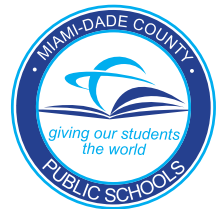




CONNECT WITH M-DCPS



LEARN HOW TO EFFECTIVELY NAVIGATE THE SCHOOL SYSTEM

ENSURE YOUR CHILD SUCCEEDS IN SCHOOL

PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SPEND TIME AT THEIR CHILD'S SCHOOL

Become familiar with the school's administrators, counselors, Community Involvement Specialist (CIS) and staff members. If you can't be physically present, communicate often with your child's teacher.

Every good relationship is based on regular, meaningful, two-way communication. Communicate with the school through written and electronic messages, telephone, and/or conference meetings. Set guidelines and clear expectations of good behavior and academic performance. Ensure that your child has the materials needed to complete class work and home learning.

FOR ASSISTANCE:

Stay informed and involved in your child's education through the Parent Portal. For Parent Portal account registration, visit: webapps.dadeschools.net/wprs/ or call The Parent Academy at 305-995-2680. Take an active part in school activities, such as Open House, PTA meetings, workshops, and parent/student activities, etc. For more information on PTA, visit: www.mdccpta.org or www.floridapta.org or www.dadeschools.net/parents.asp or call 305-995-1102.

Keep your child healthy by ensuring that they get enough sleep, appropriate nutrition, and medical care. Bring to the attention of the appropriate school personnel any problem or condition that negatively affects your child or other children in the school community. Be a School Volunteer! For more information about the School Volunteer Program call **305-995-2995**.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

The Division of Educational Opportunity and Access embraces a holistic approach to address the causes of negative student behavior and subsequently assists with the emotional, social, health, personal, and career development needs of all students. The main objective of the program is to eliminate traditional outdoor suspension by providing an alternative to suspension services and utilize transition services in order to provide educational advisement. For more information about this program, call **305-995-1270**.



START YOUR CHILD EARLY-VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN

CHECK OUT M-DCPS HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START PROGRAMS

For more information visit headstart.dadeschools.net or call 305-995-7689.

Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) is a legislatively authorized program designed to prepare every four-year-old in Florida for kindergarten and build the foundation for their educational success. Additional information is available at earlychildhood.dadeschools.net.

EVALUATION LOCATIONS

Early intervention services, screening and evaluation of infants and toddlers are available at no cost to families.

EARLY STEPS PROGRAMS

NORTH

Miami Center for Child Development

1120 N.W. 14 St, Miami, FL 33136
Room: 1216
305-243-3501

SOUTHERNMOST COAST (SERVING SOUTH MIAMI-DADE & MONROE)

Nicklaus Children's Hospital Palmetto Bay Center

17615 S.W. 97 Ave, Palmetto Bay, FL 33157
786-268-2611

3-5 YEARS OF AGE

Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources (South System)

6521 S.W 62 Ave, Miami. FL 33143
305-274-3501 • fdlrs-south.dadeschools

M-DCPS PRE-K DIAGNOSTIC TEAMS

Robert Renick Ed. Center

2201 N.W. 207 St, Opa-locka, FL 33056
305-474-5100

Thena C. Crowder Early Childhood Diagnostic & Special Ed. Center

757 N.W. 66 St, Miami, FL 33150
305-836-0012, Ext.2231

J.R.E Lee South Sped Center

6521 S.W. 62 Ave, Miami, FL 33143
786-278-4752

Caribbean Elementary School

11990 S.W. 200 St, Miami, FL 33177
305-233-7131, Ext.2142

Center for International Education

900 N.E 207 Ave, Homestead. FL 33030
305-242-8432

ENSURE THAT YOUR QUESTIONS GET ANSWERED

PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW THE M-DCPS CHAIN OF SUPPORT WHEN ADDRESSING QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.

If you do not know the Regional Center in which your child's school is located call 305-995-4242 or visit www.dadeschools.net and select schools. For additional support, guidance, family involvement and engagement visit: parents.dadeschools.net.

REGIONAL OFFICE LOCATIONS

North Region Center

733 East 57 St., Hialeah, FL 33013
305-572-2800 • Fax: 305-572-2801

Central Region Office

5005 N.W. 112 Ave., Doral, FL 33178
305-499-5050 • Fax: 305-499-5051

Education Transformation Office

1450 N.E. 2 Ave., Suite 409, Miami, FL 33132
305-995-3091 • Fax: 305-523-0649

South Region Center (at Robert Morgan Ed. Center)

18180 S.W. 122 Ave., Miami, FL 33177
305-252-3041 • Fax: 305-251-2198

Charter School Operations

1450 N.E. 2nd Ave., Room 806, Miami, FL 33132
305-995-1403

CHAIN OF SUPPORT

YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER
AND/OR SCHOOL
COUNSELOR



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF
THE SCHOOL



PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL



YOUR REGION OFFICE
OR CHARTER SCHOOL
OPERATIONS



SCHOOL OPERATIONS

1450 N.E. 2 Ave, Miami, FL 33132
305-995-4242
schooloperations.dadeschools.net



SUPERINTENDENT

1450 N.E. 2 Ave, Miami, FL 33132
305-995-1430



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1450 N.E. 2 Ave, Miami, FL 33132
305-995-1334

NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES TO HELP YOUR CHILD

The Parent Academy (TPA) of Miami-Dade County Public Schools empowers parents to become full partners in their children's education by bridging the gap between home and school through the provision of valuable resources. The Parent Academy's campus is spread throughout M-DCPS along with a Neighborhood Resource Center at Parkway Educational Complex.

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Parent/Family Education
- Parent Internet Café
- Free Internet Access
- Computer Literacy Training
- Conversational Spanish Classes
- Full Course Offerings
- Voter Registration
- Parent Portal Registration
- Free Citizenship Application Services
- KidCare Enrollment
- Career Development Courses
- Community Resources and Information

FAMILY SUPPORT

Title I Neighborhood Resource Centers (NRC) support families' community service/referral needs; assist with improving parental academic at-home-learning support for their children; provide information on M-DCPS available resources; and deliver Federal and State updates to families.

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Parent/Family Education, No Child Left Behind Information
- State Elections Voter Registration
- Title I Program Updates
- Ethel Pruitt Computer Lab
- Dissemination of information about higher education opportunities
- Community Resources and Services
- Free Citizenship Application Services
- Meeting space for parent organizations, conferences and seminars
- Parent Academy information including class offerings

NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES LOCATIONS

TPA Neighborhood Resource Center

2349 N.W. 175 St., Miami Gardens, FL 33056
305-624-9613

Title I Neighborhood Resource Center – North

7900 N.W. 27 Ave., Space F-9. Miami, FL 33147
(Northside Shopping Centre, 130 South Court)
305-694-7120

Title I Neighborhood Resource Center – South

5555 S.W. 93 Ave., Portable #3, Miami, FL 33165
305-274-7468

M-DCPS Office of Community Engagement Family Resource Center

1450 N.E. 2 Ave., Suite #226 Miami, FL 33132
305-995-1265

Family/Community Resource Center at En Familia Inc.

In partnership with M-DCPS and the
Himan Brown Foundation

16090 S.W. 293 Drive, Homestead, FL 33033
305-245-7288

E.D.E.N – Family/Community Resource Center at Overtown Youth Center

In partnership with United Way of Miami-Dade
and M-DCPS

450 NW 14 St., Miami, FL 33136
305-349-1204



DISTRICT LEVEL INVOLVEMENT

Several District-level committees are looking for parents who will serve. We welcome the public to observe and participate in their meetings.

COMMITTEE NAME	CONTACT
District Athletic Advisory Committee Reviews and advises the board and Superintendent on matters regarding the Athletic Program, physical education, sports medicine, etc.	305-275-3708
Attendance Boundary Committees (District, Joint, or School Site) Identifies schools for changes and conducts public hearings on proposed school boundaries.	305-995-7415
District Wellness Advisory Committee Makes recommendations regarding the overall health and wellness of students and staff.	786-275-3804
Diversity, Equity, and Excellence Advisory Committee (DEEAC) Reviews issues on maintaining a multicultural system.	305-995-4759
Educational Excellence School Advisory Council Support Committee Reviews waivers and requests from school's EESAC.	305-995-1520
Ethics Advisory Committee Ensures the integrity of the Board's decision-making processes.	305-995-1304
Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee Brings together parents, community and business representatives, and staff to enhance opportunities for parental involvement in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.	305-995-1265
Miami-Dade Coalition for Community Education Committee Supports the expansion of community education.	305-817-0014
Miami-Dade County Council PTA/PTSA The leadership organization for local schools' PTA/PTSA organizations. Many educational programs, information, and leadership training are available.	305-995-1102
Parent Leadership Council (PLC) Addresses the educational needs of English Language Learner students. Information and leadership training is available.	305-995-1233
School Health Medical Advisory Committee Promotes the health and social well-being of all school-aged children and adolescents through public policy and advocacy.	305-805-4600
School Site Planning and Construction Committee Makes recommendations to the School Board on the selection of sites where schools may be built.	305-995-7285
Student Services Advisory Committee Reviews and makes recommendations on the counseling, career, substance education, and student development priorities in the District.	305-995-7324
Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for Students with Disabilities Parents of students with educational challenges, citizens with an interest, and professionals in the field of ESE, as well as staff work together to gain understanding and to provide support for students with educational exceptionalities.	305-995-2027
Title I District Advisory Committee (DAC) Parents, Title I Community Involvement Specialists (CIS), Title I Administration, District staff, and community resource providers work together to survey and support the needs of families in schools implementing the Title I program. DAC also helps to develop the Title I District Parental Involvement policies and procedures.	305-995-1713
Title I Regional Centers Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Parents, CIS, Title I Administration and District staff work together to promote shared responsibility with parents for their children's learning. The PAC also provides training and information to parents of students in schools implementing the Title I program.	305-995-1713
Title I Migrant Education Program Parent Advisory Council (MPAC) Advises and supports the Title I Migrant Education Program (MEP) with planning and implementation of the MEP.	305-258-4115

TESTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

BELOW ARE THE LINKS TO THE M-DCPS 2016-2017 TESTING CALENDAR FOR STUDENTS IN PREKINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE.

This calendar will be updated periodically as additional information is obtained about the district, state, national, and international tests administered to the students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Link to the testing calendar: oada.dadeschools.net/TestingCalendar/TestingCalendar.asp

Link to the printable testing calendar by grade level:

oada.dadeschools.net/TestingCalendar/TestingCalendar_GradeLevel.asp

For additional information visit oat.dadeschools.net or call 305-995-7520.

STUDENT HEALTH

EVEN HEALTHY, ACTIVE CHILDREN NEED REGULAR HEALTH EXAMINATIONS.

Every child must have an examination (including a tuberculosis risk assessment and follow-up if required) by a medical provider within the 12 months before entering the M-DCPS system. In addition to the health exam, all students entering the M-DCPS system must present a Certificate of Immunization filled out by the student's medical provider.

For more information visit: comprehensivehealthservices.dadeschools.net/immune_require.asp or call the Comprehensive Health Services Department at 305-805-4600.

FLORIDA KIDCARE

Through a partnership with Florida KidCare, Miami-Dade County Public Schools is providing information about the program and application assistance in our schools. Families should speak with their school's Florida KidCare Liaison for application assistance and are also encouraged to call The Parent Academy's KidCare helpline at 305-995-1207.

For additional information, please visit: theparentacademy.dadeschools.net or call 305-995-1207.

BULLYING/HARASSMENT

ALLEGATIONS OF BULLYING/HARASSMENT ARE TAKEN SERIOUSLY BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

When concerned about bullying or harassment behaviors, contact your child's teacher immediately. You can verbally report your concerns and/or fill out the Bullying and Harassment Reporting Form, which can be found at the following link: forms.dadeschools.net/webpdf/7229.pdf.

If the situation is not resolved successfully, you may ask your child's counselor to intervene. Should the situation continue to persist, notify the school's principal. You may also contact the district's Bullying/Harassment hot-line at **305-995-CARE (2273)**, staffed by the Division of Student Services. The hot-line is operated from 7:30AM - 4:30PM, Monday through Friday. Information may be provided anonymously. Additional information regarding bullying and harassment can be found at: studentservices.dadeschools.net/bullying.

TEENAGE PARENT PROGRAM

The Teenage Parent Program is a comprehensive dropout prevention program designed to provide educational and supplementary services to pregnant and parenting students enrolled in any Miami-Dade County Public Schools, for more information call **305-636-7356**.



EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION (ESE)

THE DISTRICT IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES WITH APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS AND/OR RELATED SERVICES. THESE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BASED ON THE INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OF THE STUDENT AS DOCUMENTED ON AN INDIVIDUAL EDUCATIONAL PLAN (IEP).

ESE Service Centers are strategically located throughout the district. These centers administer direct support services for schools within their corresponding areas. In particular, the four ESE Service Centers oversee: psycho-educational diagnosis, consultation and evaluation; student placement in special education or gifted programs; speech/language pathology evaluation and related support services; social/emotional/behavioral assessments; truancy prevention, etc.

ESE Service Center North MacNorth

13813 N.W. 97 Ave,
Hialeah, FL 33018
305-827-3025

ESE Service Center South JRE LEE Ed.

6521 S.W. 62 Ave, South
Miami, FL 33143
786-268-4757

ESE Service Center Central Westview Middle School Ed.

1901 N.W. 127 St,
Miami, FL 33167
786-413-3001

ESE Service Center South Satellite Center for International Ed.

900 N.E. 23 Ave,
Homestead, FL 33030
305-247-8432

Parent resources are available regarding student evaluation for special education services at www.fldoe.org/academics/exceptional-student-edu/index.shtml. For additional information visit the Department of Exceptional Student Education – Miami-Dade County Public Schools at ese.dadeschools.net or call 305-995-2027.



TRANSPORTATION

Parents should always contact their child's school, when they have a question or a concern about their child's transportation. If needed, the school will get in touch with the appropriate staff at the Department of Transportation to make sure the question or concern is properly addressed. This will help to ensure that all questions and concerns are answered as promptly as possible. For bus safety rules, and additional information regarding the responsibilities of parents/guardians of the students who are utilizing public transportation, visit dot.dadeschools.net or call 305-234-3365.

FOOD & NUTRITION

Miami-Dade County Public Schools takes part in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs and offers a choice of healthy meals every school day. The National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs also provide free and reduced-priced meals for children unable to pay the full price. For more information visit nutrition.dadeschools.net or call 786-275-0420.

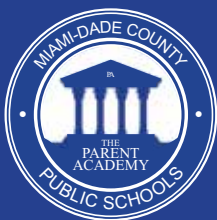
FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM

In an effort to encourage good eating habits, Miami-Dade County Public Schools is currently offering breakfast at no charge to all M-DCPS Students. For more information, contact the Food and Nutrition Department at 786-275-0400.



LEARN CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH FOR FREE!

ENHANCE YOUR ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY

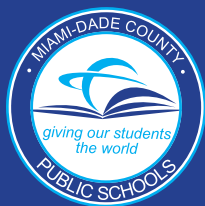


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Anti-Discrimination/Harassment (Students) – Board Policy 5517 and 5517.02 M-DCPS does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, ethnic or national origin, religion, marital status, disability, age, political beliefs, sexual orientation, gender, gender identification, social and family background, linguistic preference, pregnancy, or any other basis prohibited by law in its educational programs, services or activities or in its hiring or employment practices. Please refer to School Board Policies 5517 - Anti-Discrimination/Harassment (Students) and 5517.02 - Discrimination/Harassment Complaint Procedures for Students for more information. Questions, complaints or requests for additional information regarding discrimination or harassment may be sent to: Executive Director, Civil Rights Compliance Office, 155 NE 15 Street, Suite P-104E, Miami, Florida 33132; PH:305-995-1580 or e-mail address: crc@dadeschools.net. The District also provides equal access to its facilities to the Boy Scouts and other patriotic youth groups, as required by the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act.