

Opening of School Parent Orientation 2025-2026

August 8th, 2025
Thank you for joining us!

School Vision

We strive to be the school where students dare to dream. We promise to make sure no doors for students are ever closed. We value the privilege of our role in shaping the future leaders of tomorrow. Together, we will create an inspiring environment that sparks curiosity in all students while developing intellectually and creatively. Free thought will always be protected so that students may pursue their purpose in the world. We will ensure that students always have a path to success in all that they do because they deserve a life full of choice. Since learning is for life and life is about learning, our wish is for our name always to be synonymous with excellence.

Mission Statement

- Adopt and adhere to the highest standards to ensure physical safety, personal health, and emotional well-being.
- Create and sustain an educational system of support that drives, encourages, and promotes academic excellence and competence through high expectations from students and teachers.
- Achieve exceptional, observable results in the arts consistently reflected in student performances and inspiring creative work- individually and collaboratively.
- Support and invest in teachers and other key adults in the pursuit of attaining the highest levels of competence, professionalism, ethical behavior, and professional growth possible.
- Invite, encourage and enlist the support and cooperation of parents and caretakers to foster and solidify collaborative partnerships between home and school that will align to maximize student learning and personal growth outcomes.
- Provide students and teachers a voice and sufficient creative space to achieve breakthroughs. Provide program opportunities for teachers and students to experiment with new approaches and share them collectively. To uplift each person every day and allow the joy, wonder, and excitement of learning new things to prevail within our culture.

Mission Statement Continued

- Create opportunities for exploration that will inspire scholars to identify and establish long-term life goals and career pathways. We will work actively to develop and support relationships that provide students a connection to the world around them and a clear path to success and fulfillment beyond their years with us.
- Strive for a culture of inclusiveness and work toward achieving the most significant reach, supporting our community's educational needs and impacting the greatest number of students while recognizing and sharing our students' and teachers' remarkable achievements.
- Manage our financial and human resources responsibly to continually strengthen our economic condition and the stability of our school. Establishing and growing ongoing revenue and capital sources from local, state, and national sources to support the school's programs, hire the best staff, and continually improve technology.

MAC 5-Year Strategic Plan



MAINTAINS FOCUS ON PRIORITIES



PROVIDES A MEANS TO MEASURE PERFORMANCE



DRIVES COLLABORATION AND DISCUSSION



SETS DIRECTION AND ALIGNS
THE TEAM



PROVIDES THE IMPETUS TO CHANGE CULTURE



FOSTERS POWERFUL IMPACT AND LONG-TERM SUCCESS

Opening Day, August 14th, 2025 Parent Parking & Drop Off Procedures (non-school bus commuters)

Gates open at 7:00 A.M.

Please enter using the NW 23rd street entrance

Follow and obey traffic flow pattern and signs

Scholars are to use the stairwells to enter the building

Two garage exits: NW 23rd street or NW 24th street

Please do NOT load or unload on the public street. Safety!

All drivers please remember to drive safely and carefully in our school zone.

Parent Visitor Parking- please park in the spaces on the right side, 1st floor.

Parents are not allowed to enter the building/escort their scholar to class

Scholars who drive must park on the SECOND floor.

Scholar Schedules

Homeroom list: Posted 4th Floor

Academic schedules distribution- First class

No escorting scholars to class, please!

Staff will be assigned all day to guide students

No schedule change requests on first two days

MAC is on "A/B" block schedule.

School Bus Commuters

Arrival

All school bus parking: NW 24th Street. No commuter parking. Scholars must enter through the nearest stairwell

Dismissal

Bus loading will be on NW 24th Street

Scholars should exit using the closest stairwell to NW 24th Street

Dismissal and Daily Pick-up Procedures

Gates open at 2:00 P.M.

All scholars are to wait on the benches and tables located on the 1st floor

Notify your scholars if you intend to meet them there

Gates close at 3:30 P.M. each day

Parent parking while waiting: 3rd floor ONLY

School events and activities may run later

Dismissal & Safety Reminders

On-Campus Supervision

 Scholars waiting for transportation must remain on campus after school, per our dismissal plan.

Wynwood Community Conduct

- Wynwood is a commercial district with small businesses.
- Scholars disrupting local businesses may be placed on controlled dismissal.

· Campus Re-Entry

Once dismissed, scholars may not return to campus.

Traffic & Pick-Up Safety

- Drive **cautiously** in the garage and surrounding streets.
- No speeding or unsafe pick-up/drop-off practices.



Adherence to the school dress code and uniform policy is mandatory.

Uniform & Dress Code



The school reserves the right to exclude students from class and activities if they chronically violate the dress code policy.



Dress code violations shall be primarily addressed through the Saturday detention program and/or indoor suspension. Extreme or disruptive instances may result in more serious consequences.

Special Academic Programs

AP Capstone

Dual Enrollment

Code of Conduct- Key Reminders

- We follow the Miami-Dade County Code of Student Conduct (Available on our website and at_www.dadeschools.net)
- Students & parents must review the Code carefully (Some violations are more serious than they seem)
- Level 3 or 4 violations require a SPAR police report (The principal must file it – no discretion)
- All violations are documented by a referral (Becomes part of the student's permanent record)
- Minor infractions
 - Verbal warning
 - Teacher must speak with student and contact parent
- Serious/repeated offenses may result in:
 - Outdoor suspension
 - Expulsion recommendation
- Saturday detention for mid-level violations
- Indoor suspension
- "Stop list" restricts extracurricular participation

Florida Law Wireless Communication Devices in Schools

HB-1105 (2025) and State Statute 1006.07(2)(n)

- General Prohibition- Middle School
 - Wireless communications devices are prohibited at ALL TIMES during the school day.
- General Prohibition- High School
 - Students are prohibited from using wireless communication devices at all times except if specifically authorized by instructional personnel for educational purposes.

Cell Phone Policy- NuCase (Formerly Yondr)

- NuCases are transparent school-issued plastic phone cases that lock student phones during the school day.
 - There is **no cost** to families for the case.
 - Parents are responsible for loss or damage replacement cost is \$35.

General Prohibition

- Phones must be turned off and locked in the NuCase upon arrival on campus.
- Magnetic unlocking devices shall be made available at the end of each day.
- Phones observed outside of the NuCase during the school day shall be confiscated. Only parents may retrieve confiscated phones during Office Hours ONLY. (M-F, 8:30 AM- 3:00 PM)

Emergency Contingencies

 Staff can unlock NuCases with manual magnets during family emergencies, fire evacuations, or any crisis situation.

• End of Year:

 NuCases must be **returned** at the end of the school year to avoid replacement charges to the Parent/Guardian.

Academic Policy Good Standing Requirement

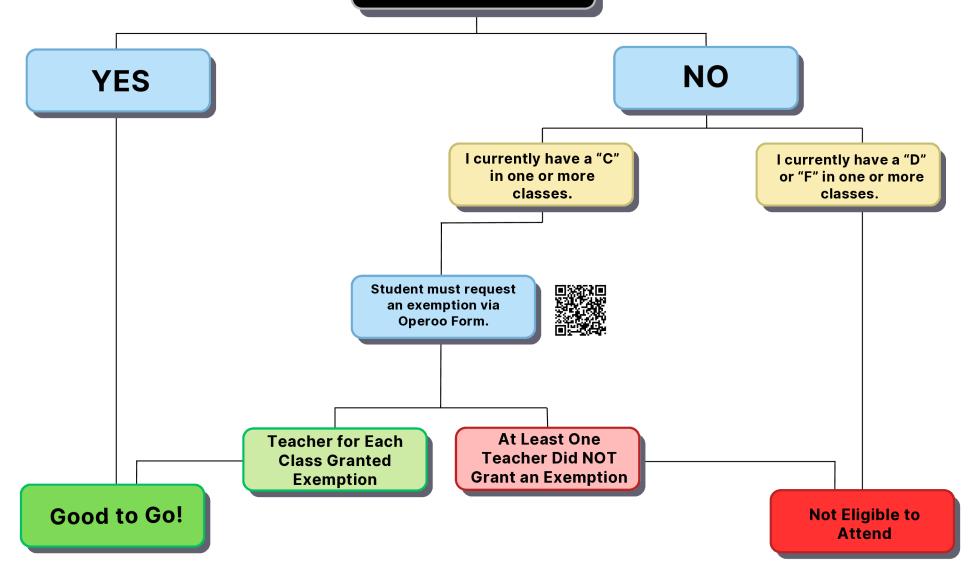
Scholars are required to meet academic, artistic and attendance expectations in order to remain in good standing and enrolled in the school.

Under Florida Law, students unable to meet arts expectations may lose their right to remain enrolled in the school, after a period of progress monitoring.



Event Participation Eligibility Chart GRADE THRESHOLD POLICY

Do you currently have "A's" and "B's" in all your classes?



Attendance Policy

Miami Arts Charter follows the M-DCPS Attendance Policy All absences will be marked unexcused until a parent note is submitted to their homeroom teacher on either A or B day. There is a 3-day limit to submit the note.

- To excuse an absence, the Student Attendance Verification Form on our website (parent tab) must be submitted within 3 days. Submitting a note does not automatically excuse an absence.
- Excused absences: Illness, doctor appointment, death in family, religious holiday, school-sponsored event or activity
- Extended absences for professional engagements, caring for ill relatives, and family vacations are not excusable.

Further details about our Attendance Procedures and Policy are on the school's website.

Emergency Contact Form Completed on Operoo

Early release ONLY to authorized parties. Photo ID is required. Please make sure that all contact information is accurate on the emergency contact document in Operoo.

Please indicate any person(s) you wish to grant authorization or restrict from picking up your scholar. Please be diligent in updating any changes of authorization through Operoo.

MAC Communication

Social Media Presence

School Voice Messages

Website Admissions Live Chat Feature

MAC Texting Network

Email Lists

Principal's Parent Events (In-Person and on Zoom)

MAC SMS Text Network

General Hotline (786) 305-6226

Principal's Hotline (786) 305-5377

These numbers ONLY receive text messages, not phone calls.

Save these numbers in your phone contact list to avoid messages being filtered as SPAM.

Subscribing to Email Lists



-First day of school



-Scholars complete electronic form



-Various email lists are created



-Email schoolwide test message. First day of school evening. If you do not receive the test Email, please Email Ms. Hobart. Yhobart@miamiartscharter.net



-Parents must subscribe each year.

Transportation

Private Bus Services

Contact each company for prices and services

Johanna Bus Service

Contact person: Johanna Alonso

Phone numbers: Melanie (786) 458-1069 (English)

Johanna (786) 356-2912 (Spanish)

Email:johanna1269@hotmail.com

Areas: Aventura, Biscayne Park, Miami Beach, Midtown, North Bay Village, South Beach and Sunny Isles. Students from Hallandale and Hollywood can use the Aventura stop.

*New route for 2025-2026 - NE 186 Street, 7th and 12th Ave. (Miami Gardens to Allapattah)

Brickell Kidz Bus

Contact person: Raisa Fernandez / Aleissa Fernandez

Phone numbers: (305) 854-1583 / (305) 588-2654

Email: help@brickellkidzbus.com / raisap54@gail.com

website: www.brickellkidzbus.com

Areas: Brickell, Coconut Grove, Coral Gables, Marlins Park, Shenandoah and South Beach

Miami Mini Riders Transportation

Contact person: Gina Delice

Phone numbers: (305) 600-8830

Email: gina_delice@yahoo.com

Areas: Allapattah, Aventura (Ives Dairy), Hialeah-Miami Lakes, Miami Shores,

Miami Gardens, Midtown and Opa-Locka

Transportation Continued

Carpool List:

Parents wishing to be added to the carpool list should contact Ms. Yeny Hobart: Yhobart@miamiartscharter.net

A link will be provided for you to complete an online form that will add your child to the carpool interest list. This list will be periodically updated and circulated among all who have enlisted via email.

After-School Activities

Miami Arts Charter School does not provide after school care.

Scholars must be picked up at the school no more than 30 minutes after their scheduled dismissal unless they are:

- Participating in scheduled tutoring
- Attending a school sponsored club meeting/event.
- Attending a school sponsored field trip or event.
- Attending an arts program rehearsal or concert.

If a scholar is participating in one of the above mentioned activities, parents/guardians must pick up their scholar promptly at the conclusion of the activity.

Honors Societies & School Clubs

Miami Arts Charter School has numerous Honors Societies and after-school clubs available for our students to join.

All clubs are student created and led while supervised by a Miami Arts Charter School teacher or staff member.

Visit our website periodically as our offerings may change based on student interest.

Club Rush Week: September 29th-October 3rd Student Clubs and Societies will have tables set-up during lunch to advertise their activities and for interested students to get more information.

Lunch Program

An email will be sent out on Monday with details on how to create your parent lunch account portal and how to add funds for your students.

If you are a returning parent, the information for logging in remains the same.

MAC Open House

Wednesday, September 10th, 2025

6:00 PM- Parent Reception with Principal

6:45 PM- OPEN HOUSE

These events are for Parents/Guardians ONLY. Students should NOT attend.

Arts Parent Meetings 2025-2026 All meetings at 6:00 PM on ZOOM

- Creative Writing Tuesday, August 18th
- Visual Art/Photography/Film- Thursday, August 21st
- Dance Tuesday, August 18th
- Chorus Tuesday, August 26th
- Instrumental Music Wednesday, August 20th
- Theatre Wednesday, August 20th

Arts teachers will send out invite links.

Other Exciting News and Plans

- Classical Curriculum Development
- School Accreditation Renewal (COGNIA Self Study)
- MAC Forums: Student-Led Performances and Growth Seminars
- Media Production and Entrepreneurship Program
- Principal's Events for Parents
 - 6th Grade Parent Success Conference
 - Coffee House Sessions with the Principal, Multiple Dates (RSVP)
 - Open House Reception
 - 8th Grade Parent Night
 - Principal's Online "Check-Ins" and Briefings (Zoom)
 - End-of-Year Parent Meetings

Check website calendar for dates.



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