

*I can aim high and
become whatever I want.*

Leading Learning **Student Guide**



**GLOBAL
PARTNERSHIP
SCHOOLS**

Leading Learning



“I Celebrate Me because I am special. I am unique, and there is no other like me. Because I am eager to defy the odds of statistics, I will spend my life conquering cold statistics and achieving success.”

MARVA COLLINS

Global Partnership Schools creates a learning community that accelerates student progress, improves educators’ instructional capacity, and creates educational environments that prepare all students to succeed in the global economy and society.

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GEMS Education is a global network of world class international schools serving more than 100,000 students from 125 countries. With 50 years of experience in education, the GEMS approach to education focuses not only on academic excellence, but also in helping students develop their character and creativity so that they achieve their full potential as human beings. www.gemseducation.com

WELCOME

Dear Students:

It is a pleasure to welcome you to our Global community. You are the future, and you’re on an exciting educational journey that will help you develop the essential skills, insight, and knowledge to succeed. Each of you has unique gifts and abilities. Among you are future accountants, doctors, artists, entertainers, attorneys, teachers, engineers and, perhaps, even a President.

We are pleased to partner with you, your parents, teachers, administrators and the community to create a safe and engaging learning environment that will open your mind and unleash your talents and imagination.

We are committed to creating a culture of excellence that will move each of you into a new zone of thinking and behavior. You have what it takes to achieve your goals and realize your dreams. Your education is a source of intellectual growth, socialization, and personal development.

Aim high, dream big, and together we’ll help you reach your goals.

Sincerely,

Dr. Manny Rivera
Chief Executive Officer
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Overview



Global Partnership Schools embraces the concept that students who possess personal, academic, civic and occupational competencies will become outstanding citizens.

The Leading Learning Student Guide provides a framework that fosters personal development and academic success, as well as addresses core values and model student behavior.

Global Partnership Schools believes:

- A culture of excellence results in students' growth as learners and as people
- An innovative learning environment best develops each student's strengths and passions
- All students can be critical and creative thinkers and schools must help them reach their potential
- High expectations and best practice are necessary for student achievement
- Parents and caring adults are the most important people in students' lives

Student Values:

- **Excellence and Accountability:** Strive to be the best in all that you do; accept responsibility for your results
- **Caring and Trust:** Act with sincerity, integrity, respect and understanding
- **Commitment and Collaboration:** Stay focused and cooperate with others to pursue common goal
- **Global Perspective:** Appreciate unique cultures, varied values, and new ways of understanding

I did gain the knowledge
to come out on top.

Model Student Behavior

Positive student behavior enhances teaching and learning in the classroom and creates a safe learning environment for all. Successful students take pride in themselves and model the spirit of excellence in their academic and social decision making.

Model Students:

- Attend classes regularly and follow school rules
- Prepare for class each day
- Participate in classroom and after-school activities
- Adhere to the school dress code
- Use respectful and appropriate language
- Show compassion for others and conduct themselves in a cooperative, friendly, and respectful manner
- Follow instructions and cooperate with teachers, administrators, and school staff to create a positive learning environment
- Demonstrate good behavior that is civil, respectful, polite, and courteous
- Respect the property of others

Bright Light

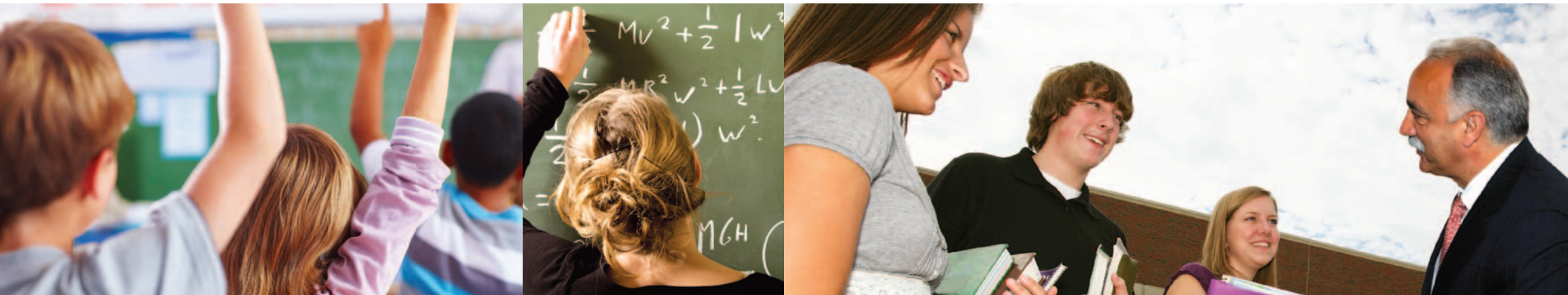
The *Bright Light* campaign is an initiative that encourages civic, moral, and ethical values and fosters a positive school culture through a focus on excellence.

By setting high expectations and modeling positive behavior, *Bright Light* recognizes and rewards students who have demonstrated core values and exemplary behavior. *Bright Light* also emphasizes a pay-it-forward concept, encouraging students to recognize one another as well as teachers and staff.

Model student recognitions may include:

- Certificates of achievement
- Letters to parent
- Postings on school website
- Stickers, posters, and prizes

bright light 
leading the way



Tips for Success

“You’ve got to start with a plan... you have to recognize opportunities and seize the moment.”

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Develop a Plan

The first step is to develop goals and take action. If you want to improve your grades, you need a plan of action. Your plan should include extra time devoted to studying, asking for tutoring assistance and getting all your work completed on time. If you want to make new friends, your plan should include increasing your after-school activities to include clubs, community service or sports.

Good Goals are SMART

Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Timely goals lead to success.

Think Positively

Always approach challenges with a positive attitude. When trying something new, remember that your attitude can impact how well you do. Fear and self-doubt are some of the reasons why students don’t succeed or miss growth opportunities.

Set High Standards

Expect only the best of yourself. If you only do the bare minimum you will never reach your full potential.

Seek Out Mentors

Mentors are important because they help improve your performance at school, broaden your horizons, and realize your goals.

Manage Your Time

You should devote at least two hours per night to completing your homework assignments.



Get Organized

Use a weekly planner or organizer. Keep track of all assignments and due dates. For long-term assignments such as book reports, science projects, or research papers, try breaking down the project into smaller, easy-to-accomplish tasks.

Communicate

Express your needs, and communicate respectfully to your teachers, administrators, parents, and others about your goals and dreams.

Listen

It is important to listen attentively with an open mind. Listen carefully before you speak, and be receptive to what others say. It is good to question what others present as long as you remain open to differing points of view.

Help Others

It is important to provide support to others within and outside of your school community. This will enable you to develop leadership skills and understand the role that you play in the community at large.

Celebrate Your Wins and Successes

You should reward yourself and give yourself a pat on the back when you make progress toward or achieve a goal.

Leading Learning: A Prime Example

“You’ll make mistakes, but if you learn from them you’ll be a better person.”

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON



The road to becoming President of the United States was a bumpy one for William Jefferson Clinton. His father died in a car accident before he was born, and his step-father was an abusive alcoholic.

Education and music were outlets for Clinton. He focused on his studies and excelled in school. He loved music and was an outstanding saxophone

player. His commitment to excellence paid off. Clinton was awarded scholarships to college and went on to become a Rhodes Scholar and Yale Law School graduate.

Following law school, Clinton entered the Arkansas political arena where he lost his first campaign for U.S. Congress. In his next race, he was elected Attorney General and went on to win the governor’s race. Clinton suffered a setback when he lost his re-election bid, but he persevered and regained the office four years later. In 1992, Clinton won the biggest race of all, becoming the 42nd President of the United States.

Today, President Clinton’s commitment to public service continues. Through his foundation and the Clinton Global Initiative, he works with business, government, non-profit and community leaders worldwide to devise and implement innovative solutions to some of the world’s most pressing challenges. Global Partnership Schools and GEMS Education are proud supporters of the Clinton Global Initiative.

Useful And Fun Resources

Anti-Bullying

Bullying is not fair, and it hurts. Those who are bullied have a hard time defending themselves. All students deserve to feel safe and welcome at school and in their neighborhoods. Lend a hand and stop bullying now!

Website: www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov

Chemistry Help

Basic chemistry information, activities, quizzes and real world examples.

Website: Chem4kids.com

College Board

Information about colleges and universities, the admission process, financial aid, and much more.

Website: www.collegeboard.com/student

Discovery Education

Engaging digital resources that provide help in math, science, English, social studies and health.

Website: www.discoveryeducation.com

Factmonster.com

Daily historical facts, homework center, encyclopedia, games and more.

Website: Factmonster.com

HomeworkHelper.com

Homework help for all ages, including research tips, reference materials, newspapers, problem solving, and study aids.

Website: www.homeworkhelper.com

Kids.Gov

Links to more than 2,000 web pages of government agencies, schools, and educational organizations, all geared to the learning level and interest of kids.

Website: kids.gov

Logic Puzzles and More

Interactive word puzzles and games.

Website: Logicville.com

Math Fundamentals

Everything you need to know about math, including study tips and test preparation.

Website: Math.com

Science Basics

Full of reference materials and project ideas designed to fit your course of study and areas of interest.

Website: ScienceBuddies.org

Stats for Kids

Web pages that include fun facts, games, project ideas, and career information.

Website: www.fedstats.gov/kids

Writing Skills Homework Center

Get tips for composing your next essay. Strong writing skills are important to communicate effectively.

Website: www.infoplease.com/homework/hwessays.html

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