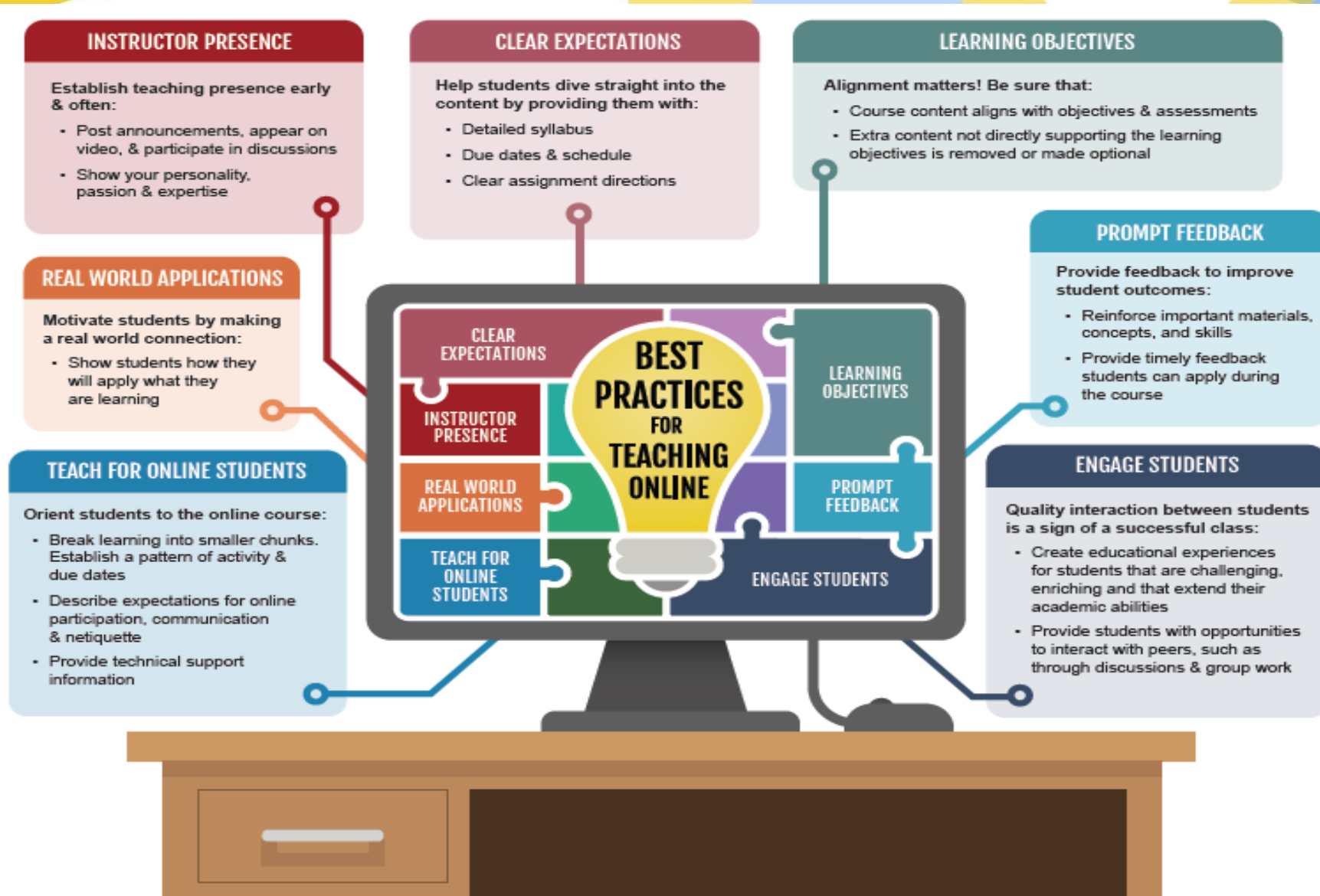
Yes. Students will be held to a structured standard.

Teaching Expectations

Teachers should

- assign learning/performance task.
- provide feedback in a timely manner.
- provide direct live instruction in accordance with **daily** learning schedule.
- respond to email and phone messages within 48 hours.
- be available during all Virtual Office Hours with an open Zoom session for students and parents.

Teaching Expectations



Student and Family Expectations

Students should

- engage with their teachers
- participate in live learning sessions in accordance with the **daily** schedule and complete assignments
- log on daily (attendance will count)
- practice acceptable behavior norms

Students and families should

- make reasonable attempts to access Google Classroom and other online platforms recommended by their teachers
- maintain frequent contact with the teacher
- ask questions when you or your child needs help

Students and Families Expectations (cont.)

Return all required school documents either electronically or reach out to Parent Liaison, Dr. W. Swain, at wswain@atlanta.k12.ga.us to arrange to return in person.

Expectations for Students

BE ON TIME

Wake up early
Log on a few minutes before class



BE IN A QUIET PLACE

Find a quiet place
Check your surroundings



BE PREPARED

Computer is charged
Camera is on
Use headphones if you have them



PRESENTATION

Wear appropriate clothing
Sit up straight
Be in camera view



MUTE YOURSELF

Mute yourself when your teacher or another student is talking



PARTICIPATION

Be focused
Be attentive
Be an active participant



CHAT RESPONSIBLY

Raise your hand to speak
Type your question in the chat box



COMMUNICATION

Speak clearly
Look up when speaking
Stay on topic (no side conversation)



BE RESPECTFUL

R-E-S-P-E-C-T
Be kind
Be considerate



Special Education/504 Services/SST

Students who receive special education/504 services will continue to receive programmatic support to the greatest degree possible through virtual learning.

If you have specific questions or needs regarding how your child's services will be provided through virtual learning, please contact Mrs. Sylvia Riggins ssriggins@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Students receiving 504 or SST services will receive support from Dr. Holmes gholmes@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Learning Platforms

Benjamin E. Mays Learning Platforms for Digital Learning:

- Zoom
- Google Suite/Classroom
- Nearpod
- MyBackPack

We will use Edgenuity as a supplementary resource, but it will not be used as the primary instructional tool. However, it will still be utilized for unit recovery.



<http://mybackpack.apsk12.org>

How will we support teachers?

- Ongoing professional development
- Academy collaboration to streamline instructional practices
- Use of the coaching cycle with instructional coaches and master teacher leaders through
 - Observation feedback
 - PLC modeling and practice
 - Collegial observations

Student Attendance

Attendance

- will be recorded
- will reflect the student's degree of engagement in virtual learning sessions and completion of assignments

If you have any questions about attendance please contact Celestine James, Attendance Clerk ckjames@atlanta.k12.ga.us or Jasmine Guitroz, Attendance Specialist Jasmine.Guitroz1@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Grading Expectations

- Teachers must enter two grades per week in Infinite Campus.
- Teachers will incorporate various types of assessments, as appropriate for the grade/course.
- Teachers will provide students with multiple attempts to demonstrate mastery.
- Student grades will be recorded and students will be responsible for assigned learning/performance task.

Remediation Plan

- Students who have not provided evidence of mastery should have an opportunity to demonstrate mastery at least twice each month (Amnesty Days).
- Amnesty Days will occur the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. All grading categories, with the exception of homework, must be available for remediation through Amnesty .

Closing the Gaps :

- All courses will spiral in skills from the previous course.
- During the first three weeks, we will dedicate instruction to assessing student gaps.
- Once we have assessed, we will utilize the data to build upon the skills of the students and determine appropriate strategies to ensure they are successful.

How can I monitor my student grades?

You will need the following information to access to the Parent Portal:

- Student identification number
- Date of Birth
- Social Security number

Contact our Parent Liaison, Dr. W. Swain, at wswain@atlanta.k12.ga.us if you have any questions



<https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/48412>

When will students receive progress reports?

Due to the 4 x 4 schedule:

- Progress reports will be provided every 4 ½ weeks.
- Grades will be formally posted to transcripts every 9 weeks (October, December, March, and May) as opposed to every 18 weeks (December and May.)

Student Tutoring

The school is exploring options to provide the following:

- Free, supplemental tutoring
- Virtual and/or in-person formats
- Before/after the virtual school day (based on staff availability).
- Click Here: [Tutor ATL Flyer - Free Tutoring 7 Days A Week](#)

Georgia Milestones/AP Exams

The state of Georgia has submitted a waiver request to the U.S. Department of Education for suspension of the Georgia Milestones this school year. At this time, all APS High Schools are slated to administer the Georgia Milestones tests in December and May of this school year.

EOC Courses Include:

- 9th Grade Literature/Composition
- American Literature/Composition
- GSE Algebra
- GSE Geometry
- Biology
- US History
- Economics

AP exams are currently slated to be administered in May.

Communication Commitment

- We will provide clear, constant communication to parents.
- Anticipate weekly schoolwide robocalls (Infinite Campus Messenger).
- Teachers will also reach out via phone, email, and Infinite Campus.
- It is important that parents and caregivers provide accurate phone numbers and email addresses to Christopher Strozier (ChrisStrozier@atlanta.k12.ga.us) in the Office of the Registrar.
- Information on how to update contact in the Parent Portal can be found at <https://bit.ly/2XgY1Mi> . Please update by next Friday, August 14.
 - Phone number
 - Email Address



Parent Conferences

Parent Conference Night: First and Third Wednesday of Every Month (More details to come)

Our first parent conference night will be on Wednesday, September 16th.

Social Emotional Support

Professional school counselors, social workers, and the school nurse will be available to support students through individual and small-group sessions.

Contact your student's counselor or school social worker for specific questions or needs.

- 9th Grade- Nikki Smith nasmith@atlanta.k12.ga.us
- 10th Grade- Wendy Jackson wjackson@atlanta.k12.ga.us
- 11th Grade- Aleesa Reese amreese@atlanta.k12.ga.us
- 12th Grade- Carla Aldridge caldridge@atlant.k12.ga.us
- Social Worker- Garrick White gawhite@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Support for Students/Parents

Technology

- Call APS Support at 404-802-1000.
- The student email can be accessed through MyBackpack. The directions are attached [here](#).
- All students will have the opportunity to receive a digital device in the coming weeks leading up to Day One. In the meantime, feel free to contact [Get Our Kids Connected](#) for more information.

Supplies

- Atlanta Public Schools is working in partnership with the Empty Stocking Fund. Please register at the following link: [Free Backpack and School Supplies](#)
- Supplies will be distributed at your child's school during Runway Week (Aug. 17 – 21). **Deadline to request supplies is Aug. 12th.**



Support for Students/Parents

Nutrition

Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT)

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act includes a benefit called Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) for children who received free or reduced-price school meals in the 2019-2020 school year, but their school is/was closed.

[Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer \(P-EBT\)](#)



High School Athletics

Collaborating with Georgia High School Association (GHSA)

- Guidelines for athletic practices and competitions
- Guidelines are continuously being updated

For updates, contact

- Your child's coach
- Ms. Natasha Harrigan, Athletic Director nharrigan@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Extracurricular Clubs and Activities

Participation will be based on the ability to implement safety protocols and social distancing guidelines.

Virtual clubs and activities may be possible.

Refer to communications from club sponsors or Dr. NaTasha Woody at woodyn@apsk12.org

Runway Week- August 17-21, 2020

During Runway to Learning week, students will be provided with a number of opportunities to prepare for the academic school year. During this week, the following will occur:

- Student backpack distribution
- Technology distribution
- Food distribution (August 10th and 17th)
- Grade-based Open House
 - 9th - 10th (August 18)
 - 11th - 12th (August 20)

Closing Out Last Semester

- Retrieval of items from lockers (More details to come)
 - Class of 2023 – August 18th
 - Class of 2021 and 2022 – August 20th
- For students who have received an incomplete (I) for Spring 2020, students should reach out to Mr. A. Mason. His email address is [here](#). **All incompletes must be cleared by October 9, 2020.**



Additional Info

Virtual Summer Bridge 2020

The purpose of the Summer Bridge program is to:

- provide rising 9th grade students with an immersive educational experience that will expose them to the school's community and culture.
- provide them an opportunity to meet faculty and staff.
- offer insight into the expectations and demands of high school.

[MAYS Virtual Summer Bridge 2020](#)

Posted on Mays' Website

AVID

Achievement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is a college readiness initiative that helps students prepare for college and to be successful in their studies. The AVID elective class provides:

- Support for the middle of the road student.
- College and/or additional tutoring for students.
- Assistance with organizational skills and test-taking strategies.
- Consistent exposure to college and career planning.



[AVID Application](#)

Senior Pictures



MAYS HIGH SCHOOL

**SENIOR CLASS
PICTURES**

By Appointment Only!
August 17 – 19 & Sept 28 – 30
\$30 Sitting Fee

**CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR APPOINTMENTS
FROM LIFETOUCH (PRESTIGE PHOTOGRAPHY)**

Questions? Email Senior Class Sponsors –
Anbria Powell (Anbria.Powell@apsk12.org) or Barbara Simon (Barbara.Simon@apsk12.org)



Stay Connected to Mays

Infinite Campus

Parent can access class schedules, grades, attendance, and all school messages using Infinite Campus Parent Portal at <https://ic.apsk12.org/campus/portal/atlanta.jsb>



Twitter

Follow Mays High School @APSMaysRaiders for live tweets, and important information about the district in 140 characters or less.



Mays App

Download the app by SchoolInfoApp to quickly access the resources, tools, news and information to stay connected and informed!



Mays Website

Get information about the school, recent updates, and key contact information.
<https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/mays>