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Dear Students and Parents,

Miami-Dade County Public Schools offers a wide range of programs and opportunities for academics, acceleration, and career planning. We are committed to providing a robust support system that empowers our students to succeed not only in academics but also in their future college pursuits, career choices, and life experiences. Below you will find a preview of available program offerings and web links that lead to more detailed information.

Advanced Placement Program (AP) is an acceleration program that allows high school students to take college level courses and exams. AP exams are administered in May of each year, and students who earn a qualifying score of 3 or higher may be able to earn college credit. Students who earn an AP Capstone Diploma are also eligible to receive a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship. For more information, visit https://advancedacademicprograms.dadeschools.net.

Dual Enrollment is an acceleration program that allows secondary students to take college level classes at their school or on a local college campus at no cost to the student. Through this program, students can earn credits that count towards their high school diploma, a career certificate, an industry certification, or a college degree (like an associate degree or bachelor's degree) at a Florida public or eligible private institution. For more information, visit https://advancedacademicprograms.dadeschools.net.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme and the Cambridge AICE Diploma Program are internationally recognized programs of study that include courses and exams that may earn students college level credits. In addition, if the student successfully completes the IB curriculum or the Cambridge curriculum, they are eligible to earn a Florida standard high school diploma. Students who earn an IB or AICE Diploma are also eligible to receive a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship. For more information, visit https://advancedacademicprograms.dadeschools.net.

Early High School Graduation is an option for students who meet specific requirements and pass all the state tests needed for graduation. To qualify, students must earn at least 24 credits, have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, and pass all of the state assessments required for graduation. If a student meets these requirements, they may be eligible to graduate from high school in fewer than eight semesters.

Career and Professional Academies and Career-Themed Courses are designed to prepare students for specific careers or fields of study. Academies offer a sequenced program of study that includes industry certifications and opportunities to earn postsecondary credit and scholarships. Career-themed courses let students explore their interests and develop skills in many areas. Visit your school's website for more information on available career academies and/or career-themed courses. A directory of all District schools and websites can be found at Miami-Dade County Public Schools (dadeschools.net).

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Graduation Pathway is an 18-credit graduation pathway that leads to a standard high school diploma and industry certifications. Students enrolled in various CTE programs may choose to enter a CTE Graduation Pathway. For more information, visit https://dcte.dadeschools.net.

Work-based Learning Opportunities, such as internships, and pre-apprenticeship programs are opportunities for students to get real-world experience in potential career pathways. These experiences can help students learn new skills, connect with potential employers, and even earn college credits. For more information, visit https://dcte.dadeschools.net and https://www.engagemiamidade.net/internships.

Foundational and Soft-Skill Credentialing Programs are designed to help students build important skills they need for both college and the workplace. These skills include areas such as critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication. For more information, visit https://dcte.dadeschools.net.

Florida Virtual School (FLVS) offers a variety of online courses for students in grades K-12. To enroll in an FLVS course, students must have their high school counselor's approval. A complete list of courses offered by FLVS is available through FLVS's website at https://www.flvs.net.

College and Career Planning Resources are designed to support students' academic and career development, and Miami-Dade County Public Schools is proud to offer two exceptional resources, Scoir and Xello that support post-secondary exploration and planning at the middle school and high school levels.

Scoir is a comprehensive online college and career planning platform available to all high school students and their parents. This powerful tool assists students in finding the right fit for their postsecondary plan. With Scoir, students can research and explore colleges, build college lists, complete a college and career-matching assessment, and communicate with their counselors and CAP advisor. Students can also create unique profiles and resumes to display their interests, activities, and achievements. Scoir also allows counselors, advisors, and teachers to communicate with students and families, schedule counseling sessions and workshops, and share resources including scholarship opportunities. As students begin to apply to college, counselors, teachers, and advisors use Scoir to send college application documents to colleges and universities. For more information regarding Scoir, please contact the CAP Advisor at your child's school.

Xello serves as Florida's official college and career planning and work-based learning coordination system, offering a wide range of tools and resources to help students explore their interests, skills, and career options. Xello is accessible in our middle schools, extending its valuable resources to our younger students as they prepare for their future in high school. For more information regarding Xello, please visit https://www.fldoe.org/academics/college-career-planning/.

These programs and resources are designed to empower our students on their academic, college and career paths, and we encourage parents to explore these valuable tools alongside their children to make the most of their opportunities within Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

To learn more about these programs and resources, please contact your child's school counselor at (305) 557-3770.

Sincerely,

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