## **Instruction--Elementary and Secondary**

## **COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

Community schools shall be established upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and authorization by the School Board.

Community schools have been established in Miami-Dade County to develop processes that allow people to help themselves. The function of community schools has been to integrate the many resources now in the community, encourage new resources, and assist all groups to become more effective in bringing needed and desired services to the people in their own neighborhood.

The community school serves as a way of expanding the services of the school in the community. The program not only makes it possible to increase formal education courses while bringing these services closer to the people, but also provides many opportunities for less formal activities for all age groups. The community school works closely with all divisions and departments in the school system in coordinating these expanded services.

A manual of community school procedures delineates authorized procedures to be followed by schools conducting a community school program, schoolage child care programs, and community education prekindergarten programs. This document, **Community School Procedures**, is incorporated by reference and is a part of this Rule. Copies of **Community School Procedures** are on file in the Office of the Recording Secretary to the Board, the Citizen Information Center, the Bureau of Community Services, and the Office of the School Board Clerk.

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