

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Vision Statement

We, the faculty and staff of Booker t. Washington senior High School, are committed to maintaining a safe and comfortable school, where all students gain knowledge from each other and the adults who guide them. Students learning different ways and succeed through active involvement. In our school, students' learning need are the primary focus of all decisions. Teacher, administrators, parents, promoting mutual respect, and enhancing student self esteem to become confident, self directed lifelong learners.

Mission Statement

The Mission of booker T. Washington Senior high School is to promote a safe community that champion high academic standards, self realization and responsible citizenship for all students.

Values

Excellence - We pursue the highest standards in academic achievement and organizational performance.

Equity - We foster an environment that serves all students and aspires to eliminate the achievement gap.

Student Focus - We foster an environment that serves all students and aspires to eliminate the achievement gap.

Innovation - We encourage creativity and adaptability to new ideas and methods that will support and improve student learning.

Accountability - We accept responsibility for our successes and challenges and seek to transparently share our work in an ethical manner, as we strive towards continuous improvement.





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Dear Parent/Guardian,

On behalf of the School Board and the more than 40,000 employees of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, it is with much enthusiasm that I welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year. The school district's employees are energized and eager to greet your child and contribute their talents to imparting him/her with the knowledge and skills needed to thrive in an increasingly globalized society. Students will be provided with a world-class education that challenges them in a supportive environment that fosters creativity, curiosity, and celebration of improvement and success.

This Parent/Student Handbook outlines the major policies and procedures that guide student life in our school system. I strongly encourage you to familiarize yourself with its contents as students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the information and guidelines contained herein. Furthermore, it is my hope that you and your child will avail yourselves of the numerous resources available. As a parent/guardian, you are a vital partner in your child's education and are welcome to actively participate in school and district functions. For more information regarding specific resources and activities at your child's school, please contact the school directly.

Thank you for your partnership and continued support of Miami-Dade County Public Schools. It is our privilege to educate your child.

Sincerely,

Alberto M. Carvalho
Superintendent of Schools

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August 21, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am so excited and honored to welcome each one of our students, parents, community and family to the beginning of the **2017-2018** school year at Booker T. Washington Senior High School. Over 90 years of exemplary service has been afforded to our children in the Overtown and neighboring communities. This school year will be a year of setting and reaching attainable goals, working harder, smarter, and taking our school to the next level of "GREATNESS."

At Booker T. Washington Sr. High School, we are dedicated to a student-centered program that promotes academic excellence through an enriched, rigorous interdisciplinary curriculum. As a staff, we are here to support all our students, by any means necessary to ensure they reach their fullest academic potential. We look forward to working with our parents and the members of the community to provide a high-quality education that all our students deserve.

This year, we all can look forward to encountering a highly intensive and challenging academic program that will push students to work beyond their limits. However, I am extremely confident that all our Tornadoes have the capacity and ability to meet our expectations and demands of new classes and teachers. My personal goal is to ensure that all students become critical thinkers, active problem-solvers, inquisitive readers, diligent researchers and prolific writers. We do all of this to prepare students for the demands of the real world so they may become productive citizens, become future leaders, and contribute and/or give back something positive to the community.

We truly believe that communication is the key to a successful educational experience. Together, we will continue to improve the quality of our school community and provide the best for the children. Education is a partnership between the school, students, parents/guardians, and community. All children are more successful when we work as a team to achieve education goals. I look forward to working with all of you and pushing for academic heights. On behalf of the BTW Family, I want to again welcome all of you and thank you for being a part of this historic institution. As we always say, **"We are not the largest, but the best."**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

William Aristide, Principal
Booker T. Washington Senior High School

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Alma Mater

This is our school, our source of inspiration

Through all the years with ideals sublime

This is our school, our home of preparation

This is our hope, our dream, our shrine

We sing of thee in earnest admiration with

Love untold and loyalty.

Washington's walls are fairer than the skies

Her spirit beams in every sort of clime

No other school can hold for us the memories

Of cherished days, of well spent time,

O Washington! To thee we give our service

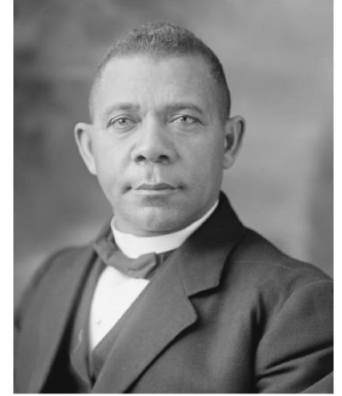
Thou art our school praises are thine.

School Colors: Black and Orange

Mascot: Tornado



Booker T. Washington is best known as a prominent black educator and racial leader of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. He founded Tuskegee Institute in Alabama in 1881 and oversaw its growth into a well-respected black university.



Born into slavery in 1856, Washington had experienced racism his entire life. When emancipated after the Civil War, he became one of the few African Americans to complete school, whereupon he became a teacher.

Believing in practical education, Washington established a Tuskegee Institute in Alabama at the age of twenty-five. Washington believed that Southern racism was so entrenched that to demand immediate social equality would be unproductive. His school aimed to train African Americans in the skills that would help the most.

Tuskegee Institute became a center for agricultural research. The most famous product of Tuskegee was George Washington Carver. Carver concluded that much more productive use could be made of agricultural lands by diversifying crops. He discovered hundreds of new uses for sweet potatoes, pecans, and peanuts. Peanut butter was one such example. Washington saw a future in this new type of agriculture as a means of raising the economic status of African Americans

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Booker T. Washington Senior High School, home of the Tornadoes, is the second oldest high school in South Florida and the first for African-Americans. Founded in 1926 for students from West Palm Beach to Key West, this stalwart school became the pride of the community. After many years as the gateway to life's journey for neighborhood students, Booker T. Washington Senior High was converted to a middle school in 1967. Through many years of deliberations, "The Washingtonians," a dedicated alumni group, convinced the Miami-Dade County Public School Board to reinstate Booker T. to its senior high status. As a result, Booker T. Washington Senior High was then reopened in August 1999.

Built in 1999, the new campus of Booker T. Washington Senior High School is a world-class senior high school facility located in Miami's booming downtown river district. The 20-acre campus includes state-of-the-art technology and science laboratories, digital CCTV studio, media center, planetarium, auditorium and an air-conditioned sports complex all located across the street from Metro-Rail.



Faculty Roster

ABRAHAM, SHERMEICA	FINNIE, JUANITA	MONTAQUE, ORIANA
ADDISON, THOMAS	FLEARY, MELANIE	MORA, MARIANA
ARISTIDE, WILLIAM	FLORES, GABRIEL	NEWBOLD, AHMAD
AXEM II, LEROY	FLOYD, JAMEIL	NOVEMBRE, LAETITIA
BARNETT, LATRESSIA	FLOYD, LATONYA	OPPENBORN, ANNA
BEIM, NANCY	FRANCOIS, JOSELINE	PARKER, SHARON
BIDOKWU, DICKSON	GALDO, VICTOR	PENALVER, VASTI
BRIANO, ELIZABETH	GERMINE, DOINESE	QUEZADA, JANIN
BROWN, CHELSEA	GIBSON, TRACY	RAMOS, ROGELIO
BRYANT, ZANDRIA	GOMEZ, REINA	REGION, DEANNA
BURKE, RHEISA	GRAY, HECTOR	RENESCA, TONY
CABRERA, NYDIA	GUEVARA, LEDA	RHODEN, JORDAN
CINEAS, PIERRE	HALL, TRAVIS	RIVERO, ILDELISA
CLARK, STACY	HART, JACK	ROLLE, JEFFERY
COGLIN, LA SHAN	HARVARD, CELESTER	SAINT VIL, LAUREN AVIS
CONTRERAS, PILAR	HEGUY, RANDY	SAMUEL, SHAHEED
DAILEY, LOLETHA	HEGUY, SANTIAGO	SAMUELS, NATHAN
DAVID, MARCO	HEIDELBURG, LATANYA	SANDOVAL, ELSA
DAVIS, LURIA	IMBERT, JUDY	SCHERBER, AURORA
DAWSON, DWIGHT	JEFFERSON GAUSE, REGINA	SCHLADANT, SPENCER



DENVIL, JEAN MARIE	JENNINGS, ANTHONY	SCOTT, ERIC
DIAZ, MARTHA	JOHNSON, JEFEREAL	SMATHERS, ASHAWNTE
DONADELLE, JAYNELLE	JONES, CAROL	STARKS, LISA
EDMONSON, AUDREY	JONES, TIFFANY	STEWART, QUINN
ELLIS, TIA	KYLES, CYNTHIA	STJUSTE, SHELLA
FENELON, ROBERT	LASSEUR, PAUL	STORK, NITRON
FERNANDEZ, NELSON	LAURISTON, ANISSA	TILLMAN, EARL
FILTZ, CAITLYN	LUGO, PABLO	TOLEDO, BERNARD
FOX, ROBERT	LYNN, BRIAN	TOUSSAINT, VERONIQUE
	MCARTHUR, LENA	WASHINGTON, KENNETH
	MCCLOUD, ETHA	WASHINGTON, LONNITRIS
	MCLEOD, ALEXANDRA	WILLIAMS, BRITNEY
	NELLOMS, TASHINA	WILLIAMS, CHANDALE
	PARKS, JALEESA	WRIGHT, KIM
		ZAVOS, LISA



Feeder Pattern Schools

Frederick Douglas Elementary	Ms. Yolanda Ellis, Principal
Paul Laurence Dunbar K-8	Ms. Maria D. Dearmas, Principal
Eneida M. Hartner Elementary	Dr. Derick R. McKoy, Principal
Riverside Elementary	Dr. Erica Paramore-Respress, Principal
Souhside Elementary	Ms. Annette DeGoti, Principal
Jose De Diego Middle	Dr. April Thompson-Williams, Principal
Phillis Wheatley Elementary	Mrs. Cathy Williams, Principal



Booker T. Washington Senior High School 2019-2020 - Bell Schedule

PERIOD	TIME IN	TIME OUT
1 st Block	7:20 AM	8:50 AM
PASS	8:50 AM	8:55 AM
2 nd Block	8:55 AM	10:25 AM
PASS	10:25 AM	10:30 AM
3 rd Block	10:30 AM	12:00 PM
LUNCH	12:00 PM	12:45 PM
PASS	12:45 PM	12:50 PM
4 th Block	12:50 PM	2:20 PM

ACADEMICS

Booker T. Washington students are required to read at least two ten books during each nine-week grading period, including in-class independent reading and at-home reading. Students must also read for one hour at home as part of their daily homework assignment. The length of the books and the complexity of the content may be taken into account on an individual basis.

ATTENDANCE

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Excused absences may be granted for the following reasons: illness, medical appointments, death in family, observance of a religious holiday or service when it is mandated for all members of that faith, a previously approved school sponsored event or activity, or other absences beyond the control of the parent or student, as reviewed and approved by the principal or the principal's designee. If family situations occur which require a student to be absent, please contact your child's teacher or the school office. A note explaining the reason for the absence must be given to the school within two(2) days of returning to school

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Absences without a written note will be labeled "Unexcused." Ten or more unexcused absences during a school year may place the child in jeopardy of being retained or grades withheld pending on an administrative screening and completion of assigned interventions by the Attendance Review Committee. The school social worker or community involvement specialist will conduct home visitations for students with 5 or more absences.



TARDINESS

When a student arrives late to school, he/she must report to the tardiness area. A note or a call from the parent to the teacher or the office staff regarding the reason for late arrival will be accepted. A student is tardy if he/she is not in the classroom when the bell rings at 7:20 a.m. **A student who is tardy to class not only places his/her own learning in jeopardy, but also interrupts the learning of other students.** Student attendance affects the learning opportunities for your student. If a child is not in class on time he/she does not receive the full benefits of instruction and may experience difficulty learning and applying the skills necessary for success. Excessive tardiness and absences can lead to a student not being allowed to participate in fields trips, and/or extra curricular activities.

ARRIVAL and DISMISSAL

The 1996 legislature passed a law clarifying the schools' responsibility for the supervision of students. The safety and supervision of our students is or primary concern to the faculty and staff of Booker T. Washington Senior High School.

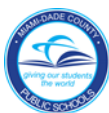
If a student is enrolled in a specific program or class that requires him/her to report before or be dismissed after the school times listed above, we are requesting that you adhere to the hours of that program and pick-up your child at the specified time. If a student participates in after school sports and/or activities, they will be given specific times from their clubs sponsors and or coaches.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Possession of a cellular telephone is not a violation of the Code of Student Conduct (CSC). However, the possession of a cellular telephone which disrupts the educational process; the use of the cellular telephone during school hours; and the possession or use of a cellular telephone which disrupts or interferes with the safety-to-life issue for students being transported on a M-DCPS school bus, would be a violation of the Code of Student Conduct. Head phones are not permitted in school unless being used for educational purposes

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

If you move or change your home or work telephone numbers, please notify the school in writing immediately. Parents are asked to list at least one emergency contact in case the parent cannot be reached. In the event that neither the parents nor the emergency contact cannot be reached, the Miami-Dade County Fire/Rescue Squad will be called if warranted by the child's observable condition



FAMILY RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

The revised Family Rights and Privacy Act became a Federal Law in 1974. The intent of this law is to protect the accuracy and privacy of student educational records. Without the prior consent of parents, only parents and authorized individuals having legitimate educational interests will have access to a child's educational records

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are another way of increasing your child's learning experience. All field trips will be appropriate and relate to subjects being studied in the classroom. Parent permission must be given in order for student participate in a field trip. The teacher will send a form home giving information about a field trip well in advance of the date. There is usually a fee for each field trip to cover the cost of transportation, the destination, and admission fee. Students going on the field trip **must** travel to and from school with their class. Chaperones must complete a School Volunteer Program Registration form and be approved by the District prior to serving as chaperones. Applications may be completed and submitted via Miami-Dade County Schools Parent Portal in the Tools tab for School Volunteers file <http://www.dadeschools.net/parents/parents.htm>

Florida KidCare - Child Health Insurance You Can Afford!

Getting health insurance for your children before they become sick is very important. Florida Kid Care is comprehensive health insurance for children from birth to age 18 who are uninsured. Any **family can apply**; the amount you pay is based on income and family size. Most families pay \$15 or \$20 each month or **nothing at all. Many non-citizen children may qualify.**

Services Include: Doctor Visits Check-ups and Shots Hospital and Surgery Vision/Hearing

Florida Kid Care accepts applications all year. No interview is required. You can apply online at www.floridakidCare.org and click "Apply Online Now". If you would like assistance, please visit this school and ask to speak with the KidCare Liaison. For more assistance, call 1-888-540-5437, or call The Parent Academy 305-995-2680.

HOME LEARNING

Home learning is an important part of your child's education. When related directly to the daily curriculum, home learning can be beneficial by providing practice of the skills and processes-taught in the classroom, It can aid in the development of responsibility on the part of the student and in the development of self discipline and work habits. Home learning is truly an extension of the classroom and it provides every student with the opportunity for enhanced learning. There is daily home learning at Booker T. Washington Senior High School.



Home learning assigned by the teaching staff is directly related to the school curriculum. The assignments are specific and students are aware of teacher expectations. Each teacher checks home learning completion and accuracy. The teaching staff will communicate directly with parents if individual students are repeatedly having problems completing home learning assignments. When assigning home learning, consideration is given to the individual needs/ abilities of the student and to extra-curricular or school events. The responsibilities of students and parents with regard to home learning and reading outside of school are as follows:

Students

- Complete assigned home learning as directed.
- Return home learning to the teacher by its due date. ' Submit home learning assignments that reflect careful attention to detail and quality of work.
- Devote a specified time to reading as part of the home learning assignment.

Parents

Provide continued interest and concern for the child's successful performance in school by

the completion of home learning.

- Assist child when requested.
- Support the school policy regarding assigned home learning.
- Request assignments for students when short-term absences are involved.
- Advise the child's teacher when home learning assignments appear to be inappropriate. The length of time it takes to complete the work, the degree of assistance required, or the level of frustration perceived by the parent may determine this.
- Assist the school in stressing the importance of reading and its benefits.
- Ensure that students read when specific home learning assignments are not given or when they are completed before the specified time.

The frequency and quantity of home learning assignments will vary from day to day according to short and long-range instructional objectives set by the teacher

Mental Health
Prescriptions
Emergency Services
Dental



STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Student Access

Students will access their school counselor by Alpha Listing of the student's last name:

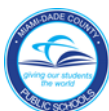
There are two school counselors in the Student Services Department. The school population is approximately 1000 students. Each counselor manages a caseload of approximately 500 students across all curricular areas including ESE, ESOL, general education, and career/NAF academies combined.

Ms. Anissa Lauriston	Students (last names beginning with the letters) A-K
Ms. Cynthia Kyles	Students (last names beginning with the letters) L-Z
Ms. Lonnitris Washington	ESE Students with EBD Exceptionality

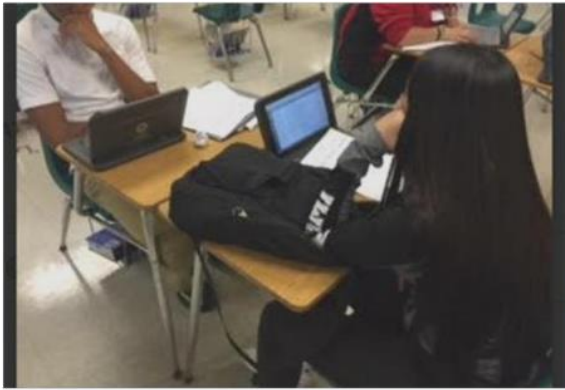
Program Content

Guidance services provided to students are connected to a comprehensive counseling model which focuses on the needs of the students in four broad areas of skills development: academic, career/community awareness, personal/social and health and wellness. These areas are interrelated and cannot be addressed in isolation. Developmental guidance and/or general counseling services regarding academic advisement, school adjustment, personal-social problems, scheduling, attendance, career/vocational issues, health and wellness, college admissions and placement assistance, test scheduling and test score interpretation are available from the counselors and specialists in the Student Services Department. Additional components of our student services program include, but are not limited to the following aspects:

Crisis Management	Consultation/collaboration
Health screenings	Substance abuse prevention/intervention
Career and postsecondary planning	Staff and parent training
Community service projects	Scholarships/financial aid information
Grief/Loss Counseling	Attendance/truancy counseling
Bullying/ Harassment prevention/intervention	



"In order to become productive 21st century citizens, Booker T. Washington Senior High School students will develop and demonstrate effective reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills by using critical thinking and problem solving, communication, collaboration, and digital learning."



Literacy Department

Intensive Reading

Students entering upper grades who are not reading on grade level have a variety of reading intervention needs; Therefore, the intensive reading classes is designed to improve students reading skills by implementing a combination of research-based programs and strategies that have been proven successful in accelerating the development of reading in struggling readers. This course includes time for explicit and direct instruction, while specifically focusing on fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. All students have access to online learning to meet their individual needs.

English Language Arts

Students have fun exploring literature and language during their four years of required English courses that is correlate to the Florida Standards. Students in our language arts classes develop strong critical thinking skills by learning how to interpret and analyze a variety of texts, and they also gain effective writing skills through insightful analysis. Literature helps stimulate the imagination, improve critical thinking, enhance vocabulary as well as develop the necessary skills in order to prepare all learners for college and careers.

Academic Writing

Students will master the writing process and explore writing in many forms as well as develop their ability to read and think critically b analyzing complex texts and synthesizing information from various sources. Students will be able to also elevate their skill level in comprehending rigorous texts and writing critical and insightful analysis in order to prepare them for college level writing.

Freshman Experience

Many students experience a larger, more impersonal, more competitive, and grade-oriented environment than they experienced in middle school; therefore, this course is intended to make the transition to high school a smooth and successful experience. Through its rigorous and text-based curriculum, students will be able to become reflective, critical, expressive, articulate and intellectually confident young adults. Throughout the year, students will be able to participate in field trips, exhibits, and guest lectures.

Mathematics Department

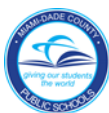
Welcome to the Department of Mathematics here at Booker T. Washington Senior High School. Our department shares the school's vision for providing students with quality educators and student-centered education. We work to develop students' reasoning, critical thinking, communication, and problem solving skills. The department supports these missions through high-quality instruction in a comprehensive suite of high school courses and college level courses. We offer exceptional opportunities for study in roughly three areas of concentration: algebra, geometry, and calculus. The mission of the Booker T. Washington Mathematics Department is to promote the importance of mathematics and train future leaders of tomorrow. Team members are committed to providing education to all children of all backgrounds. Our aim is to concentrate on differentiated instruction and student data to ensure that each student receives the support and enrichment needed to be successful after graduating from Booker T. Washington. We are the proud Tornados and we take problem solving serious!

Social Studies Department

"The Social Studies teachers of Booker T. Washington Senior High School are determined to help young people develop the ability to make informed and reasoned decisions for the public good as active citizens of a culturally diverse, democratic society, in an interdependent world

US Government/Economics

The study of U.S. Government teaches how our government exists to provide leadership, preserve order, provide public services, maintain national security, and provide economic security and assistance. By understanding its origins, you can: appreciate the influence our government has on our daily lives; understand and interpret current events in a rapidly changing world; develop the ability to solve problems and make good decisions when current events and economic and social issues affect us



directly; participate in and bring about change in your community and country; and, contribute to the success of a democracy that depends on your understanding and active participation

U.S. History

This course covers the major events in United States history from Reconstruction to the present day. The focus of this course is the development and modernization of the United States and its influence in world affairs. Students practice historical thinking skills and engage with authentic primary sources every week. The course will culminate in the state-mandated End-of-Course Exam in May 2017.

World History

World History explores the people and events of the past and how they impact our world today. This awareness creates multi-cultural appreciation and prepares students to become global citizens.

Special Education Department

SPED Challenge: A collaborative community that maximizes the experiences of all High school learners, through age 21.

OUR TEACHERS at BTW teachers and Paraprofessionals adapt as needed in order to work to set and achieve the highest possible standards, both academic and behavioral, and each has to be accountable for its results. Everyone is united in a common commitment to ensuring success for each child. Keeping in mind that one student's success may be totally different from another. Therefore, our teachers are committed to continued enrichment of skills and knowledge.

OUR STUDENTS at BTW students strive to provide high quality education programs whereby all students are empowered to reach their individual potential, respect and value themselves and others, and become life-long learners. Our students have access to general education curriculum with rigorous expectations and standards to create a better future for themselves and others.

TOGETHER BTW Stakeholders strive to establish and maintain effective partnerships with general education, parents, social service agencies, private practice professionals (doctors, psychologists, social workers, etc.), and the larger community. Teachers, parents, students and the community at large assist in postsecondary transition planning for all special education students with respect to their individual needs and aspirations.



SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Mission

Just 18 percent of women earned a bachelor's degree in engineering as recently as 2012. The number was even lower for Hispanics (8 percent) and for blacks (4 percent). The lack of diversity in STEM fields is a concern that our department hopes to change. Exposing students to scientific phenomena through hands on learning encourages our students to engage deeply with keys concepts that govern the natural world.

Vision

A school where science education inspires and prepares students to be competitive in a global economy

Goals

1. The goal is to increase content proficiency through rigorous and hands on learning.
2. Equip students with the necessary skills to understand the nature and development of scientific knowledge.
3. Equip students with the necessary skills participate productively in scientific practices and discourse.
4. Provide teachers with ongoing professional development in order to increase their capacity to produce science literate students.

ELECTIVES

High School Today, College Tomorrow

The vision of our CAP Advisory program at Booker T. Washington High School is for our high school students to learn how to successfully meet graduation requirements, navigate the college admissions process, and acquire skills that will prepare them for lifelong employment. Key elements of our program include college counseling, test prep, college tours, parent engagement and comprehensive workshops through college readiness, character education and career awareness.

Our goals this year are to assure that every one of our students leave our school with a plan. Whether its college, the armed force, or the work force, we are here to assist them in making their plan and their dream happen.



We encourage our students to:

Gain as many Community Service Hours as possible Gain and Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher

- Apply for at least 15 Scholarships
- Apply for at least 5 colleges
- Take the ACT Exam at least 2 times
- Take the SAT Exam at least 2 times

Career Technical Education Department

- Academy of Engineering (Magnet/NAF)
- Academy of Astronomy (Magnet)
- Academy of Hospitality and Tourism (NAF)
- Academy of Information Technology (NAF)
- Encompass: TV Production
- Digital Design
- Encompass: JROTC
- Academy of Entrepreneurship and Finance (NAF)

Career Technical Education Department Yearly Activities

Mad City Money – AOIT students participated in a live articulation based on their future. Students were provided with a future (Ex. Husband, wife, children, job, and income). Students had to balance their monthly income and walked to different stations to purchase food, education, supplies for their children, etc. and apply their earnings that they bring in and align it to their needs (outputs). Students learned the value of money and the importance of a good job and knowing when and how to expend monies related to needs and wants.



Culinary Cook Off – The department utilized equipment that was purchased through the grant to create an atmosphere of a professional cook off. Students worked in teams to create samples of their menu and a panel of business professionals tasted each team menu and selected the top 3 teams all winners of the cook off.

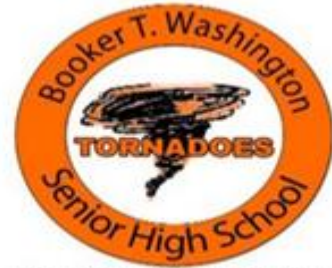
Youth Empowerment Summit – The Law and Public Service academy were tasked with putting together the Youth Empowerment Summit (A district Initiative). Students and lead teachers ensured a panel of guest speakers were present, as well as hosted the event.

Preparation of Income Taxes – AOIT lead teacher and students has been providing the school and community with the preparation of Income Tax for the past two years. The grant has afforded the instructor with materials such as computers, ink, paper, and certified training to assist the community in the preparation of taxes, free of charge. This initiative has been successful and will continue during the 2013-14 school year.

Big Brothers Big Sisters (All Academies) – Over 200 students are provided with industry mentors and mentees. Students travel to industry site once a month and shadow their mentor/ mentee throughout the entire day. The grant has greatly assisted in this endeavor by providing BTW with the means of obtaining substitutes during these visits.



FIU Education Effect – Our Partners



"Not the largest but the best."

In August 2015, The Education Effect transitioned from Office of Engagement to the Office of Student Access and Success to align with the University's Strategic Plan and Student Success Initiatives such as Pre-Collegiate Programs, Foster Panther Pride, Invitational Scholars, Golden Scholars, and TRiO McNair Post Baccalaureate Achieve Program. The transition expands coordinated services, greater accountability, increases partnerships and aligns to the goals of university. The model below reflects the expanded priorities of the EE:

1. School Improvement
2. Support Student Success and Positive Pathways
3. Family Involvement and Community Engagement
4. Strategic Collaborations and Partnerships for Positive Outcomes



Athletic Department

Mr. William Aristide, Principal

Dr. Lisa Starks Athletic Director

Mr. Hector B. Gray, Assistant Athletic Director

Mr. Kenneth Washington, Athletic Business Manager



The Division of Athletics, Activities and Accreditation works with M-DCPS school sites to provide students with opportunities to participate in athletics at various levels. Athletic programs are offered at K-8 Centers, middle schools and high schools. At the middle schools, athletics consists of intramural and interscholastic programs. At the high school level, interscholastic programs are offered at most senior high schools.

For participation in interscholastic athletics at the middle school level, a student must have a 2.00 GPA in conduct and academics to participate. His or her parent must sign the M-DCPS *Middle School Athletic Program Consent and Release from Liability Certificate*. For participation in interscholastic athletics at the high school level, a GPA of 2.00 in conduct and academics is required except for incoming freshman. All participants must purchase athletic and/or football insurance to participate and must have a current physical form on file.

The parents and student must also sign the *Contract for Student Participation in Interscholastic Competitions or Performances*. The District also has policies concerning transfer students and participation in athletics. If a parent has questions concerning these policies, he or she should contact the Division of Athletics, Activities and Accreditation.

The Mission of The Education Effect is to serve as a connector of resources and assets that strengthen schools, families, and communities in order to improve student learning and life outcomes. As a university community school partnership, there is a focus on STREAMECH (Science, Technology, Reading,



Engineering, Art, Mathematics, Engagement, Civics, and Health) and developing 21st century academic and workforce readiness skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, decision making, team work, collaboration, communication, self-direction/personal responsibility, creativity, invention, and information technology.

The Vision is for all students to have access to educational opportunities and high quality equitable public education. The Education Effect is committed to positively impacting “whole child, whole school, and whole community” through strategic collaborations that increase the collective capacity for all children to succeed and thrive in education.

The Goal is to increase the capacity of students to succeed in school and graduate high school and college through collective action and strategic partnerships that advance positive community engagement.

Athletic Department

We have seventeen (17) sport teams here at Booker T. Washington Sr. High. Four (4) in the Fall, five (5) in the Winter, and eight (8) in the Spring.

FALL SPORTS

Boys Football
Girls Cross Country
Boys Cross Country
Girls Volleyball

WINTER SPORTS

Girls Basketball
Boys Basketball
Girls Soccer
Boys Soccer
Wrestling

SPRING SPORTS

Boys Baseball
Girls Softball
Girls Tennis
Boys Tennis
Girls Track & Field
Boys Track & Field
Boys Volleyball
Girls Flag Football

It is a **PRIVILEGE** not a right to participate in sports. Remember, although they are **student athletes**, they're students first. We demand that our athletes are role models in and out of

school. To participate in a sport a student/athlete must have a **2.0 cumulative grade point average or better on a 4.0 scale**, in scholarship and conduct. If a student is absent 10 days, tardy 20 days, or suspended more than **10 days they cannot participate in any Extracurricular Activity**. These standards are set by Miami – Dade County Public Schools. We encourage our student/athletes to strive for a 3.0 or better. In order for student/athletes to tryout, or practice for a sport, we must have a current physical on file, and have **School Board issued insurance which must be current**. Insurance coverage is \$76.00 for fall football, \$23.00 for spring football, \$30.00 school insurance for all other sports including off season football conditioning. Before they can participate in practice we will need to see their Birth Certificate or Pass Port to verify their age.



PLEASE SUPPORT THE TORNAOES ATHLETICS

- **Early Sign Out**

The early release of students causes disruption to the academic performance of all students and may create safety and security concerns. No students shall be released within the final thirty (30) minutes of the school day unless authorized by the Principal or Principal's designee (i.e., emergency, sickness).

- **Late Arrival**

Students who are tardy to school must report to the Attendance Office to secure an admit. Excessive tardies may result in loss of privileges, detention, parent conference, and/or suspension.

Important Dates

- **Back to School Nights – Open House**

School Level	Window Period	School Date
Elementary/K8 Center	September 11-15, 2017	
Middle Schools	September 18-22, 2017	
Senior High	September 25-29, 2017	Tuesday, September 26, 2017
Special Centers	September 25-29, 2017	

- **Interim Progress Report & Report Card Distribution**

Grading Period	Interim Progress Report Distribution	Report Card Distribution
1	9/22/17	11/13/17
2	12/1/17	2/2/18
3	2/23/18	4/13/18
4	5/4/18	6/22/18



Academic Programs – Student Progression Plan (SPP)

Provides guidance to teachers, school and district administrators, parents and other stakeholders regarding the requirements and procedures for students to progress from one grade to the next, kindergarten through grade 12 and adult education. The information presented in this document is derived from requirements set forth by Florida Statutes, State Board of Education Rules and Policies established by The School Board of Miami-Dade County.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Bring Your Own Device allows students, parents, staff and guests to use their own technology during the day to enhance the learning experience. Examples of the types of technology which can be used are Windows laptops/tablets, Mac laptops, Android tablets, and iPads.

Closing of School

The emergency closing of a school for any cause, such as weather or in which the safety of individuals may be endangered, is only at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools.

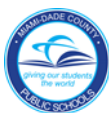
The school elevator is to be used by individuals who are handicapped/injured and cannot use the stairs.

Emergency Contact Information

Emergency Student Data Forms are distributed during the first week of school. Students are expected to bring the forms home and present them to their parents/guardians. The form must be carefully completed and returned. The information provided on the Emergency Student Data Forms will enable school staff to contact the parent/guardian immediately in the case of an emergency. Students may only be released from school to the persons listed on the form after presenting a picture identification. No persons, other than school staff, will have access to the information submitted.

Fieldtrips

All fieldtrips must be approved by the principal and Region Superintendent. Participation in fieldtrips requires that the student present a fieldtrip form signed by the parent/guardian to his/her teacher(s) in advance. In addition, at times vendors who have a “no refund” policy will require schools to pay the full amount of the fieldtrip prior to the event. In this case, students/parents will be notified in advance of the vendor’s “no refund” policy.



Homework

Principals are encouraged to work with teachers and parents to implement guidelines found in [Homework Policy 2330](#). Teachers are required to provide students with make-up assignments once the absence has been excused; however, it is the responsibility of the student to request the assignments from the teacher(s).

Mealtime Environment

School lunchtime should be an opportunity to encourage healthy lifestyle, promote socialization that will affect early behaviors.

The Department of Food and Nutrition serves healthy meals daily. Please visit nutrition.dadeschools.net for details on menus, programs, and services.

- **Free Breakfast**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools offers breakfast free of charge to all M-DCPS Students. The breakfast at no charge is not dependent on the student qualifying for free/reduced price meals at lunch.

- **Free/Reduced Price Lunch Program**

The USDA Child Nutrition Programs as administered by Miami-Dade County Public Schools provide free and reduced priced lunch for children unable to pay the full price. In place of the paper application, School Meal Program Brochures are distributed to all students informing parents on the application process and meal program. Parents are encouraged to complete an online application at freeandreducedmealapp.dadeschools.net. Paper applications are available in the school front office upon request. Many students are approved through Direct Certification and do not submit a lunch application. If approved for meal benefits, the approval status is valid throughout the school year, the summer, and approximately the first twenty days of the next school year.

- **Meal Prices**

Breakfast	School Lunch	Prices
All Students No Charge	Elementary Students	\$ 2.25
Adults \$ 2.00	Middle/Secondary Students	\$ 2.50
	Reduced Price lunch, all grade levels	\$ 0.40
	Adults	\$ 3.00

- **PAYPAMS**

Miami-Dade County Public School's Department of Food and Nutrition allows parents/guardians the convenience to pay online for their child's meals with a credit or debit card at paypams.com. Parents/guardians create an account in PayPams for the child, and will be able to access the following:

- a. view the account balance



- b. schedule automatic payments
- c. receive low-balance e-mail reminders
- d. view a report of daily spending and cafeteria purchases

- ***Peanut Allergies/Peanut-Free School***

Parents/Guardians should notify the school principal of any allergy or other medical condition their child has and request the appropriate forms for completion.

Parent Academy

Miami-Dade County Public Schools created The Parent Academy to bridge the gap between home and school by connecting parents to valuable resources and information, which answers questions on topics that impact children's lives, including helping children learn, parenting skills, financial management, and health and wellness.

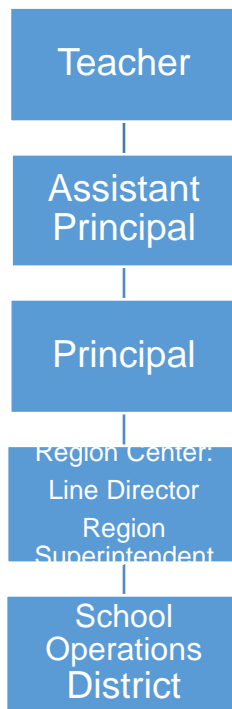
The Parent Academy supports parents in becoming more involved in their children's education and empowers them to set and achieve personal empowerment goals for higher education and career advancement by providing free, year-round workshops, classes and events at schools, libraries, parks, colleges, private businesses and neighborhood centers across the county.

Parents can participate in workshops and classes that are aligned to their needs and convenient to their homes and workplaces. Upcoming events and workshop offerings are listed on The Parent Academy website at parentacademymiami.com. For additional information, please call The Parent Academy at 305-995-2680.

Protocol for Addressing Concerns

For issues involving an individual teacher or class, parent/guardian address their concerns to the following individuals in the order below.





Recess

Recess is supervised, unstructured playtime where children have choices, develop rules for play and release energy and stress. Recess will be conducted outdoors when weather permits. In the case of inclement weather, appropriate recess activities will be conducted indoors.

Schools shall provide at least 100 minutes of supervised, safe, and unstructured free-play recess each week for students in kindergarten through grade 5, so that there are at least 20 consecutive minutes of free-play recess per day.

Safety and Security

- **Code Yellow/Code Red**

In the event of an emergency, the primary responsibility of all school personnel is to provide for the safety of all students. In the event a school administrator announces a possible threat to students and staff safety exists within the community (Code Yellow), or an imminent threat to students and staff safety exists within the school (Code Red) students, faculty and staff will comply with all the procedures outlined in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Critical Incident Response Plan and remain on lockdown until a school administrator makes an “All Clear” announcement.



- **Emergency Operations Plan**

Student and employee safety is a primary concern of the Miami-Dade County Public School (M-DCPS) System. The Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) was created to provide school personnel with the necessary leadership skills and knowledge needed to respond to critical incidents or other related emergencies that may occur in our schools/community. All schools have a site-specific plan to address all types of critical incidents. These plans address the individual needs of the school, and provide guidelines for devising methods for communicating with the staff, students, parents/guardians, and the media during a critical incident or an emergency. Some of the protective action procedures include the evacuation of students/staff from the building(s), evacuation of the disabled and if necessary the relocation of students/staff from the school campus, lockdown procedures and holding/dismissing students during school and community emergencies. Some important tips for parents/guardians to remember during a Critical Incident are as follows:

- Remain calm;
- Monitor media outlets for updates and official messages from M-DCPS;
- Do not flood the school with telephone calls; and
- If the school is on lockdown, wait until the lockdown is lifted before going to the school.

All school administrators, Region Center Superintendents/Directors and all M-DCPS Police officers have been adequately trained in the school EOP and are prepared to respond immediately during a critical incident or emergency to provide safety for all children.

BeSafe Anonymous Reporting System (Insert Flyer)

http://hoover.dadeschools.net/portable_doc/68128_Be_Safe_Anonymous_Reporting_System_Flyer.pdf

- **Fire Drills**

Ten fire drills will take place during the school year according to the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Policy and Emergency Procedures. At the sound of the emergency bell, students must stop what they are doing and follow the teacher's instructions. Students must clear the building promptly by the prescribed route. Any student who is in the hallway or the restroom at the sound of the emergency bell must proceed to the nearest exit and locate the teacher. Students, teachers and staff must remain outside the building until permission is given to re-enter.

- **Visitors**

Due to legal regulations, students are not permitted to have guests attend school with them at any time. Parents/guardians are always welcome and tours may be arranged to view the school. Classroom visits require a 24-hour notice. Visitors must first register with security at the main entrance, sign-in, produce photo identification, and then proceed to



register in the main office. Anyone who fails to follow these procedures will be considered a trespasser and is subject to arrest.

School Activities/Clubs

All School Activities, clubs, and organizations must be approved by the principal and conform to the district policies 5845 - Student Activities, 5830 - Student Fundraising and 9211 – Parent Organization, Booster Clubs, and Other Fund-Raising Activities.

- **Clubs**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools' students may participate in a wide variety of activities, including student council, subject-area clubs, honor societies, service clubs, school publications and class activities. School-sponsored clubs may be curriculum-related or noncurriculum-related.

Curriculum-related clubs are student groups whose goals are an extension of the activities and objectives in a particular subject area within the school's curriculum. Conversely, noncurriculum-related clubs are student groups whose goals are special interest oriented and not directly related to the curriculum. Meetings of noncurriculum-related clubs may be scheduled only at times when instruction is not taking place, either before or after school.

School administrators may elect to assign students to the School Center for Special Instruction (SCSI) as an alternative to suspension from school. SCSI is designed to provide strategies and resources to students focused on learning new behavior skills. When misconduct in a class results in an assignment to SCSI, the student should be removed from only the class in which the misconduct occurred. Continued misconduct can result in the removal from all classes.

School Class Picture Process

The school class picture monies will no longer be collected by school staff for this activity. Collection of monies will be conducted by the photographer and/or photographer's staff.

At no time, shall a staff member, parent, volunteer, or member of a school-allied organization such as the PTA handle school class picture monies.

School Transportation

Miami-Dade County Public Schools will transport more than 60,000 students a day this school year, using a fleet of 1,300 buses on nearly 1100 school-bus routes. The service is for students who live more than two (2) miles from their assigned school and for special needs students.

Before school begins, parents/guardians of all students eligible for bus transportation will receive a post card from the school district identifying the student's bus stop and times of pick up and delivery. Information on student bus assignments will be posted on the Parent Portal at www.dadeschools.net. The information on bus assignments on the Parent Portal is updated each night. Parents/guardians are encouraged to check the Parent Portal throughout the school year to obtain the most current information on their children's bus assignment.

Parents interested in determining their child's transportation eligibility should contact their child's school for information.



Special Education

The School Board of Miami-Dade County ensures that all students suspected of having a disability are identified, evaluated, and provided appropriate, specially designed instruction and related services, if it is determined that the student meets the state's eligibility criteria and the parent/guardian consents to initial placement.

As the parent/guardian of a child with disabilities, you are a very important member of the team that plans your child's education. Be informed and get involved. If you have any questions, please contact your child's school. Staff from the special education department and your child's student service provider will help to answer your questions. Additional information may also be found at <http://ese.dadeschools.net/>.

Student Records

Parents, guardians and students are protected by The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and the Florida Statutes from individuals' access to information in students' educational records, and are provided the right to challenge the accuracy of these records. These laws provide that without the prior consent of the parent, guardian or eligible student, a student's records may not be released, except in accordance with the provisions listed in the above-cited laws. The laws provide certain exceptions to the prior consent requirement to the release of student records, which include, but are not limited to, school officials with a legitimate educational interest and lawfully issued subpoenas and court orders.

Each school must provide to the parents, guardians or eligible students annual notice in writing of their right to inspect and review student records. Once a student reaches 18 years of age or is attending an institution of post-secondary education, the consent is required from the student only, unless the student qualifies as a dependent under the law.

Student Services

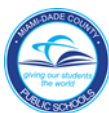
The program structure supports educational reform initiatives and takes into consideration current social climate and the unique issues faced by the multicultural/multilinguistic populations enrolled in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Student Success Centers

The Student Success Centers provide an educational setting and safe-haven for referred students (ages 11 and older) exhibiting Level III-IV behavior and (with Region approval) habitual Level II infractions of the Code of Student Conduct.

Toolkits

- [Back to School Toolkit](#)



Transgender

The School Board of Miami-Dade County has adopted comprehensive anti-discrimination and anti-bullying policies that require all students be treated with respect regardless of their unique characteristics, including sexual orientation or gender identity. Every student has the right to learn in a safe and accepting school environment and schools have a responsibility to provide a safe and nondiscriminatory environment for all students, including transgender and gender nonconforming students.

These guidelines are intended to promote a positive, proactive approach that upholds and protects the rights of transgender and gender nonconforming students; and best practices to ensure that transgender students and gender nonconforming students have equitable access to all aspects of school life (academic, extracurricular and social) in ways that preserve and protect their dignity.

Verifications of Residency

If verification is not provided or acceptable, the Superintendent may verify the student's residence.

Anyone who knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his/her official duty is guilty of a second-degree misdemeanor of the second degree under [F.S. 837.06](#). In addition, anyone who knowingly makes a false verified declaration is guilty of perjury, a third-degree felony under [F.S. 95.525](#).

Volunteer Program

The School Volunteer Program is responsible for electronic registration, background checks and trainings of volunteers. There are two different levels of volunteerism.

Level 1 - complete a database background check	Level 2 - complete a fingerprint background check
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Day chaperones for field trips•Classroom assistants•Math and/or reading tutors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Certified Volunteers•Mentors•Listeners•Athletic/Physical Education assistants•Overnight chaperones.

Any individual interested in volunteering in Miami-Dade County Public Schools must:

- Show a current valid government-issued identification with picture.
- Show a social security card (check name and number).
- Complete a background check.
- Upon clearance, attend an orientation at the school.



APPENDIX A – School Calendars





MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY

July 2017				
M	T	W	T	F
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August 2017				
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September 2017				
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March 2018				
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May 2018				
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	New Teachers Report
	Teacher Planning Day
	Teacher Planning Day - (No - Opt)
	District-wide Professional Development Day

	Recess Day
	Begin/End of Grading Period
	Secondary Early Release
	Legal Holiday

Days In Grading Period	
1-46	
2-44	
3-43	
4-47	

For information on employee opt days, please refer to back of calendar.



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2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
MIAMI, FLORIDA**

August 17, 18, 2017	Teacher planning days; no students in school
August 21	First Day of School; begin first semester
September 4	Labor Day; holiday for students and employees
September 21 *+ #	Teacher planning day; no students in school
September 28	Secondary early release day
October 2	Teacher planning day; District-wide Professional Development Day - not available to opt; no students in school
October 26	End first grading period; first semester
October 27	Teacher planning day; District-wide Professional Development Day - not available to opt; no students in school
October 30	Begin second grading period; first semester
November 10	Observance of Veterans' Day; holiday for students and employees
November 22 *+ #	Teacher planning day; no students in school
November 23	Thanksgiving; Board-approved holiday for students and employees
November 24	Recess Day
December 25-	Winter recess for students and all employees with the exception of Fraternal Order of
January 5, 2018	Police Employees
January 15	Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday; holiday for students and employees
January 18	End first semester and second grading period
January 19 *+ #	Teacher planning day; no students in school
January 22	Begin second semester; third grading period
February 15	Secondary early release day
February 19	All Presidents Day; holiday for students and employees
March 22	End third grading period; second semester
March 23 *+ #	Teacher planning day; no students in school
March 26-30	Spring recess for students and all employees with the exception of Fraternal Order of Police Employees
April 2	Begin fourth grading period; second semester
April 19	Secondary early release day
April 20 *+ #	Teacher planning day; no students in school
May 17	Secondary early release day
May 28	Observance of Memorial Day; holiday for students and employees
June 7	Last Day of School; end fourth grading period; second semester
June 8	Teacher planning day; not available to opt; no students in school

NOTE: Every Wednesday students in elementary schools (Grades 2-5) and K-8 Centers (Grades 2-8) are released one (1) hour early

Job Category	Beginning Date	Ending Date
Teachers new to the system	August 10, 2017	June 8, 2018
Assistant Principals and 10-month clerical	August 10, 2017	June 15, 2018
Cafeteria Managers	August 14, 2017	June 8, 2018
Satellite Assistants	August 16, 2017	June 7, 2018
All Instructional Staff, Paraprofessionals & Security	August 17, 2017	June 8, 2018
Assistant to Cafeteria Managers/MAT Specialists	August 18, 2017	June 7, 2018
Cafeteria Workers (part-time)	August 21, 2017	June 7, 2018

*Teachers/paraprofessionals and school support personnel may opt to work one or two days, August 15, 16, 2017, or June 11, 12, 2018, in lieu of any one or two of the following days: September 21, 2017, November 22, 2017, January 19, 2018, March 23, 2018 and April 20, 2018. October 2, 2017 and October 27, 2017, are District-wide Professional Development Days and are not available to opt.

+Teachers new to Miami-Dade County Public Schools may opt to work one or two days, June 11, 12, 2018, in lieu of any one or two of the following days: September 21, 2017, November 22, 2017, January 19, 2018, March 23, 2018 and April 20, 2018. October 2, 2017 and October 27, 2017, are District-wide Professional Development Days and are not available to opt.

#Ten-month secretarial and clerical employees may opt to work one or two days, August 8, 9, 2017, or June 18, 19, 2018, in lieu of any one or two of the following days: September 21, 2017, November 22, 2017, January 19, 2018, March 23, 2018 and April 20, 2018. October 2, 2017 and October 27, 2017, are District-wide Professional Development Days and are not available to opt.





MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR
ADULT/VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

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	New Teachers Report
	Teacher Planning Day
	Teacher Planning Day - (No Opt)
	District-wide Professional Development
	Recess Day
	Begin/End of Grading Period
	Legal Holiday

Days In Grading Period	
1-82	
2-56	
3-78	

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**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR
ADULT/VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

HOLIDAYS 2017

September 4	Labor Day
November 10	Veterans' Day
November 23	Thanksgiving Day

HOLIDAYS 2018

January 15	Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
February 19	All Presidents' Day
May 28	Observance of Memorial Day

Number of School Days in TRIMESTER 1					Number of School Days in TRIMESTER 2				Number of School Days in TRIMESTER 3				
Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
9	19	20	18	16	16	19	16	5	15	22	20	20	1
TOTAL: 82					TOTAL: 56				TOTAL: 78				
TOTAL TRIMESTER DAYS STUDENTS ARE IN SCHOOL = 216													

*Teachers may opt to work one or more days, August 15, 16, 2017, in lieu of any of the teacher planning days except August 18, 2017, and the designated District-wide Professional Development Days, October 2, 2017, and October 27, 2017. At the discretion of the principal, teachers may opt to conduct classes on a teacher planning day in lieu of a regularly scheduled class day during those times when special events and activities scheduled by the day school program disrupt on-campus adult education programs.

**August 2, 2018 is a Teacher planning day; not available to opt.



APPENDIX B –Commonly Referenced School Board Policies

Please refer to <http://www.dadeschools.net/schoolboard/rules/> to view full policies

Academics

- 2235 - MUSIC, ART, AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION
 - Music, art, and physical education are fundamental subjects in the school's curriculum because they contribute to every child's academic and social development. Art and Music education helps level the "learning field" across socio-economic boundaries while strengthening student problem-solving and critical thinking skills and contributing to the overall academic achievement of students.
- 2240 - CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES AND STUDENT EXPRESSION
 - Students are encouraged to participate in discussions, speeches, and other expressions in which many points of view, including those that are controversial, are freely explored. A controversial issue is a topic on which opposing points of view have been promulgated by responsible opinion or likely to arouse both support and opposition in the community.
- 2370.01 – VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION
 - The enrollment period for the District-operated full-time virtual instruction program, Miami-Dade Online Academy, opens in the spring of each school year for a minimum of ninety days and closes thirty days before the first day of the school year.
- 2421 - K-12 CAREER-TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM
 - Career-technical education is designed to provide career and technical education experiences. These experiences will complement and reinforce academic concepts that are particularly amenable to contextualized learning in a distinct career area and provide occupationally specific skills.
- 2440 - SUMMER SCHOOL
 - The School Board may conduct a summer program of academic instruction for students in grades K-12 and Special Education (SPED) students needing extended school year services as identified in their Individual Education Plan (I.E.P.). The Board may also choose to implement summer enhancement programs, contingent upon available funding. The Board shall provide transportation for full-time SPED students and other students as appropriate.
- 2510 – INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND RESOURCES
 - Parents have the ability to access their child's instructional materials at <http://im.dadeschools.net/>.
 - Additionally, in accordance with Policy 2416, parents have the right to inspect, upon request, any instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum of the student and within a reasonable period of time after the request is received by the building principal.



- 5410 - STUDENT PROGRESSION PLAN

- Provides guidance to teachers, school and district administrators, parents and other stakeholders regarding the requirements and procedures for students to progress from one grade to the next, Kindergarten through grade 12 and Adult Education. The information presented in the document is derived from requirements set forth by Florida Statutes, State Board of Education Rules and policies established by The School Board of Miami-Dade County.

Accident Reports/Incident Reports/School Safety

- 3213 - STUDENT SUPERVISION AND WELFARE

- Protecting the physical and emotional well-being of students is of paramount importance. Each instructional staff member shall maintain the highest professional, moral, and ethical standards in dealing with the supervision, control, and protection of students on or off school property

- 5540 - INVESTIGATIONS INVOLVING STUDENTS

- School administrators shall respond to incidents involving students occurring on school grounds or at school-sponsored events. When conducting an initial fact inquiry, if an administrator suspects that a crime has been committed, they must report the matter to School Police or another appropriate law enforcement agency to assume the investigative responsibilities.

- 5772 - WEAPONS

- Students are prohibited from possessing, storing, making, or using a weapon, including a concealed weapon, in a school safety zone and any setting that is under the control and supervision of the School Board for the purpose of school activities approved and authorized by the Board including, but not limited to, property leased, owned, or contracted for by the Board, a school-sponsored event, or in a Board-owned vehicle.

- 7217 - WEAPONS

- Visitors are prohibited from possessing, storing, making, or using a weapon, including a concealed weapon, in a school safety zone and any setting that is under the control and supervision of the Board for the purpose of school activities approved and authorized by the Board including, but not limited to, property leased, owned, or contracted for by the Board, a school-sponsored event, or in a Board-owned vehicle.

- 8405 - SCHOOL SAFETY

- The School Board is committed to maintaining a safe and drug-free environment in all of the District's schools. School crime and violence are multifaceted problems that need to be addressed in a manner that utilizes all available resources in the community through a coordinated effort of School District personnel, law enforcement agencies, and families. School administrators and local law enforcement officials must work together to provide for the safety and welfare of students while they are at school or a school-related event or are on their way to and from school.



- **8410 - CRITICAL INCIDENT RESPONSE/EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

The District Critical Incident Response Team (DCIRT) is responsible for assisting schools with emergencies/critical incidents as needed and coordinate District resources.

Admission, Registration and Immunization Requirements

- **5112 - ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

- Establishes the admission and registration requirements for students entering school. The following documents and forms are to be provided upon initial registration:
 - Original birth certificate
 - Verification of age and legal name
 - Proof of a physical examination by an approved health care provider including a tuberculosis clinical screening, appropriate follow-up, and a certificate of immunization
 - Two (2) verification of parent/legal current residence (address)

- **5114 - FOREIGN STUDENTS**

- Entry requirements into schools are the same for all students, regardless of country of birth and immigration status. All students will register at the school of the actual residence of the parent in the attendance area as approved by the School Board.

- **5320 – IMMUNIZATION**

- All students shall be immunized against polio, measles, diphtheria, rubella (German measles), pertussis, tetanus, mumps, hepatitis B, and Haemophilus Influenzae in accordance with State law, unless specifically exempt for medical or religious reasons. All Pre-K and Kindergarten students must also be immunized against varicella (chicken pox) or verification from the parent of a documented history of the disease. This policy applies to students who currently attend school in the District and those eligible to attend.

Animals on District Property

- **8390 - ANIMALS ON DISTRICT PROPERTY**

- Service animals as required by law are permitted in schools. “Service animals” pursuant to 28 C.F.R. 35.104, means any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability.
- All animals, including service animals, housed on District property or brought on District property on a regular basis must meet every State and County veterinary requirement, including but not limited to, rabies vaccination or other inoculations required to be properly licensed.
- Students are not allowed to bring pets to school.



Anti-Discrimination Policy

- **3362 - ANTI-DISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT**

- The Board will vigorously enforce its prohibition against discrimination/harassment based on sex, race, color, ethnic or national origin, citizenship status, religion, marital status, disability, genetic information, age, political beliefs, sexual orientation, gender, gender identification, social and family background, linguistic preference, pregnancy, and any other legally prohibited basis.
- This policy provides the steps to individual complaints of discrimination of harassing conduct and the process for addressing the complaints.

- **5517 – ANTI-DISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT (STUDENTS)**

- The School Board shall comply with all Federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination and all requirements and regulations of the U.S. Department of Education. The Board will enforce its prohibition against discrimination/harassment based on 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, and any other basis prohibited by law. This policy prohibits discrimination and harassment at all School District operations, programs, and activities on school property, or at another location if it occurs during an activity sponsored by the Board.

- **5517.01 – BULLYING AND HARASSMENT**

- The School Board is committed to providing a safe learning environment for all students and shall strive to eradicate bullying and harassment in its schools by providing awareness, prevention, and education in promoting a school atmosphere in which bullying, harassment, and intimidation will not be tolerated by students, Board employees, visitors, or volunteers.

- **5517.02 - DISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT COMPLAINT PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS**

- Students and parents are encouraged to promptly report complaints of discriminatory or harassing conduct to their Principal. Additionally, they may file the complaint directly with the Region Office or the District's Office of Civil Rights Compliance (CRC).
- The Office of Civil Rights Compliance (CRC) is responsible for investigating complaints of discrimination and harassment, including sexual harassment and retaliation filed by employees, students and their parents.

Attendance Policy/School Hours

- **5200 – ATTENDANCE:**

- Student attendance is a means of improving student performance and critical in raising student achievement. Together, the staff of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, students, parents and the community must make every effort to lessen the loss of instructional time to students.

- **5225 - ABSENCES FOR RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS**

- Student absences for religious purposes, as identified on the approved holidays listed in the [Student Attendance Reporting Procedures PK-12 Handbook](#), may not



prohibit students from receiving attendance awards or other attendance incentives at the school level, region level, or District level.

- 5230 - LATE ARRIVAL AND EARLY DISMISSAL
 - Students shall be in attendance throughout the school day. If a student will be late to school or dismissed before the end of the school day, the parent shall notify the school in advance and state the reason for the tardiness or early dismissal. Justifiable reasons shall be determined by the principal. Students will be counted absent if they are not present in class for at least half of the class period. To be counted "present" for the day, the student must be in attendance for a minimum of **two hours** of the day unless extenuating circumstances exist.
- 8220 - SCHOOL DAY
 - The Superintendent shall annually establish the hours of the school day. The Superintendent may authorize exceptions from the regular school day.
 - The Superintendent may close the schools, delay the opening of school, or dismiss school early when such alteration in the regular session is required for the protection of the health and safety of students and staff members.

Ceremonies & Observances

- 8800 - RELIGIOUS/PATRIOTIC CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES
 - Acknowledgement of, explanation of, and teaching about religious holidays of various religions is permitted. Celebration activities involving nonreligious decorations and use of secular works are permitted, but it is the responsibility of all faculty members to ensure that such activities are strictly voluntary, do not place an atmosphere of social compulsion or ostracism on minority groups or individuals, and do not interfere with the regular school program.

Class Size

- CLASS SIZE STATE STATUTE
 - Florida citizens approved an amendment that set limits on the number of students in core academic classes in public schools. The amendment requires classes to be in compliance at the class level. However, pursuant to language passed by the 2013 Florida Legislature in HB 7009 and subsequently approved by the Governor, amending Florida Statutes 1002.31, Public School Parental Choice, the calculation for compliance with class size limits pursuant to s. 1003.03 for a school or program that is a public school of choice is measured by the average number of students at the school level.

Clinic

- 5330 – USE OF MEDICATIONS
 - The School Board shall not be responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of student illness. The administration of prescribed medication and/or medically-prescribed treatments to a student during school hours will be permitted only when failure to do so would jeopardize the health of the student, the student would not be able to attend school if the medication or treatment were not made available during school hours, or the child is disabled and requires medication to benefit from his/her educational program.



Code of Student Conduct

- 2451 - ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL PROGRAMS
 - The Superintendent may provide alternative education programs for students who, in the opinion of the Superintendent, will benefit from this educational option. Participation in an alternative program does not exempt the student from complying with school attendance rules or the Code of Conduct.
- 5136.02 - SEXTING
 - Sexting is the act of sending or forwarding through cellular telephones and other electronic media sexually explicit, nude, or partially nude photographs/images. [add something about disciplinary measures] It is the District's mission to ensure the social, physical, psychological, and academic well-being of all students. The educational purposes of the schools are best accomplished in a climate of student behavior that is socially acceptable and conducive to the learning and teaching process.
- 5500 - STUDENT CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE
 - The Miami-Dade County School Board [Code of Student Conduct \(COSC\)](#) focuses on providing and maintaining a safe and positive learning environment for students, faculty, staff and community.
 - A major consideration in the application of the Code of Student Conduct is cultivating a positive school climate to support academic achievement, promote fairness, civility, acceptance of diversity, and mutual respect. Toward that end, the range of inappropriate behavior is divided into five groups, along with both recommended and mandated corrective strategies.
 - The Code of Student Conduct addresses the role of the parents/guardians, the students, and school, but also focuses on core values and model student behavior, rights and responsibilities of students, addressing student behavior, and disciplinary procedures. Furthermore, teachers, counselors and administrators work to use a variety of progressive corrective or guidance strategies to correct the inappropriate behaviors.
- 5511 - DRESS CODE AND SCHOOL UNIFORMS
 - Students are expected to come to school with proper attention having been given to personal cleanliness, grooming, and neatness of dress. Students whose personal attire or grooming distracts the attention of other students or teachers from their school work shall be required to make the necessary alterations to such attire or grooming before entering the classroom or be sent home by the principal to be properly prepared for school. Students who fail to meet the minimum acceptable standards of cleanliness and neatness as determined by the principal and as specified in this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary measures.

Digital Conversion/Social Media

- 7540.03 - STUDENT RESPONSIBLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND DISTRICT NETWORK SYSTEMS
 - The School Board provides students access to a large variety of technology and network resources which provide multiple opportunities to enhance learning and



improve communication within the school district and the community. All users must, however, exercise appropriate and responsible use of school and District technology and information systems. Users include anyone authorized by administration to use the network. This policy is intended to promote the most effective, safe, productive, and instructionally sound uses of network information and communication tools.

Equal Opportunity

- 2260 - NONDISCRIMINATION AND ACCESS TO EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY
 - The School Board shall provide equal opportunity for all students and will not discriminate or tolerate harassment in its educational programs or activities on any basis prohibited by law or Board policy.
- 5111.01 - HOMELESS STUDENTS
 - Each child of a homeless individual and each homeless youth shall have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as provided to other children and youths.

Fieldtrips/School Social Events

- 2340 - FIELD AND OTHER DISTRICT-SPONSORED TRIPS
 - Field trips should supplement and enrich classroom procedures by providing learning experiences in an environment outside the schools, arouse new interests among students, help students relate school experiences to the reality of the world outside of school, bring the resources of the community - natural, artistic, industrial, commercial, governmental, educational - within the student's learning experience, and afford students the opportunity to study real things and real processes in their actual environment.
 - Other District-sponsored trips are defined as any planned, student-travel activity approved as part of the District's total educational program and is under the direct supervision and control of an instructional staff member or any advisor designated by the Superintendent.
- 5850 - SCHOOL SOCIAL EVENTS
 - School facilities and appropriate staff will be made available for social events approved by the principal within and outside school facilities.
- 8640 - TRANSPORTATION FOR FIELD AND OTHER DISTRICT-SPONSORED TRIPS
 - Regular or special-purpose school vehicles shall be used for transportation on field and other District-sponsored trips.

Financial Obligations

- 6152 - STUDENT FEES
 - The School Board may levy certain charges to students to facilitate the utilization of adequate, appropriate learning materials used in the course of instruction.



Food & Nutrition/Wellness Policy

- **8500 - FOOD SERVICES**
 - The Food and Nutrition service program strives to provide school food services consistent with the nutritional needs of students, and provide school food services that contribute to the student's educational experiences and the development of desirable eating habits.
- **8510 - WELLNESS POLICY**
 - The District is committed to providing a healthy environment for students and staff within the school environment, recognizing that individuals must be physically, mentally, and socially healthy in order to promote wellness and academic performance.
 - The District focuses on achieving five goals: nutrition, physical education, physical activity: recess, health & nutrition literacy and preventive healthcare.
- **8531 - FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS**
 - All students determined to be economically needy shall be provided upon request a free or reduced price meal or meals at school.

Fundraising

- **5830 – STUDENT FUNDRAISING**
 - Student fundraising by students is limited in order to prevent disruption and includes student solicitation and collection of money for any purpose including collection of money in exchange for tickets, papers, or any other goods or services. Student fundraising in school, on school property, or at any school-sponsored event is permitted only when the profit is to be used for school purposes or for an activity connected with the schools.
 - No student, school organization, or member of the school staff may solicit funds in the name of the school from the public for any purpose without prior approval of the school principal and the Region Superintendent or his/her designee. All approvals must be in writing using the approved District forms and must be retained at the school for audit purposes.
- **6605 – CROWDFUNDING**
 - Crowdfunding activities aimed at raising funds for a specific classroom or school activity, including extra-curricular activity, or to obtain supplemental resources (e.g., supplies or equipment) that are not required to provide a free appropriate public education to any students in the classroom may be permitted, but only with the specific approval by the principal and the region administrator. Crowdfunding for specific causes requires the approval of the Superintendent or his/her designee.
- **9211 - PARENT ORGANIZATIONS, BOOSTER CLUBS, AND OTHER FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES**
 - The School Board appreciates the efforts of all organizations whose objectives are to enhance the educational experiences of District students, to help meet educational needs of students and/or provide extra educational benefits.



Health Screening

- 2410 - SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM
 - The health services provided by the District shall supplement, not replace, parental responsibility, and shall appraise, protect, and promote student health. These services shall be designed to encourage parents to devote attention to child health, to discover health problems, and to encourage the use of the services of physicians, dentists, and community health agencies as needed.


Homework

- 2330 - HOMEWORK
 - Homework is an essential component of the learning process for students with the assignment of meaningful learning activities. Assignments should be based on learning outcomes that build students' conceptual understanding, develop thinking skills, and focus on the application of knowledge.

Internship

- 2424 - STUDENT INTERNSHIPS
 - Student participation in an internship program authorized by the High School to Business Career Enhancement Act may serve as a positive educational experience and provide a foundation for future employment opportunities.

Parent Choice Student Transfers

- 2431 - INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS
 - All activities relating to competitive sport contests, games, or events involving individual students or teams of students from high schools in this District with those from a high school in another district.
 - All high schools shall be members of and governed by the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) rules and regulations and shall comply with the eligibility requirements established by the FHSAA.
- 5120 - STUDENT SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT AND ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY COMMITTEE
 - The assignment of students to District schools shall be consistent with the best interests of students and the best use of District resources.
-  5131 – CONTROLLED OPEN ENROLLMENT/PARENT / STUDENT TRANSFERS
 - This policy governs all regular school transfers from one (1) school to another, except for transfers to magnet schools and programs that are subject to specific admissions requirements and/or random lotteries that are governed by Policy [2370](#), Magnet Programs/Schools.
 - Controlled Open Enrollment allows the School District to make K-12 school assignments using parents' indicated preferential educational choice in-county and out-of-county. This section of the policy does not apply to charter schools. Charter schools must adopt their own controlled open enrollment plan.
 - Controlled Open Enrollment is active during a specific window period between end of year and the subsequent school year.



Parent Involvement

- 2111 - PARENT INVOLVEMENT– A HOME-SCHOOL-DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP
 - A collaborative environment is encouraged in which the parents and families of District students are invited and encouraged to be involved stakeholders in the school community. This policy establishes the framework and responsibilities for implementation of strategies to increase family and community involvement. A copy of this policy must be distributed to all parents.
- 9210 - PARENT ORGANIZATIONS
 - The Parent-Teacher/Parent-Teacher-Student Associations (PTA/PTSA) in the District are acknowledged as sincerely interested in, and staunch supporters of public education in Miami-Dade County.

Pledge of Allegiance

- 8810 - THE AMERICAN FLAG
 - The Pledge of Allegiance shall be recited at the beginning of the day in every school.
 - A student has the right not to participate in reciting the pledge. Upon written request by his/her parent, the student must be excused from reciting the pledge, including standing and placing the right hand over his/her heart.

Privacy

- 2416 - STUDENT PRIVACY AND PARENTAL ACCESS TO INFORMATION
 - Parents have the right to inspect, upon request, a survey or evaluation created by a third party or any instrument used in the collection of personal information before the survey/evaluation is administered or distributed by the school to the student. The parent will have access to the survey/evaluation or instrument within a reasonable period of time after the request is received by the principal.

Schools of Choice/Magnet Schools

- 2370 - MAGNET PROGRAMS/SCHOOLS
 - Magnet programs/schools broaden public school choice, stem declining enrollment, mitigate overcrowding, help comply with Federal and State-mandated public school choice provisions, accommodate parent/student interest, improve the quality of education, and promote diverse student enrollments. Magnet programs/schools are unique educational programs operating within the District, for which additional resources and/or ancillary services may be provided to help make such educational experiences available to students beyond a single attendance boundary area.

School Transportation/Bus Safety Conduct

- 8600 – TRANSPORTATION
 - Students living more than two miles from their home school will be eligible for District-provided bus transportation. Students who attend school out of their home school zone will not be eligible for District-provided transportation.

Special Education

- 2460 – EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION

The School Board shall provide a free, appropriate, public education for students with disabilities according to State and Federal laws, rules, and regulations and shall



implement the procedures document entitled Exceptional Student Education Policies and Procedures.

Student Activities

- 5845 - STUDENT ACTIVITIES
 - All clubs and organizations approved by the principal to operate within the school must comply with this district policy. A student who wishes to represent the school through interscholastic competitions or performance must comply with the criteria set forth in policy.

Student Records/Access to Student Records

- 8330 - STUDENT RECORDS

Parents and eligible students have the right to access education records, including the right to inspect and review those records, and have the right to waive their access to their education records in certain circumstances. Prior written consent of the parent, guardian, or eligible student shall be obtained prior to disclosing personally identifiable student information, except under certain circumstances.
- 8350 - CONFIDENTIALITY
 - A student's educational record and all personally identifiable information shall not be properly released except on the condition that the information being transferred will not be subsequently released to any other party without first obtaining the consent of the parent or adult/eligible student.

Student Services

- 2290 - CHARACTER EDUCATION
 - The School Board shall assist all students in developing the core values and strength of character needed for them by to become caring, responsible citizens at home, school, and in the community. There are nine core values that form the basis for the character education program. These values are Citizenship, Cooperation, Fairness, Honesty, Kindness, Integrity, Pursuit of Excellence, Respect, and Responsibility.
- 5530 - DRUG PREVENTION
 - Schools shall strive to prevent drug abuse and help drug abusers through educational means.
 - The use, possession, concealment, or distribution of any drug or any drug-related paraphernalia, or the misuse of a product containing a substance that can provide an intoxicating or mood-altering effect or the misuse of any "over-the-counter" medications or substances are prohibited on school grounds, on school vehicles, and at any school-sponsored event.

Title I – School wide Program

- 2261 - TITLE I SERVICES
 - The School Board shall augment the educational program of disadvantaged students through the use of Federal funds, in compliance with all Federal or statutory requirements as outlined in the Elementary and Secondary School Improvement Act of 1965 and its amendments.



Visitors

- 9150 - SCHOOL VISITORS
 - Parents, other adult residents of the community, and interested educators are encouraged to visit schools.
 - The Principal has the authority, however, to prohibit the entry of any person to a school or expel any person when there is reason to believe the presence of such person would be detrimental. If an individual refuses to leave the school grounds or creates a disturbance, the principal is authorized to request assistance from School Police or the local law enforcement agency to remove the individual.

Volunteer Program

- 2430.01 - SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS
 - The School Board recognizes that certain programs and activities can be enhanced through the use of volunteers who have knowledge or skills that will be helpful to members of the school staff who are responsible for the conduct of those programs and activities. A school volunteer is any non-compensated person who may be appointed by the Superintendent or his/her designee. School volunteers may include, but are not limited to, parents, senior citizens, students, and others who assist the teacher or other members of the school staff.

