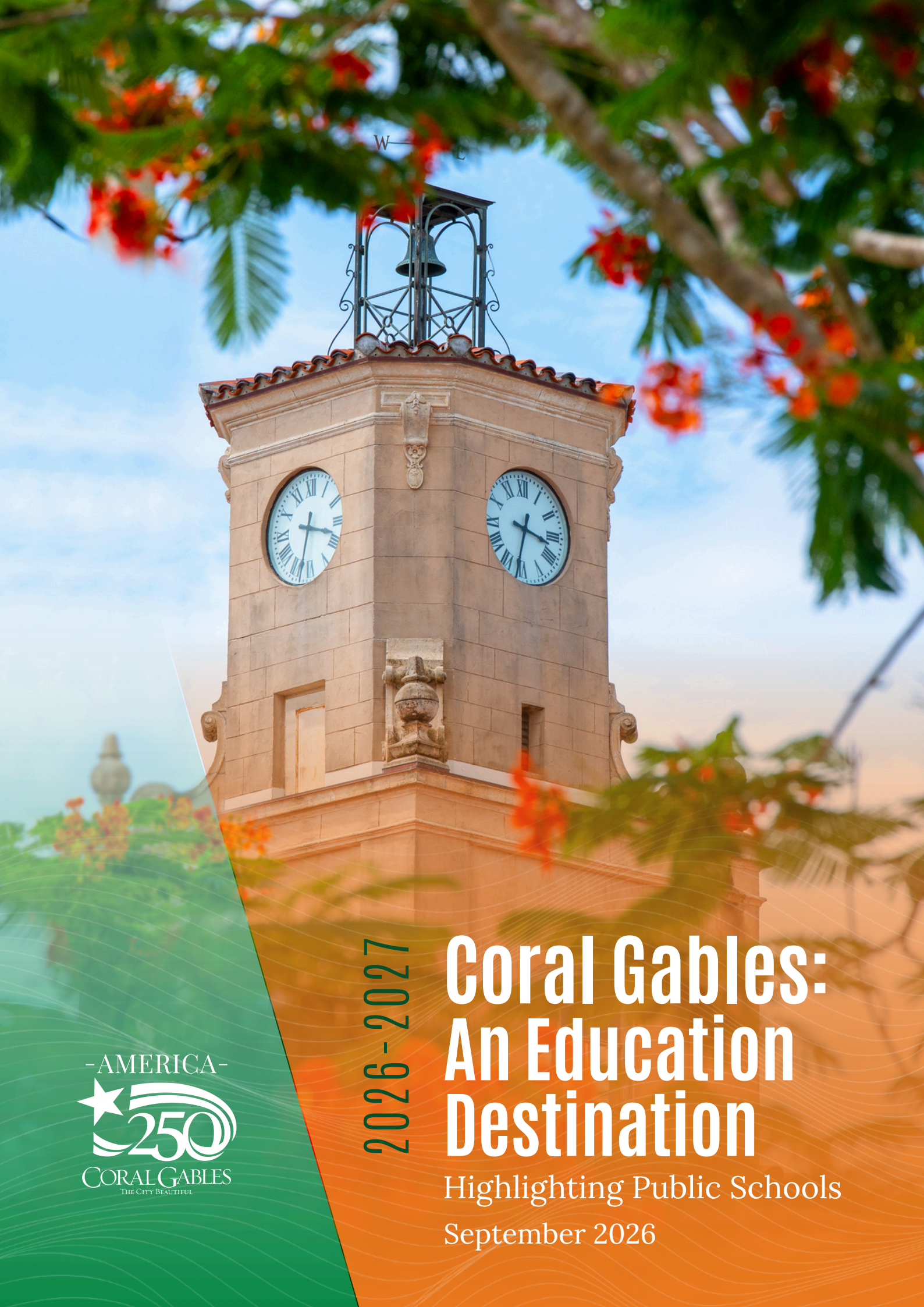




2026-2027

Coral Gables: An Education Destination

Highlighting Public Schools
September 2026

WELCOME TO CORAL GABLES!

Thank you for considering The City Beautiful as your home to Live, Learn, Work and Play.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is the third-largest school district in the nation and a **School Choice District**. In Coral Gables, students benefit from a collaborative network of city leaders, parents, businesses and community organizations committed to educational excellence and opportunity, including the Coral Gables Community Foundation, the City of Coral Gables School Community Relations Committee and the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce.

Together, these organizations promote scholarships, school needs, parent collaboration, community engagement and educational excellence.



Coral Gables Community Foundation

The Coral Gables Community Foundation supports public education through scholarships, school partnerships and community giving. In 2025, the foundation awarded \$3.9 million in scholarships to 246 local students. It supports programs such as the Coral Gables Senior High School Culinary Arts Program through its annual Tour of Kitchens fundraiser. It also provides funding to Friends of Gables High, an organization dedicated to addressing the school's needs, and supports the Spanish International Studies Magnet Program at George Washington Carver Elementary School.



School Community Relations Committee

The School Community Relations Committee is composed of citizen volunteers appointed by the City Commission. The committee strengthens communication and collaboration among Coral Gables schools, neighboring residents and the city, with an emphasis on school appearance, community involvement and the quality of public education.



Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce

The Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce supports public education by fostering connections among schools, students and the local business community. Its Business and Education Committee is one of approximately 20 committees that help advance the Chamber's mission of promoting business success and community engagement.

As the voice of the local business community, the Chamber represents a diverse and internationally connected membership. Coral Gables is home to approximately 200 multinational companies and 20 consulates and trade offices. Through collaboration with its members, city officials, schools, community organizations and residents, the Chamber helps strengthen educational opportunities and prepare students to participate in the local and global economy.



Althea Merrick, mother of Coral Gables' founder George Merrick, established Guavonia School in 1902 to educate her children and other families living nearby. It is recognized as the first school in the area that would later become Coral Gables. In recognition of her contributions to Coral Gables there is a statue of Mrs. Merrick at the historic Merrick House.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (M-DCPS) IS A SCHOOL CHOICE DISTRICT

NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL

Each student in grades K-12 is assigned to an area public school, based on the family's home address.

[What is my assigned school?](#)

(<https://dadeschools.finder.schoolmin.t.com/>)

MAGNET SCHOOLS

Magnet schools have specialized programs of study (visual arts, engineering, foreign language, etc).

[What magnet programs are available?](#)

(<https://yourchoicemiami.org>)

SCHOOL CHOICE

Transfer to any public school that has an opening.

Note: **Voluntary Pre-K (VPK) Programs** are available for those who turn 4 years old on or before Sept. 1. Application required; admission is determined through a lottery selection process.

The city works closely with **School Board Chair Mari Tere Rojas**, whose District 6 includes Coral Gables, **Superintendent Rafael A. Villalobos** and **Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Central Region Office** to support our public schools and students.

Magnet Schools, Schools of Choice and VPK programs require applications

October 1 through January 15*

<https://YourChoiceMiami.org>

*If a family needs to apply outside of these dates, then the "off-cycle" application is used.

Note: Competitive programs may be full/unavailable during off-cycle.



Gables Area Public Schools

The schools served by the City of Coral Gables School Community Relations Committee are:

Pre-K

Pre-Kindergarten

- Voluntary Pre-K (VPK) Programs for 4 and 5 year olds.*
 - 8:20 - 11:20 a.m.: Free
 - 11:20- 1:50 p.m.: \$12-\$15 per day

K-5

Elementary Schools

- G. W. Carver Elementary (VPK-5)*
- David Fairchild Elementary (VPK-5)*
- Sunset Elementary (VPK-5)*

K-8

K-8 Centers

- Coral Gables Preparatory Academy (VPK-8)*
- Frances S. Tucker K-8 Center (VPK-8)*
- Henry S. West Laboratory School (K-8)

6-8

Middle Schools

- Ponce de Leon Middle
- G. W. Carver Middle

9-12

High Schools

- Coral Gables Senior High
- International Studies Preparatory Academy (ISPA)

*Information on VPK

<https://mdcpsearlychildhood.net/>

Magnet & Choice Information

<https://yourchoicemiami.org/>

CORAL GABLES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12)

450 Bird Road, Coral Gables, FL 33146

 CoralGablesCavaliers.org

 [@coralgables_shs](https://www.instagram.com/coralgables_shs)



MAGNET PROGRAMS AND ACADEMIES

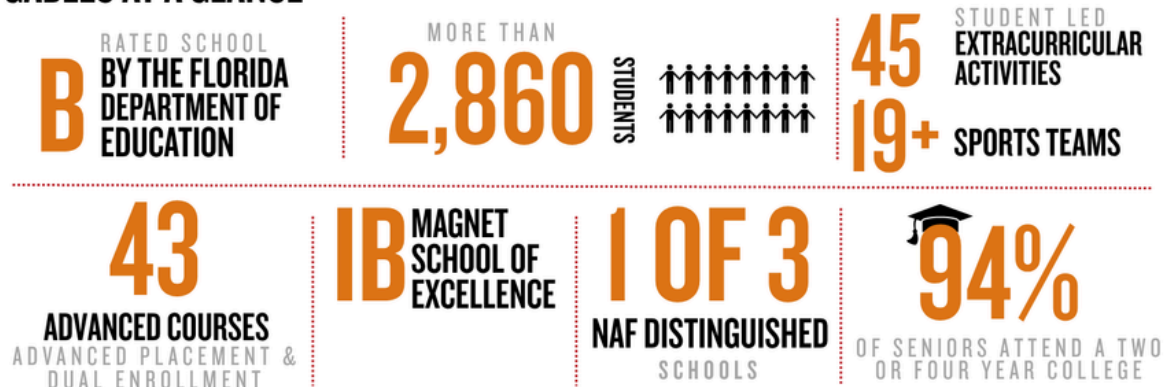
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- National Academy Foundation's Academy of Finance (AOF)
- Business Management and Information Technology
- Communication Arts, Film, and Digital Media
- Design, Education and Hospitality
- Health Science, Public Service, and Law
- Visual and Performing Arts

CAVS CONQUER COLLEGE PROGRAM – STUDENTS EARN 2-YEAR COLLEGE DEGREE FROM MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

ACCOLADES (SEE SCHOOL PROFILE [HERE](#))

- 95% IB diploma rate (versus 83% global passing rate)
- Five award-winning, nationally recognized student-run publications
- Approximately \$34 million scholarships award to graduating seniors (Class of 2026)
- 22:1 Student:Teacher ratio; over 25% of faculty hold advanced degrees
- \$40+ million in recent campus updates, including new track and field

GABLES AT A GLANCE



Students who earn the IB Diploma may qualify for additional benefits through [Florida's Bright Futures Scholarship Program](https://floridabrightfutures.gov/) (<https://floridabrightfutures.gov/>), including full tuition coverage at eligible Florida public colleges and universities.

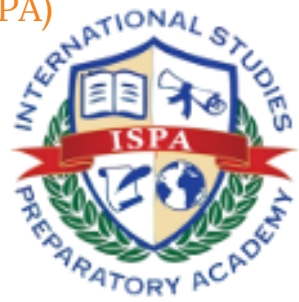
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INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PREPARATORY ACADEMY (ISPA) (Grades 9-12)

1570 Madruga Avenue, Coral Gables, FL 33146

 InternationalStudiesPrep.net  [@ISPA_high_school](https://www.instagram.com/ISPA_high_school)



100% MAGNET SCHOOL

- French: International Studies and International Education Programs
- Italian: International Studies and International Education Programs
- Spanish: International Studies Program

The [International Studies \(IS\) Program](https://internationalstudiesprep.net/academic-language-programs/) (<https://internationalstudiesprep.net/academic-language-programs/>) is a collaboration between Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and the Ministries of Education of Spain, France and Italy. Students pursue world language studies 12 hours per week in addition to a rigorous academic curriculum that addresses standards of both U.S. and European Union (EU) educational systems.

The [International Education \(IE\) Program](https://internationalstudiesprep.net/academic-language-programs/) (<https://internationalstudiesprep.net/academic-language-programs/>) focuses on language acquisition coupled with a thematic, program-wide cultural integration. Fluency is not required for entrance.

ISPA AT A GLANCE

A RATED SCHOOL
BY THE FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION

351

STUDENTS



20

STUDENT LED
EXTRACURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES

20

ADVANCED COURSES
ADVANCED PLACEMENT &
DUAL ENROLLMENT



MAGNET
SCHOOL OF
EXCELLENCE

94%

OF SENIORS ATTEND A TWO
OR FOUR YEAR COLLEGE



A small international studies magnet school with a diverse student community. Graduates have gone on to attend universities in the United States and abroad.

PARTNERS



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DE ASUNTOS EXTERIORES, UNIÓN EUROPEA
Y COOPERACIÓN



Consolato Generale d'Italia Miami



G. W. CARVER MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6-8)

4901 Lincoln Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33133

 [GWCMiddleSchool.net](https://gwcmiddleschool.net)

 [@carvermiddmdcps](https://www.instagram.com/carvermiddmdcps)



100% MAGNET SCHOOL

- French: International Studies and International Education Programs
- German: International Studies and International Education Programs
- Italian: International Studies and International Education Programs
- Spanish: International Studies and International Education Programs

The [International Studies \(IS\) Program](https://gwcmiddleschool.net/international-studies-program-is/) (https://gwcmiddleschool.net/international-studies-program-is/) is a collaboration between Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and the Ministries of Education of Spain, France, Germany and Italy. Students enter the program fluently speaking, reading and writing the target language.

The [International Education \(IE\) Program](https://gwcmiddleschool.net/international-education-program-ie/) (https://gwcmiddleschool.net/international-education-program-ie/) is a rigorous academic program with an advanced and honors curriculum. Students take two courses each year in the target language. Prior language knowledge and fluency are not required for entrance.

CARVER MIDDLE AT A GLANCE

A RATED SCHOOL
BY THE FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION

960 STUDENTS 

11 EXTRACURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES
15 SPORTS TEAMS

All
ADVANCED COURSES



**NATIONAL BLUE
RIBBON SCHOOL
OF EXCELLENCE**

7 ROTATING BLOCK
CLASS PERIODS



Students who successfully complete the same magnet program at participating elementary schools, including Sunset Elementary School and George Washington Carver Elementary School, may receive priority consideration for admission.

PARTNERS



German Missions
in the United States



MINISTERIO
DE ASUNTOS EXTERIORES, UNIÓN EUROPEA
Y COOPERACIÓN



Consolato Generale d'Italia Miami



PONCE DE LEON MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6-8)

5801 Augusto St, Coral Gables, FL 33146

 [PonceDeLeonMiddle.net](https://www.poncedeleonmiddle.net)

 [@PonceExplorers](https://www.instagram.com/PonceExplorers)



MAGNET PROGRAM

- [International Baccalaureate® \(IB\) Middle Years Programme \(MYP\)](https://www.ibo.org/programmes/middle-years-programme/what-is-the-myp/)
(<https://www.ibo.org/programmes/middle-years-programme/what-is-the-myp/>)

The International Baccalaureate (IB) program offers four programs globally. The Middle Year Program (MYP) aims to develop active learners and internationally minded young people who can empathize with others and pursue lives of purpose and meaning. Specific course work and community service is required.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL OR SCHOOL CHOICE

- M-DCPS curriculum for grades 6-8
- STEM Gold Certified with award-winning STEM clubs
- Honors and accelerated courses available (Algebra 1, Physical Science, Biology and Geometry); students outperformed the state average by more than 20 percentage points.
- Extensive after school clubs and sports program
- Self-contained Autism Spectrum Disorder and Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities Program

PONCE MIDDLE AT A GLANCE

B RATED SCHOOL
BY THE FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION

658 STUDENTS 

18 EXTRACURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES
13 SPORTS TEAMS

All
ALL LEVELS OF COURSES
OFFERED

IB MAGNET
SCHOOL OF
EXCELLENCE



8 ROTATING BLOCK
CLASS PERIODS



Veteran faculty and staff make this Title I school a welcoming place for students of all levels. Students who successfully complete the IB MYP may receive priority consideration when applying to IB high schools.

PARTNERS



The Home Team



CORAL GABLES PREPARATORY ACADEMY (Grades PK-8)

105 Minorca Ave, Coral Gables, FL 33134

 CoralGablesPrepAcademy.net  [@cgpa_coralgablesprepacademy](https://www.instagram.com/cgpa_coralgablesprepacademy)



NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL OR SCHOOL CHOICE

- Coral Gables' only fully neighborhood elementary school
- Friends of Gables Prep boost club funds extracurricular activities and capital improvements
- M-DCPS curriculum for grades PK-8
- VPK Program
- Full-time gifted program (Grades 1-8)
- Extended Foreign Language Program (Grades K-5)
- Before & Afterschool Program via YMCA of South Florida
- Award-winning Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

CGPA AT A GLANCE

A RATED SCHOOL
BY THE FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION

750 STUDENTS 

16:1 STUDENT: TEACHER
RATIO

All
ALL LEVELS OF COURSES
OFFERED

National PTA  SCHOOL OF
EXCELLENCE
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2 CAMPUSES
LOWER ACADEMY
UPPER ACADEMY



A public elementary school serving PK through 5th grade in the heart of Coral Gables. Families should note that admission to the PK program requires a separate application. Contact the school directly for enrollment and program information.

PARTNERS



FRANCES S. TUCKER K-8 CENTER (Grades PK-8)

3500 Douglas Road, Miami, FL 33133

 TuckerEagles.net

 [@FrancesTuckerK_8](https://www.instagram.com/FrancesTuckerK_8)



MAGNET PROGRAM

STArts: Science, Technology and the Arts

- Dance and Kinetic Movement
- Design and Engineering
- Environmental Science/Conservation
- Marine Biology
- Space Science

NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL OR SCHOOL CHOICE

- M-DCPS curriculum for grades PK-8
- VPK Program
- Self-contained Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder Program
- Aftercare and tutoring available

TUCKER K8 AT A GLANCE

C RATED SCHOOL
BY THE FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION

279 STUDENTS 

11:1 STUDENT: TEACHER
RATIO

All
ALL LEVELS OF COURSES
OFFERED

STArts
MAGNET
PROGRAM

1 CAMPUS
ELEMENTARY &
MIDDLE GRADES



Tucker K-8 recently added grades 6-8 and launched its new STArts magnet program.
Apply for PK program separately.

PARTNERS



FIU
Medina Aquarius
Program

Discovery
EDUCATION™

FAIRCHILD
TROPICAL BOTANIC GARDEN

HENRY S. WEST LABORATORY SCHOOL (Grades K-8)

5300 Carillo St, Coral Gables, FL 33146

 WestLabSchool.org

 [@westlabschool](https://twitter.com/@westlabschool)



100% MAGNET SCHOOL: GLOBAL FOCUS

- M-DCPS curriculum for grades K-8
- Policy of Limited Homework - read nightly; homework for specific individual needs (review, remediation and/or enrichment)
- Extensive after school clubs and sports program, administered by YMCA of South Florida (fee-based)
- University of Miami partnership

Located at the University of Miami, West Lab has leveraged its unique partnership since 1954 to pioneer new teaching methods. Classrooms serve as a living laboratory, where aspiring teachers hone their skills under the guidance of experienced educators and university faculty.

WEST LAB AT A GLANCE

A RATED SCHOOL
BY THE FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION

375 STUDENTS 

15:1 STUDENT: TEACHER
RATIO

All
ALL LEVELS OF COURSES
OFFERED

LIMITED HOMEWORK
POLICY

1 CAMPUS
ELEMENTARY &
MIDDLE GRADES



A highly sought-after public magnet school serving students in grades K-8. Families interested in learning more are encouraged to contact the school directly regarding tours and enrollment information.

PARTNERS



DAVID FAIRCHILD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Grades PK-5)

5757 SW 45th Street, Coral Gables, FL 33155

 DavidFairchildElementary.com  [@DFEFalcons](https://www.instagram.com/DFEFalcons)



NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL OR SCHOOL CHOICE

- M-DCPS curriculum for grades PK-5
- Full-time gifted program (Grades 1-5)
- Extended Foreign Language program (K-5, lottery selection, one class/grade level)
- Student clubs
- Before and Afterschool programs, administered by YMCA of South Florida (fee based)
- VPK Program
- PrK inclusion class
- Self-contained Autism Spectrum Disorder Program (K-2), expanding one grade level per year

FAIRCHILD AT A GLANCE

A RATED SCHOOL
BY THE FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION

453 STUDENTS 

15:1 STUDENT: TEACHER
RATIO

All
ALL LEVELS OF COURSES -
ASD THRU GIFTED

National PTA  **SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE**
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SPANISH
EFL PROGRAM/
GRADE LEVEL



Fairchild students often walk or bike to school due to the school's location in the pedestrian-friendly Red-Bird neighborhood. The school is next to the newly renovated South Miami Park.

PARTNERS



GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Grades PK-5)

238 Grand Avenue, Coral Gables, FL 33133



MAGNET PROGRAMS

- Italian - International Studies (IS)*
- Spanish - International Education (IE)*

NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL OR SCHOOL CHOICE

- [Full-time gifted program](https://gwces.com/gifted-program-information/) (<https://gwces.com/gifted-program-information/>)
- STEM Platinum Certified
- VPK Program
- Clubs, Before and Afterschool programs administered by YMCA of South Florida (fee based)
- Annual Friends of Carver Gala with Carver Middle School
- Taste of Carver annual cultural event

The Italian International Studies* curriculum is a collaboration between M-DCPS and the Ministry of Education of Italy (ODLI). Students pursue Italian studies one class period each day. A one-hour after school program is also required.

The Spanish International Education* curriculum focuses on language acquisition coupled with thematic, program-wide cultural integration. Students pursue Spanish studies during the school day. A fee-based, one-hour, Spanish Extended Day program is optional.

LITTLE CARVER AT A GLANCE

A RATED SCHOOL
BY THE FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION

558 STUDENTS

15:1 STUDENT: TEACHER
RATIO

All
LEVELS OF COURSES



SCHOOL OF
EXCELLENCE



MAGNET
SCHOOL OF
EXCELLENCE

2 MAGNETS
FOREIGN LANGUAGE



*Students who successfully complete this school's magnet programs receive priority for direct matriculation to schools with the same magnet strand, including Carver Middle's Spanish IE and Italian IS programs.

PARTNERS



CORAL GABLES
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



Consolato Generale d'Italia Miami



SUNSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Grades PK-5)

5120 SW 72nd Street, Coral Gables, FL 33143



SunsetInternationalSchool.com



[@SunsetInternationMDCPS](https://www.instagram.com/SunsetInternationMDCPS)



MAGNET SCHOOL

- French: International Studies Program
- German: International Studies Program
- Spanish: International Studies Program

NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL OR SCHOOL CHOICE

- Full-time gifted program
- International Education Attendance Boundary Program
- [Before Care, After Care and Story Hour](https://sunsetinternationalschool.com/before-care-after-school-care-and-enrichment-classes/) (<https://sunsetinternationalschool.com/before-care-after-school-care-and-enrichment-classes/>)

The [International Studies \(IS\) Program](https://gwciddleschool.net/international-studies-program-is/) (<https://gwciddleschool.net/international-studies-program-is/>) is a collaboration between M-DCPS and the Ministries of Education of Spain, France and Germany. The goal is fluency in speaking, reading and writing the target language. The school day is an hour longer for International Studies students. Those who successfully complete an International Studies program, have priority for direct articulation to middle schools, such as Carver Middle, with the same magnet strands.

SUNSET AT A GLANCE

A RATED SCHOOL
BY THE FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION

1180

STUDENTS



15:1

STUDENT: TEACHER
RATIO

GLOBAL
OPPORTUNITIES: FIELD
TRIPS, CLUBS, TRAVEL



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RIBBON SCHOOL
OF EXCELLENCE**

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MAGNETS
FOREIGN LANGUAGE



Plan ahead! The entry point to Sunset is Kindergarten and 1st grade. Language proficiency exams are required for students entering grades 2-5. Apply for PK separately.

PARTNERS

Sunset Elementary School

PTA

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GÉNÉRAL
DE FRANCE
À MIAMI



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GIPA

German Missions
in the United States

HELPFUL INFORMATION & RESOURCES

SCHOOL SAFETY

Florida law requires every public school to have a Safe School Officer on campus.

SCHOOL HOURS

School start and dismissal times vary by campus and grade level. Families should confirm current schedules directly with their school.

TRANSPORTATION

Students may be eligible for bus transportation if they live more than 2 miles from school. All K-12 students are eligible for an EASY Card allowing them to ride the County Metrobus and Metrorail for half price. For bus route information: www.dot.dadeschools.net.

MEALS

M-DCPS provides breakfast and lunch for free or at subsidized rate, subject to district policy.

TECHNOLOGY

Students are provided laptops for educational use. Families should verify device and insurance requirements with M-DCPS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

General/VPK: www3.dadeschools.net

Magnet School Choice: yourchoicemiami.org

Families are encouraged to verify all program details, deadlines and eligibility requirements directly with M-DCPS and individual schools.

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Thank you for considering The City Beautiful as your home to Live, Learn, Work and Play.

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