

DID YOU KNOW? M-DCPS AT A GLANCE

M-DCPS YOUR BEST CHOICE



EXCELLENCE



- M-DCPS is an A-rated, fully accredited District of Distinction, ranked among the top school districts in Florida.
- Achieved a 95% graduation rate in 2025.
- Advanced Placement (AP) classes increased to more than 33,700 students in 2025-2026.
- The Class of 2026 was offered \$649 million in scholarships.
- Nearly 16,500 instructional personnel, with 41% holding advanced degrees and an average of 16.5 years of experience.
- All M-DCPS VPK Programs passed Florida's CLASS® assessment, demonstrating high-quality learning environments.



INNOVATION

- Over 16,700 students in Dual Enrollment, with 93 Cambridge Programs and 24 International Baccalaureate (IB) programs.
- Over 200,000 students are studying 11 foreign language courses.
- The Office of Family Engagement/Parent Academy had over 13,000 parents participating in workshops and over 5,000 caregivers engaged with staff at school-community events.



CHOICE

- The #1 Magnet District in the nation with more than 67,000 students in 121 Magnet schools and 350+ programs.
- Seven accredited technical career colleges offering over 60 programs, apprenticeship opportunities, and high-paying, in-demand career paths.
- More than 200 schools offer preschool programs, serving children from birth through Prekindergarten (age 4).

SAFETY



- The Miami-Dade Schools Police Department, the nation's largest school-based police department, has an officer assigned to each school.
- Over 18,000 surveillance cameras utilized for enhanced security.
- More than 30,000 personnel certified in Youth Mental Health First Aid.
- More than 45,000 students, transported daily, covering over 11 million miles annually.

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YOUR GUIDE TO THE 2026 REFERENDUM

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#SecureOurFuture



Miami-Dade County Public Schools, your A-rated School District for 7 straight years, is grateful that in 2018 and 2022, the voters of Miami-Dade County approved the Secure our Future Referendum to support teachers and student safety in their public schools. In 2026, voters will be asked to consider renewing this referendum for an additional four years.

- **Referendum Renewal:** If approved by voters, the renewed referendum would continue providing salary supplements for teachers and instructional personnel and continue the improvement of school safety by providing enhancements such as a school police officer at every M-DCPS school campus.
- **Charter Schools:** Referendum proceeds are shared with public charter schools, as required by Florida law.
- **Oversight and Accountability:** Referendum expenditures are reviewed by the Secure Our Future Advisory Committee (SOFAC), an independent citizens' oversight committee established to monitor the use of referendum funds and ensure they are spent as intended by the voters.

Ballot Language

Referendum Renewal of Existing Ad Valorem Levy for Teachers, Instructional Personnel, Student Safety and Security

Shall the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, maintain the existing one (1) mill ad valorem tax levy exclusively for school operational purposes at Miami-Dade County Public Schools, including public charter schools, to continue improving compensation for teachers and instructional personnel and to improve student safety and school security with oversight by a Citizen Advisory Committee beginning July 1, 2027, and ending June 30, 2031?

Election Day is Tuesday,

November 3, 2026



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