

Getting ready for the **Transition to High School**



**Mission:
Success**

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Let's REFLECT

As you get ready to say goodbye to
Curry



and hello to



think about your concerns when
you transitioned to middle school...

Do you know?



What are the promotion requirements to transition to high school?

What can I do now to be ready for high school?

Where can I get additional information about high school options?

How your school counselors can help:

- Academic Advising
 - Planning for success
- Magnet Fair: Oct. 12, 2017
 - 6:00PM
- Resources
- Neighborhood Schools Visit
 - Ferguson & Varela
 - Subject Selection sheets
- Florida Virtual School



Research shows

“Kids moving into high school rely heavily on friends and are, at least at first, caught off guard by the academic workload.”

~ Letrello, T., 2002; Mizelle, N., 2000; Akos, P., 2004

So... work on study habits!

“ Students who feel part of the school community are more motivated and show higher academic achievement.” ~ Isakson & Jarvis, 1999

So... GET INVOLVED!

The average eighth grader is not certain what their future goals are and what to do after high school.

So... start thinking about your future.

What are your interests? What are your skills?

8th grade GOALS

○ Study – work hard; your effort counts

- Pass all your classes. Get good grades.
 - Grades matter for high school placement
- Pass all your tests
- Improve your study skills



○ Choose positive behavior

- Attend school regularly; arrive on time
- Get along well with others
- Stay out of trouble
- Ask questions. Get help when you need it.

○ Get High School Ready

- Complete College/Career activities
- Attend Magnet Fair October 12, 2017
- Visit websites of high schools of interest
- Attend Open Houses/ visit high schools



Promotion and Placement Requirements

as per the district's Student Progression Plan

15-18 Cumulative middle school courses passed:

- 3 Language Arts courses
- 3 Math courses
- 3 Science courses
- 3 Social Sciences
- plus electives (including PE)

PROMOTED to
9th grade –

Eligible for high
school admission

14 or fewer courses passed

Retained in
8th grade

Students in Middle School can earn a maximum of six high school credits



- Algebra 1 Honors* (must pass EOC)
- Geometry Honors* (must pass EOC)
- Physical Science Honors
- Biology* (must pass EOC)
- Spanish for Spanish Speakers 1 & 2
- Spanish for Non-Spanish Speakers 1 & 2
- French 1 & 2

*EOC results 30% of grade

Note: Students in middle school who earn a “C” or below in a high school course may retake the course for grade forgiveness.

Taking High School courses while in Middle School impacts:

- High School GPA (grades will show up on transcripts)
- Graduation and College admission
- Scholarship opportunities, including Florida Bright Futures
- NCAA Eligibility (Athletics)

HS Graduation Options



DIPLOMA OPTIONS

- A four-year, 24-credit standard program
- 18-credit Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL) option

TWO ADDITIONAL ACCELERATED graduation OPTIONS

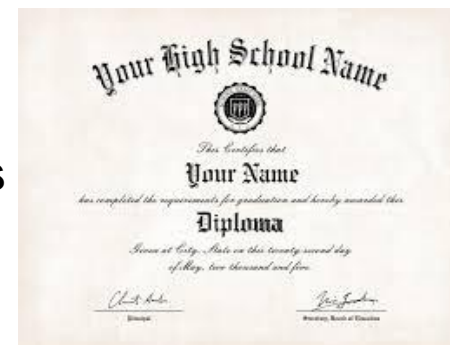
- An International Baccalaureate (IB) program*
- An Advanced International Certificate of Education program*

STATE ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS:

- 10th grade FSA Language Arts

End of Course (EOC) ASSESSMENTS:

- Algebra 1, Geometry, and Biology 1, U.S. History
- Pass with a Level 3 or higher to earn course credits
- EOC results are 30% of final course grade



Standard Diploma option

	24 CREDIT OPTION
English/ESOL	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	3 credits
Social Science	3 credits
Foreign Language	Not required <u>EXCEPT</u> for state universities
Performing/Fine/ Practical/Career & Technical	1 credit
Physical Education	1 credit
Electives	8 credits
Grade Point Average	2.0
Minimum Grade	"D"
Years to Complete	4 years
Testing	Passing Scores on
Community Service	Required

including Algebra 1, Geometry

including Biology 1



One **online** course, e.g. **FLVS** courses such as Foreign Language, Driver's Ed, Personal Fitness, Fitness Lifestyle Design

FSA and/or EOCs

*Information obtained from MDCPS Student Progression Plan

Which High school?

NEIGHBORHOOD school - determined by the **address on file** (Address updates should be submitted ASAP, by Dec. 22, 2017)

- Know which school you are assigned to attend.
 - Student selects **ACADEMY**
 - **NO APPLICATION** needed

MAGNET school. Application required.

- Application window: October 1st – January 15th
- www.yourchoicemiami.org

PRIVATE or CHARTER school

- Admission requirements vary
- Application deadlines



WHAT TO EXPECT when they go to high school

- ◉ More choices and opportunities
- ◉ New friends
- ◉ Relationships
- ◉ Sports, clubs, other school activities
- ◉ More school work
- ◉ First job
- ◉ Critical decisions:
 - ◉ College preparation
 - ◉ Career preparation



HOW PARENTS CAN HELP:



- Learn about high school choices and requirements. Visit www.yourchoicemiami.org
 - Research different programs (that match their interests)
 - Help them select academy or area of interest carefully
 - Attend open houses and orientations
- Get involved. Be supportive.
- Encourage participation in clubs, sports, other school activities
- Know your child's interests, strengths and weaknesses
- Continue to monitor attendance and grades
- Communicate with teachers and counselors, as needed.
- Keep the lines of communication open with your child.

Save the dates!

DEADLINE for Magnet Applications

Jan. 15th

BUSCH GARDENS trip

Jan. 19, 2018

Ferguson & Varela visit Curry

Jan/Feb 2018

Be ready to choose your academy!

FSA WRITING test

February 2018

FSA and EOC's

April-May 2018

DINNER/ DANCE

June 1, 2018



Did you learn?



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“Pep Talk from Kid President” on You Tube

October 12, 2017

We now invite you to proceed to the cafeteria
for **the Magnet Fair.**



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**Magnet Application
Now Available!**

Application Period Ends January
15th. Hurry and Apply for the
2018-2019 School Year!

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**SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION
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