



## BENJAMIN E. MAYS HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Mays High School Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to the start of the 2023-2024 school year at Benjamin E. Mays High School! My name is Ramon Garner, your very proud new Principal, and I am excited to be a part of the tradition of excellence Mays High School represents. Parents, I do not take the opportunity to educate your children lightly, nor for granted. My goal is for every student to learn, reach their fullest potential, and have fun!

This letter includes some initial information for the upcoming year including our dress code policy and other important upcoming events. For most of our communication, we will send information via calling posts and email. Please make sure that our office has your correct email address on file. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

**Open House:** Monday, July 31st, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. During this time, you will be able to meet your students' teachers, visit classrooms, receive bus information, and much more. There will be food truck options available for purchase and several community partners in attendance for registration. We can't wait to see you on Monday!

**School Day:** School begins at 8:45 a.m. and ends at 3:45 a.m. Students can be dropped off no earlier than 8:15 a. m. **All students must be in class by 8:45am, no exceptions.** The school day ends at 3:45 p.m. Please make sure your student is picked up by 4:10 p.m.

**First Week of School:** Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> –Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. Students will engage in a series of courses that will outline student expectations, device distribution and class assemblies.

**School Supplies:** Parents will need to provide notebook paper, pens, pencils, colored pencils, highlighters, markers, and any other supplies outlined in the teacher syllabus. **Students should have a clear or mesh backpack that holds the items listed above.**

**Extra-Curricular Activities:** Please call the school or visit the school website for all athletic information. A complete list of clubs and activities is being finalized and will be available on the school website when completed.

**Dress Code:** The following will be strictly enforced:

## MHS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Students <u><b>MUST</b></u> wear:	Students <u><b>MAY</b></u> wear:	Students <u><b>CANNOT</b></u> wear:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A <b><u>SHIRT</u></b> (with fabric in the front, back, and on the sides under the arms), <b><u>AND</u></b></li> <li><b><u>PANTS/JEANS OR THE EQUIVALENT</u></b> (for example, a skirt, sweatpants, leggings, a dress or shorts), <b><u>AND</u></b></li> <li><b><u>SHOES.</u></b></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Basic Principle:</u></b> Certain body parts must be covered for all students at all times.</p> <p>Clothes must be worn in a way such that genitals, buttocks, chest, upper thigh, and midriff are fully covered with opaque (nontransparent) fabric.</p> <p>Benjamin E. Mays High School expects that all students will dress in a way that is appropriate for the school day or for any school-sponsored event. Student dress choices should respect the District’s intent to sustain a community that is inclusive of a diverse range of identities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beanies. Hats must allow the face to be visible to staff, and not interfere with the line of sight of any student or staff.</li> <li>Religious headwear</li> <li>Hooded sweatshirts (wearing the hood overhead is allowed, but the face must be visible to school staff).</li> <li>Nontransparent leggings and yoga pants (must be worn with a top that extends to the mid thigh).</li> <li>Ripped jeans, as long as underwear, mid thigh and buttocks are not exposed</li> <li>Athletic attire that does not violate the basic principle.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any headwear with a brim</li> <li>Bedroom slippers or house shoes</li> <li>Satin bonnets, scarves, durags, or bandanas</li> <li>Pajamas</li> <li>Tank tops, including spaghetti straps; halter tops</li> <li>Any clothing that reveals visible undergarments</li> <li>Any item that obscures the face or ears, except as a religious observance or as personal protective equipment (PPE).</li> <li>Violent language or images.</li> <li>Images or language depicting/suggesting drugs, alcohol, vaping or paraphernalia (or any illegal item or activity).</li> <li>Bullet proof vest, body armor, tactical gear, or facsimile.</li> <li>Hate speech, profanity, pornography.</li> <li>Images or language that creates a hostile or intimidating environment</li> <li>Swimsuits</li> <li>Accessories that could be considered dangerous or could be used as a weapon.</li> </ul>

**Dress Code Enforcement:** Students will only be removed from spaces, hallways, or classrooms as a result of a dress code violation as outlined in above and taken to the AP’s office to address the violation and support. Students in violation of the dress code will be provided two (2) options to be dressed more to code during the school day:

1. Students will be asked to put on their own alternative clothing, if already available at school, to be dressed more to code for the remainder of the day.
2. If necessary, students’ parents may be called during the school day to bring alternative clothing for the student to wear for the remainder of the day.

Sincerely,  
*Ramon Garner, Ed.S.*  
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