

Instruction--Elementary and Secondary**CURRICULUM****I. Elementary School**

The curriculum of the Miami-Dade County elementary school is organized to provide instruction for all children in those areas which are considered essential to a sound general education. A good elementary school has the following characteristics:

- A. Emphasis on content and skills which each child needs to advance individual competence and to achieve a level of academic proficiency and social and emotional development which will enable him/her to progress to the next grade level. Progress through the public school program and effectiveness in our democratic system require mastery of the fundamental tools of education.
- B. A well-planned and well-balanced series of learning activities appropriate to the needs of each child and closely related to the daily life of the children in the school and community.
- C. Emphasis on the child's understanding and development of individual potentialities--how to care for oneself; how to express oneself; how to use one's own powers to think and act.
- D. A program centered around the American way of life: its institutions, privileges, and responsibilities. The classroom is recognized as an important laboratory for the development of desirable social attitudes and skills.

II. Middle School

The middle school is organized to serve students of the adolescent age group. The purpose of the middle school is to continue and expand the general education program begun in the elementary school. Opportunity is provided at each grade level for students to choose several electives. This type of organization provides for the following:

- A. The sixth grade is so organized that students easily make the transition from the elementary school to the middle school.

- B. The seventh grade is so organized as to continue the transition process with an emphasis on interdisciplinary teams.
- C. The eighth grade is so organized as to continue the middle school concept and prepare students to successfully meet the requirements of a senior high school program.

III. Senior High School

A good senior high school program provides the best possible educational opportunity for all of its students. Offerings include strong college preparatory courses as well as applied technology (pre-vocational and vocational) courses. A well-planned educational program is developed under the leadership of the principal through group guidance and through individual counseling.

IV. Exceptional Education Students

Classes and services for exceptional education students are provided at all levels with an emphasis on providing exceptional education students with the least restrictive environment.

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