## MIAMI SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL



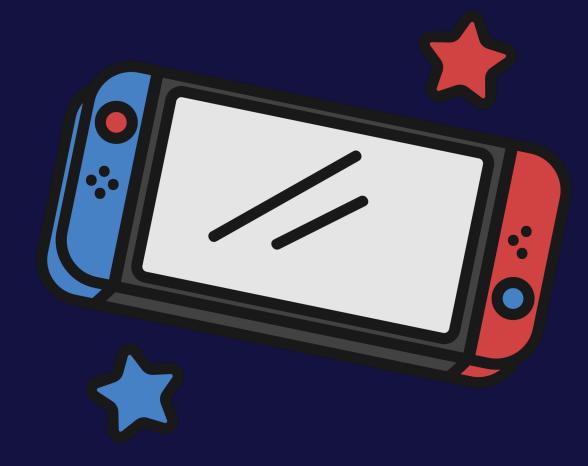
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## MIAMI SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL 2025 - 2026



## UELCOME!

# PARENT/STUDENT ORIENTATION



Scan the QR code! Please ensure you have completed the survey.

# PARENT/STUDENT ORIENTATION AGENDA THURSDAY, AUGUST 7m, 2025 5:30 P.M - 7:00 P.M.

- WELCOME
- MEET THE MIAMI SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL CREW
- STUDENT BEHAVIOR CONTRACT
- OVERVIEW OF THE SCHOOL DAY: ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL PROCEDURES
- BELL/BLOCK SCHEDULE
- ATTENDANCE POLICY
- UNIFORM POLICY
- SUMMER READING
- PROCEDURES FOR VISITING THE SCHOOL
- VERIZON INNOVATIVE LEARNING SCHOOLS (VILS) PROGRAM
- ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES
- TITLE I PROGRAM
- EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (EESAC)
- STAY CONNECTED

## MIAMI SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL <u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u> TEAM



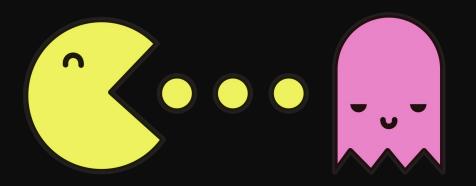


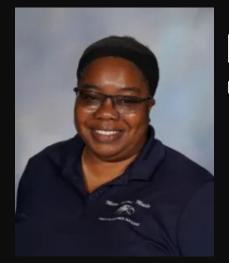


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## MIAMI SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL

NEED TO SCHEDULE A PARENT CONFERENCE?
CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S TEAM LEADER.





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## 2025-2026 STUDENT BEHAVIOR CONTRACT

In order to maintain student safety and a safe learning environment, all students at Miami Springs Middle School are required to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Code of Student Conduct and the schoolwide guidelines and procedures which include:

- 1.All students must be in school uniform and follow the school uniform policy each and everyday unless participating in an approved school sponsored activity. The following items cannot be worn to school: jeans, sweatpants, leggings, skirts, shorts, slides, crocs, and sweaters with hoodies. Students cannot bring a jacket with a hoodie to school even if the hoodie is not worn.
- 2. All students must be in class on time each and every day. Students receive 5 minutes to transition from class to class which is plenty of time to arrive on time.
- 3. Students will not skip/cut class, be in an unauthorized area nor leave class or school grounds without permission.
- 4. The use of cell phones and other electronic devices is prohibited during school hours (9:00 am 3:50 pm) which includes the changing from class to class, when going to the restroom, and during lunch time.
- 5. All students must respect all individuals (teachers, other students, office, security, custodial, cafeteria staff and any visitors in the building) and the property of others at all times.

Failure to comply with the Code of Student Conduct and above-mentioned schoolwide policies may result loss of privileges for participating in school activities, clubs, field trips and sports and can result in disciplinary action.



## DVERVIEW OF SCHOOL DAY

- <u>8:30</u> Students are allowed in the building and guaranteed supervision begins. Breakfast service begins. Students are supervised in designated areas: Auditorium, Cafeteria, or Picnic Tables Area.
- (Free breakfast for all students)
- 9:05-9:10 Students report to first period of day.
- <u>3:50</u> Dismissal
- 4:00 After School programs (sports, clubs, etc.) begin.

Only students participating allowed in the building.

## ARRIUAL

#### BEFORE 8:30 a.m.

Students should be dropped off in the front of the school.
Students wait in front of school until the rest of school opens at 8:30 a.m. and there is supervision.



#### 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Students can be dropped off in the front of the school/main entrance.

Students should enter the building immediately and not go to Stafford Park or the market on Okeechobee Drive.

Students will walk to their designated areas until first period of day.

Students who ride an MDCPS or private bus are dropped off in the back of the school (East Drive).

Students should not be dropped off at Charles Stafford Park on East Drive across the street from the school.

#### AFTER 9:00 a.m.

Students should be dropped off in the front of the school.

After 9:05 a.m. students must report to attendance office for a tardy pass.

As per federal law, currently parents are unable to enter the building.

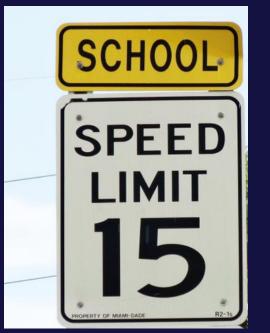
## DISMISSAL

All students are dismissed at 3:50 p.m.

- Students riding a <u>Miami-Dade County Public Schools bus or private school</u> <u>bus</u> will exit through the <u>AUDITORIUM</u>. If the bus has not arrived, students will sit inside the auditorium until their bus arrives.
- Students with parent pick-up exit by the front of the school (S. Royal Poinciana Blvd).
- Students should <u>not be picked up</u> at Charles Stafford Park on East Drive across the street from the school.
- All students must exit campus unless they are in an after-school activity.

#### 4:00 p.m.

- After school activities begin (sports, after school programs, tutoring)
- Only students participating in an organized activity may be inside the building.
- Student supervision is ONLY til 4:30pm
- Please note traffic signals during arrival and dismissal hours.





## **New Florida Law: What Families Need to Know**



Starting July 1, a new Florida law limits student Wireless Communication Devices use during the instructional day.

This applies to all public schools - and yes, it affects M-DCPS students too.

Swipe to see what's changing by grade level.



YOUR BEST CHOICE

## Elementary / K-8 / Middle School



Students may not use or display Wireless Communication Devices during the instructional day.

Wireless Communication Devices must be silenced and stored out of sight.

Let's keep our focus on learning!



YOUR BEST CHOICE

#### Why the New Rule?



This state policy is designed to help students stay engaged, reduce distractions, and improve academic outcomes.

We're committed to creating focused learning environments across all M-DCPS schools.







Use Your Device, Only When The Teacher Says To!



Instructional Time High Schools HEADS P DEVICES DOWIN



If it is Not Approved,

It Does
Not Get Used.

Outside Instructional Time
Elementary Schools
K-8 Centers / Middle Schools



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Put Wireless
Communication
Devices

Away!

It's Time to Learn Today!

**Instructional Day** 

Elementary Schools K-8 Centers / Middle Schools



### 2025-2026 BLOCK SCHEDULE

#### MIAMI SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Daily Bell Schedule	Period		
9:05 AM	1st Warning Bell		
9:10 am - 10:45 am	Block 1: Per. 1 & 2		
9.10 am - 10.45 am	HR 9:10 am - 9:20 am		
10:50 am - 12:15 pm	Block 2: Per. 3 & 4		
12:20 pm - 2:20 pm	Block 3: Per. 5 & 6 (Lunch)		
1st Lunch: 12:25 pm - 12:55 pm			
2nd Lunch: 1:05 pm - 1:35 pm			
3rd Lunch: 1:50 pm - 2:20 pm			
2:25 pm - 3:50 pm	Block 4: Per. 7 & 8		

The 2025-2026 Block Schedule can be found on our school website under the "Calendars/Schedules" tab on our school's website.

## 2025-2026 BELL SCHEDULE



#### **MIAMI SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL**

2025-2026



#### **Daily Bell and Lunch Schedule**

TIME	A DAY	B DAY
9:10 - 10:45	PERIOD 1	PERIOD 2
10:45 - 10:50	PASSING	
10:50 - 12:15	PERIOD 3	PERIOD 4
12:15 - 12:20	PASSING	
12:20 - 2:20	PERIOD 5	PERIOD 6
2:20 - 2:25	PASSING	
2:25 - 3:50	PERIOD 7	PERIOD 8

A Day - Block Schedule - 1, 3, 5, 7 B Day - Block Schedule - 2, 4, 6, 8



#### **LUNCH SCHEDULE**

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Period 12:25 p.m. - 2:20 p.m. (Based on teacher's assigned lunch block)

#### **BLOCK SCHEDULE**

Homeroom (Period 1 or 2) 9:10 am – 9:20 am

Class Periods - 85 minutes 5-minute class changes The 2025–2026 Bell Schedule can be found on our school website under the "Calendars/Schedules" tab on our school's website.

## BREAKFAST/LUNCH



Miami-Dade County Public Schools offers breakfast at no charge to all M-DCPS students.

Breakfast is provided from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. daily.

Students eat lunch daily during their Period 5 or 6 (Block 3). Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch must complete an application.

Income surveys can be filled out at <a href="https://www.nutrition.dadeschools.net">www.nutrition.dadeschools.net</a>

<u>Students cannot order food to be brought to school using Uber Eats, Door Dash or Parent Drop-Off.</u>

### 2025-2026 ATTENDANCE POLICY

- OFFICIAL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE WILL BE TAKEN DURING BLOCK 1 (PERIOD 1 OR 2) EACH DAY.
  - o Individual class attendance will also be taken during each period of the day.
- WHEN A STUDENT IS ABSENT, THEY WILL HAVE 72 HOURS TO ELECTRONICALLY SUBMIT AN ADMIT TO THE SCHOOL.



- Admits should be submitted to 6521attendance@dadeschools.net.
- IF THE STUDENT IS TARDY OR LEAVES EARLY BY NOT ATTENDING A CLASS, THEY WILL BE MARKED ABSENT FOR THAT PERIOD AND MUST SUBMIT A NOTE TO RECEIVE AN EXCUSED TARDY OR EARLY RELEASE.
  - Notes should be submitted to <u>6521attendance@dadeschools.net</u>.

#### EARLY STUDENT PICK-UP

- Any individual who is picking up a student early must be listed on the Emergency Contact Card.
   Students will not be released to any individual who is not listed.
- As per school board policy:
  - School Board Policy prevents students being picked up 30 minutes prior to dismissal, no students will be released early after 3:20 p.m.
  - Students who have 10 or more absences for the day or in an individual class cannot be picked up early.

### 2025-2026 ATTENDANCE POLICY

- ACCORDING TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL'S BOARD POLICIES:
  - Students in grades 6-12 who have 10 or more unexcused absences in an annual course or five or more unexcused absences in a semester course will be subject to the withholding of passing final grade(s).
  - A student who has 20 or more cumulative tardies will not be allowed to participate in interscholastic competitions or performances for the remainder of the school year.
- ATTENDANCE MATTERS: STUDENTS SHOULD BE IN SCHOOL AND ON TIME EACH AND EVERY DAY TO MAXIMIZE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES.



## 2025-2026 UNIFORM POLICY



## Mandatory School Uniform Policy 2025-2026

MIDDLE SCHOOL		2025-20
Tops / Camisas de Polo		Shirts – Collared white or navy blue with school logo  Ibiley Uniforms sells our school logo.  No designer polo shirts No oversized or knee-length shirts No T-Shirts Undershirts must be white or blue.
Bottoms / Pantalones		Pants – Navy Blue or Khaki ONLY  No jeans No shorts of any length No skirts or dresses of any length Appropriate size
Shoes / Zapatos		Closed shoes required with covered heels ONLY  No sandals, crocs, open heels or slides.
Jackets / Chaquetas		Jackets can be any color.  Jackets CANNOT have hoodies attached.  Ibiley Uniforms has approved school sweaters avaliable for purchase.
	Important Notes irts may only be worn on Fridays. If there is their Miami Springs Middle School Spirit T-s	
Students enrolled in Physical Education	will receive instructions from their teacher	r regarding the PE uniform during the 1st

STUDENTS MUST WEAR THEIR COMPLETE UNIFORM EVERY DAY!

**UNIFORM TOPS: WHITE OR NAVY BLUE POLO** 

MSMS Logo is sold by Ibiley Uniforms

**UNIFORM BOTTOMS: KHAKI OR NAVY BLUE PANTS** 

No shorts, No skirts, No jeans, No leggings, No sweatpants

**SHOES - CLOSED SHOES WITH COVERED HEEL** 

No Crocs, No Slides, No Sandals

JACKETS CAN BE OF ANY COLOR. NO JACKETS WITH HOODIES ATTACHED ARE ALLOWED.

Ibiley Uniforms sells school approved jackets

P.E. UNIFORMS – PE TEACHER WILL PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS
SCHOOL SPIRIT SHIRTS – FRIDAYS STUDENTS CAN WEAR THEIR
SCHOOL SPIRIT SHIRTS WITH THEIR UNIFORM BOTTOMS.
SPIRIT SHIRTS WILL BE ON SALE SOON.

STUDENT IDS – STUDENTS MUST WEAR THEIR SCHOOL ISSUED IDS AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON SCHOOL CAMPUS. IDS FOR NEW STUDENTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY LATE SEPTEMBER TO EARLY OCTOBER.

### SUMMER READING

- Visit the "Students" section of our website to find the 2025 Summer Reading Assignment.
- You will be required to read 2 books over the summer. The best part is that YOU get to choose which 2 you would like to read!
- Complete the two (2) assignments listed on the Summer Reading Assignment, one assignment for Book 1 and one assignment for Book 2.

#### **Directions:**

This summer, all Miami-Dade County Public School students can access free eBooks provided district. You may visit <a href="http://read.dadeschools.net">http://read.dadeschools.net</a> to view the resources available.

Choose your Books.





#### Incoming 6<sup>TH</sup> grade

All incoming 6th grade students must choose 2 books of interest from the approved Fiction or Non-Fiction book list.

#### Incoming 7<sup>TH</sup> grade

- For current 6th graders (Incoming 7th graders) with 2023 F.A.S.T ELA PM3 levels 1 and 2, you will read the following book, which will be provided:
  - Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
- All other incoming 7th grade students must choose 2 books of interest from the approved Fiction or Non-Fiction book list.

#### Incoming 8<sup>TH</sup> grade

- For current 7th graders (Incoming 8th graders) with 2023 F.A.S.T ELA PM3 levels 1 and 2, you will read the following book, which will be provided:
  - The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
- All other incoming 8th grade students must choose 2 books of interest from the approved Fiction or Non-Fiction book list.

# PROCEDURES FOR VISITING THE SCHOOL CAMPUS

- FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL OUR FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS:
  - All parents and other visitors must have a valid photo ID to enter the school building.
  - A security monitor at the front of the school will ask for your ID to scan through our Raptor system and provide you with a visitor sticker to enter the office.
  - Parents in need of assistance and looking to visit the school campus must call or email the person they'd like to see ahead of time to set up an appointment. Our complete faculty and staff directory is on our school website.

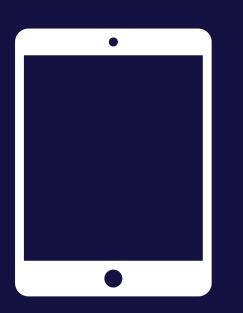
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VILS COACH: MS. VANESSA QUINTANA VFQUINTANA@DADESCHOOLS.NET

ALL STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A SCHOOL ISSUED IPAD WITH BUILT IN 5G SERVICE, WHICH MEANS THE DEVICE CAN BE USED AT HOME EVEN IF YOU DO NOT HAVE INTERNET ACCESS AT HOME!

DISTRIBUTIONS DATES AND DOCUMENTS WILL BE SENT HOME.

STAY TUNED!





### MIAMI SPRINGS MIDDLE ACTIVITIES / ATHLETICS

 ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE A MINIMUM 2.0 IN ACADEMICS AND CONDUCT AND NO DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS TO PARTICIPATE IN SCHOOL **ACTIVITIES, CLUBS, AND SPORTS.** 

#### CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS:

- National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)
   Miami Dade Urban Debate League
   Student Council

- **Robotics Club**
- Art Club
- Chess Club
- Band
- Dance (Coming Soon)
- SPORTS:
  - Boys Soccer
  - Girls Volleyball

  - Boys Flag Football Girls Flag Football

#### FIELDTRIPS & ACTIVITIES:

Miami-Dade County Youth Fair Field Trip

Miami Book Fair Field Trip (all grades)

Kitty Hawk Play Field Trip (7th Grade)

Universal Studios / Islands Gradventure Field Trip (8th

grade)

8th Grade Dinner/Dance

Kayaking Field Trip

Honor Roll

Student Dances

Spirit Weeks

Jeans Days

Family Nights at McDonalds

Attendance Incentives

## EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (EESAC)

## MR. NOEL CASTILLO, EESAC CHAIR 334917@DADESCHOOLS.NET

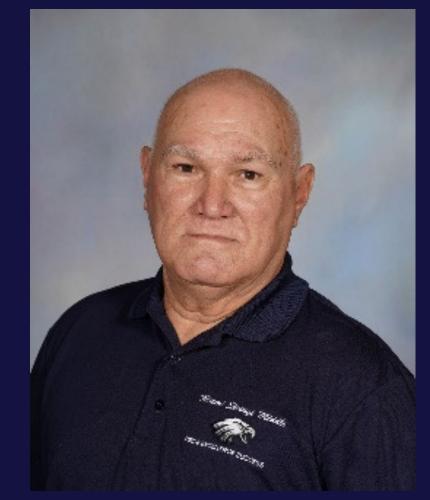
# ATTENTION PARENTS, GET INVOLVED IN EESAC! OWN A BUSINESS, JOIN OUR EESAC TODAY!

- ASSIST THE SCHOOL WITH PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROCESS (SIP).
- ORGANIZE PARENT ORIENTATION MEETINGS FOR NEW FAMILIES TO INCREASE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT.
- SPONSOR DRIVES TO INCREASE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT.
- ASSIST THE SCHOOL TO CREATE AND ANALYZE SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEYS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS.
- ASSIST THE SCHOOL WITH STUDENT INCENTIVES.

# TITLE T SCHOOL- WIDE PROGRAM



MS. MARIA CARVAJAL, CLS



MR. JOSE MENENDEZ, CLS

- REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION
  NT POLICY
  LE (Field Trips)



## STAY CONNECTED

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SCHOOL, PLEASE VISIT WWW.MIAMISPRINGSMIDDLE.NET OR ANY OF OUR SOCIAL MEDIA OUTLETS.



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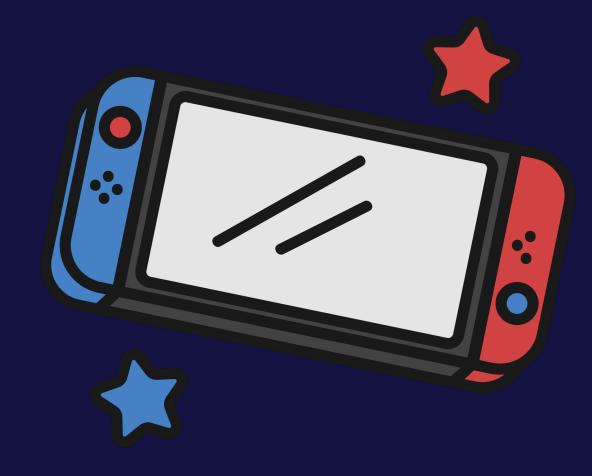
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