

Miami-Dade Online Academy
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School Profile Information:

In 2009, the State of Florida created Miami Dade Online Academy (MDO) to offer parents an option to teach their students at home using a standard based curriculum. In this program, families would have the option to run a public school in their home. In 2009, MDO opened its doors to 52 students in elementary and secondary grade levels. Today we enrolled 350 students.

Miami-Dade Online Academy is an accredited Miami-Dade County public school's School of Choice offering parents and students a comprehensive Kindergarten through twelfth grade full-time virtual educational program, delivered anytime and anywhere. Students are free to work from any venue, at any time, giving them the opportunity to excel academically, as a professional athlete, and/or participate in extracurricular activities. Students of all ages flourish in this program. Students are not bound by a conventional school site schedule; they have the freedom to be self-directed and take charge of their education.

Miami-Dade Online Academy abides by all the State of Florida and Miami-Dade County Public School's promotional and graduation requirements. After an academic advisement session with the school counselor, students enroll in a maximum of six (6) virtual courses per year. Students are assigned Florida certified teachers who are responsible for teaching online virtual classes, grading assignments, monitoring the student's progress, communicating progress with the Learning Coach and student, conducting monthly live virtual evaluations, providing students with academic challenges, and responding with an education plan for struggling students, when necessary. The teacher individualizes each plan based on the student's needs and academic level.

Learning Coaches are typically one of the parent/guardians or an authorized adult who is trained to monitor the student, communicate with the teacher, manage public school requirements at home, and enter daily attendance. Students work with their Learning Coach every day using their daily planner to follow the course work strategically created by a professional teacher. Parents and students schedule their school time to their convenience in their chosen venue. Depending on the student's maturity level, the Learning Coach gradually teaches the student how to pace himself or herself and work independently; however, always monitoring the student's progress daily. Students are promoted based on the Student Progression plan once they have earned their grades at the end of the semester.

Each year, approximately 300 to 350 students in grades K through 12 choose to be educated at Miami-Dade Online Academy, on a full-time basis. According to the 2018-2019 Membership Statistics, Miami-Dade Online Academy's student body is comprised of a diverse population composed of 54.1% Hispanic/Latino, 16.4% Black, 18% White, and 8.2% Asian.

Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation and Ranking

Grade Number of Points

<u>A = 4</u>	<u>B = 3</u>	<u>C = 2</u>	<u>D = 1</u>	<u>F and I/NC = 0</u>
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Beginning with Grade 9, all subjects - whether passed or failed- are included in the computation. A minimum of 24 credits is required for graduation. AP and Dual Enrollment courses are weighted by two extra points and Honors classes are weighted by one extra point. Grades are recorded on the official transcript and grade point averages are recalculated in January, June, and August. District policy eliminated class rank beginning with the Class of 2009. Students' rank is distinguished by their grade point averages and are categorized as Suma Cum laude, Magna Cum laude and Cum Laude.

Curriculum Features are unique and support a rigorous educational program. Academically challenging courses are available to all students in grades K through 12.

- **Advanced level courses**
 - can be taken in grades 6-8
 - Students demonstrating mastery in Pre-algebra and the sciences can take required high school credit mathematics and science courses.
- **Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) Programs**
 - Classes which are labeled Honors and AP may be taken in grades 9-12.
- **Honors level coursework**
 - Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Sciences, Science
- **Advanced Placement Offerings**
 - English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Calculus, United States History, American Government, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Biology, Spanish, Psychology, Statistics, Art History
- **Dual Enrollment program**
 - Enables students to enroll in college courses and earn college credits at local institutions of higher education.
 - Miami-Dade Online currently partners with Miami Dade College allowing students to aim to earn an Associates of Arts degree from Miami Dade College.
 - Another institution of choice is Florida International University (FIU) and students are advised to follow courses based on FIU's undergraduate core requirements.

Post-High School Placement

MDO has an 94.1% graduation rate and our graduating seniors have enrolled in the following post-secondary institutions: Barry University, Cornell University, Flagler College, Florida International University, Harvard University, Laguna College of Art and Design in California, Manhattanville College, Miami-Dade College, New England Conservatory of Music, New York Film Academy, Nova Southeastern University, St. Thomas University, and University of Applied Sciences in Aachen, Germany.

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