

Jump Start Program

To the Families of the Class of 2028:

At Bay, we welcome and enroll 9th graders from various middle schools and with diverse backgrounds and life experiences. We understand that the transition from middle school to Bay can be more challenging for some students than others. We are an independent school where students are expected to ask questions, share their own opinions, collaborate, and seek help from their teachers. For some students, Bay may feel very different academically, socially, and/or culturally than what they are used to at their current school.

We know that being less familiar with a school environment means a new student can spend a lot of energy figuring it out. To help students (and their families) better understand Bay's school culture and meet a few classmates before classes begin, Bay offers a free four-day summer session (August 6 to 9) called Jump Start. This program is limited to a small cohort of students.

Is Jump Start right for your student and family? This program may be beneficial if:

- your child comes from a public school, charter school, parochial school, or homeschool whose academic expectations or school culture seem very different from Bay's.
- your child is the only student (or one of very few) coming from their middle school to Bay in the fall, and they worry that they will not feel connected to peers.
- you as a parent/guardian prefer to communicate personally and professionally in a language other than English.
- you as a parent/guardian did not attend high school or college or worry that any other aspect of your child's identity may lead your child to feel out of place at Bay.

Based on the list above, if you believe your child would be a good candidate for our summer Jump Start program, please feel free to call Alex Lazo, at 415-561-5800, ext. 143. Alternatively, you may complete the form at <http://tinyurl.com/5xffm5ps>, and a Jump Start coordinator will get back to you. You do not have to decide now if you want to enroll in Jump Start, but we want you to know about the program as you consider enrolling at Bay. Please express your interest in Jump Start by **Monday, April 22**. Accepted Jump Start candidates will be notified by Friday, May 3.

Sincerely,

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