Miami-Dade Online Academy
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School Profile

Miami-Dade Online Academy is an accredited Miami-Dade County public school offering parents and students a comprehensive Kindergarten through twelfth grade full-time virtual educational program, delivered anytime and anywhere. Students are free to work from any venue, at any time, giving them the opportunity to excel academically, as a professional athlete, and/or participate in extracurricular activities. Students of all ages flourish in this program. Students are not bound by a conventional school site schedule; they have the freedom to be self-directed and take charge of their education.

Miami-Dade Online Academy abides by all the State of Florida and Miami-Dade County Public School's promotional and graduation requirements. Students are enrolled in a maximum of six (6) virtual courses per year. Students are assigned Florida certified teachers who are responsible for teaching online virtual classes. He or she is an expert at the content of their course and with that confidence guides the student in a respect, fairness, and inclusive course free of bias and judgements. The teacher grades assignments with individualized feedback, monitors the student's progress with encouragement, communicating progress with the Learning Coach and student in accepting conversation via virtual meeting, email, text, or phone call. During each month the teachers and Learning Coaches schedule monthly live virtual evaluations free of bias or judgement, providing students with fair academic challenges, and responding respectfully with an education plan for struggling students, when necessary. The teacher individualizes each plan based on the student's needs with the consent of the learning coach and student's and academic level.

Learning Coaches are typically one of the parent/guardians or an authorized adult who is trained to monitor the student, communicate with the teacher, manage public school requirements at home, and enter daily attendance. Students work with their Learning Coach every day in their nurturing home using their daily planner to follow the course work strategically created by a professional teacher. Parents and students schedule their school time at their convenience in their chosen venue. Depending on the student's maturity level, the Learning Coach gradually teaches the student how to pace himself or herself and work independently; however, always monitoring the student's progress on a daily basis. Students earn their grades by the end of the semester and are promoted based on the Student Progression Plan.

Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation and Ranking

All high school level courses are included in the computation of the GPA. A minimum of 24 credits is required for graduation. Grades are recorded on the official transcript and grade point averages are recalculated in January, June, and August. District policy eliminated class rank beginning with the Class of 2009. Students' rank is determined by their grade point averages and classified as Suma Cum laude, Magna Cum laude and Cum Laude.

Middle Grades Advanced Courses

- Offered as appropriate in grades 6-8
- Students demonstrating mastery in Pre-algebra and the sciences can take required high school credit mathematics and science courses.
- All students that earn a level 3 or higher on the 7th grade Mathematics FAST will be placed in Algebra 1 for 8th grade.

Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) Offerings

- Classes labeled as Honors and AP offered in grades 9-12, as appropriate.
- See Course Catalog for Honors and AP course offerings.

Dual Enrollment (DE) Offerings

- Enables students to enroll in college courses and earn college credits at local institutions of higher education.
- Miami-Dade Online currently partner with Miami Dade College allowing students to aim to earn an Associates of Arts degree from Miami Dade College.

School Policy: All seniors must pass at least one AP or Dual Enrollment course before graduation.