South Dade Academy
&
Back to school
2026-2027

Vision & Mission

Vision

We are committed to building a community of creative and analytical thinkers through rigorous and relevant academic choices and diverse educational opportunities designed to prepare our students to meet the demands of our ever-changing world.

Mission

Our mission is to provide a personalized and purposeful educational experience where students can stay focused, make progress, and achieve their goals. We are dedicated to helping students not only earn their high school diploma, but also develop the life skills, discipline, and direction needed to succeed in the real world.

Board Members & Administration

Board members

Dr. Lisandra Prieto-Gonzalez
Dr. Andy Prieto

Administration

Principal
Lisa Knight

Assistant Principal
Eddie Aguilar

Accreditations and Partnerships

Cognia helps institutions globally with accreditation, assessment, and professional services for continuous improvement in education. Recognized in 90+ countries, and MDCPS.

The NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) is a national organization that governs over 250 member schools and offers opportunities for high school athletes to play college sports while earning a degree

High school athletes can compete at NCAA schools if they register with the NCAA Eligibility Center and meet academic and athletics requirements for their chosen division

Admissions

Each campus accepts new student enrollments throughout the school year.

Scholarship Family Responsibilities
Families receiving scholarship funding are responsible for keeping their scholarship account active and up to date.
✓ Maintain active enrollment at your designated campus
✓ Approve school invoices within 30 calendar days of receiving them
✓ Keep contact and scholarship account information current
✓ Maintain communication with the school
✓ Complete required scholarship testing for eligible students in grades 6–10
✓ Regularly check your email and scholarship portal for notices, deadlines, and required actions

Step Up For Students

Important: Timely completion of scholarship requirements helps prevent delays or interruptions in student funding and access to the education platform.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:	AUGUST 17, 2026
SUFS INVOICE DATE:	AUGUST 1, 2026
SUFS INVOICE DATE:	SEPTEMBER 1, 2026
SUFS INVOICE DATE:	NOVEMBER 1, 2026
DECEMBER GRADUATION:	JANUARY 8, 2027
SUFS RE-ENROLLMENT BEGINS (SUFS INVOICE DATE):	FEBRUARY 1, 2027
SUFS INVOICE DATE:	APRIL 1, 2027
MAY GRADUATION:	MAY 22, 2027
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:	MAY 28, 2027

Life Skills & Safety

Preparing Students Beyond the Classroom
Our campus partners with trusted community organizations to provide Life Skills instruction that complements our academic program. Students develop essential skills in:

- Personal growth and responsibility
- Communication and social skills
- Career and workforce readiness
- Independent living and decision-making
- Preparation for life after graduation.

Safe & Secure Campus
Student safety is a priority. Our campus is supported by trained, armed security personnel during school hours to help maintain a safe and secure environment for students, staff, and families.

Academics

Graduation Requirements

MIDDLE SCHOOL		
Grade 6	• Language Arts • Math • Science	• United States History • Elective/Physical Education
Grade 7	• Language Arts • Math • Science	• Civics • Elective/Foreign Language
Grade 8	• Language Arts • Math • Science	• World History • Elective/ Foreign Language

HIGH SCHOOL		
Grade 9	• English 1 • Algebra 1 • Physical Science	• World History • Elective/Foreign Language 1
Grade 10	• English 2 • Geometry • Biology	• Elective/Foreign Language 2
Grade 11	• English 3 • Algebra 2 • Chemistry	• U.S History • Fine Art
Grade 12	• English 4 • Math for College Algebra • Government/Economics	• Elective

Education Platform

Edgeunity

Edgenuity platform

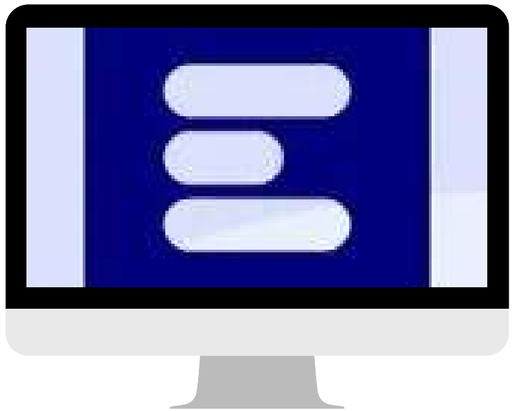
Edgenuity provides personalized learning experiences, allowing students to learn at their own pace and access resources tailored to their individual needs. Students receive instruction in modules through Edgenuity with multimedia tools that present real-world applications to build content knowledge and essential skills. Tutoring support is available directly through the Edgenuity platform for students who need additional academic assistance.

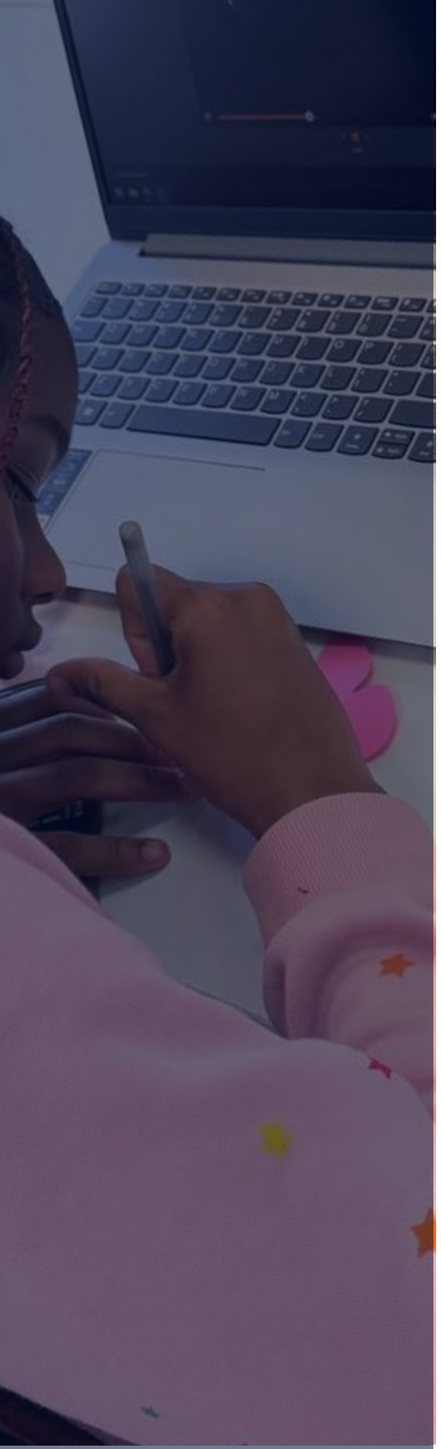
Progress reports

Parents/guardians will receive weekly student progress reports by email from Edgenuity. Check your inbox and spam folder with the following email: **noreply@communications.imaginelearning.com**

School Policy

Academic course completion time frame of 5-8 weeks. 1 course every 5-8 weeks. This focused, self-paced approach allows students to work while maintaining consistent academic progress and staying on track toward graduation.





Bell Schedule

8:30 - 9:00 AM	Homeroom
9:00 - 10:00 AM	Block 1: Life Skills Lesson
10:00 - 10:05 AM	5 Minute Break | Transition
10:05 - 10:55 AM	Block 2: Edgenuity Lab
10:55 - 11:00 AM	5 Minute Break | Transition
11:00 - 12:00 AM	Block 3: Edgenuity Lab
12:15 - 12:45 PM	Teacher Lunch
1:00 - 3:00 PM	In-Person Teacher-Student Conferences

Our bell schedule includes Life Skills instruction, dedicated Edgenuity work periods, scheduled transitions, and individual teacher support to help students stay focused, make consistent academic progress, and work toward successful course completion.

After-Hours Coursework
All students may continue working on their coursework beyond regular school hours.

Please note: requests for assignment or exam unlocking, as well as questions requiring teacher assistance, must be addressed during regular school hours when a teacher is available.

Teacher hours: 8:30am-3:00pm not including scheduled lunch.

Seniors Deadlines & Activities

CHECKPOINT DATES & QUALIFICATIONS

DECEMBER GRADUATES

- 3 credits or fewer by 09/11/26
- 2 credits or fewer by 10/09/26
- 1 credit or fewer by 11/06/26
- Final credit completed by 12/04/26

MAY GRADUATES

- 3 credits or fewer by 01/22/27
- 2 credits or fewer by 02/19/27
- 1 credit or fewer by 03/29/27
- Final credit completed by 04/23/27

Follow each checkpoint deadline to ensure every senior remains eligible to graduate on time.

Seniors who transfer or enroll after the school year has begun may not be eligible to participate in certain senior activites

NOTE: December Graduation & Gradbash Ceremony is pending and will be determined based on student participation.

Class of 2026-2027 & Important Dates

Fox-Mar	Senior Portraits	• **Date:** Can book a session year round • **Cost:** Upon package selection • www.foxmar.com
GRAD BASH UNIVERSAL ORLANDO	Grad Bash	• **Date:** April 16, 2027 • **Cost:** $250
	Graduation Rehearsal & Cap & Gown Pick Up	• **Date:** Dec 10, 2026 (for December Graduates) • **Date:** May 10, 2027 (for May Graduates)
	Ceremony	• **Date:** Jan 8, 2027 (December Graduates) • **Date:** May 22, 2027 (May Graduates) • **Cost:** $150 • **Time & Location:** TBA
	Diploma Pick Up	• **Date:** Jan 19, 2027 (December Graduates) • **Date:** June 15, 2027 (May Graduates)

Advisement

COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

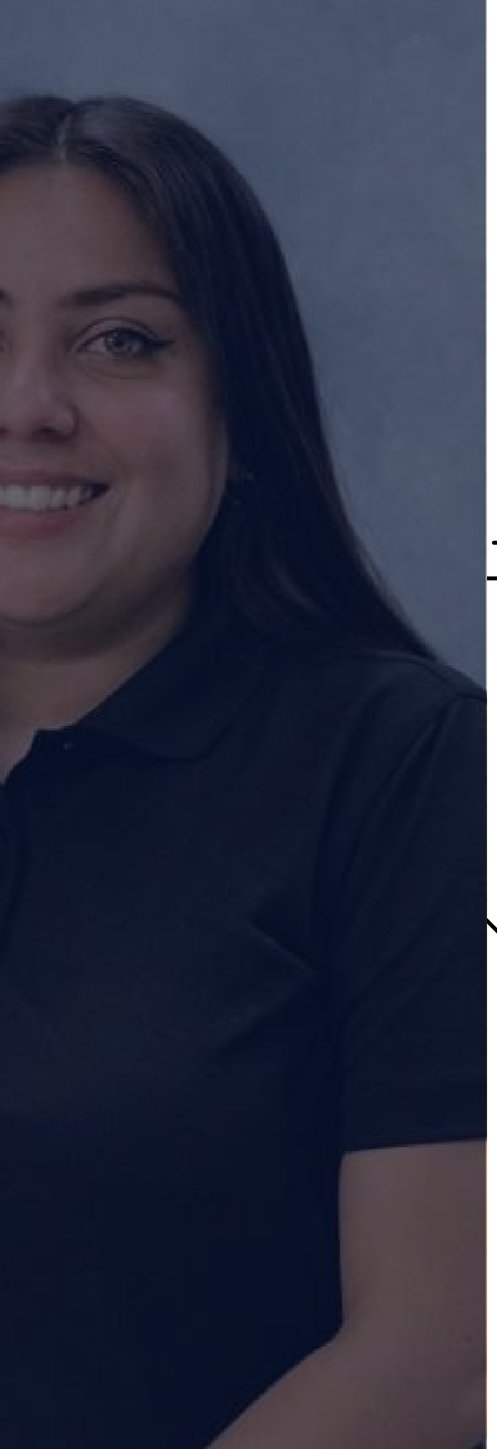
Through our partnership with Miami Dade College, eligible students may participate in Dual Enrollment, allowing them to earn college credit while completing their high school education and get a head start on their future goals.

Students can also connect with their Student Advisor for support with college applications, résumé building, job opportunities, internships, and career planning.

Miami Dade College

Post-Secondary Advisor

Mrs. Rodriguez



Dress Code, Attendance and Procedures

For Dress code, Attendance policy, our vision and mission statments please scan the QR code for more information.

<u>Technology</u>: Each campus provides in-house laptops for students to use during school hours to complete coursework and assignments.

Drop off & Pick up

Student arrival and dismissal.

Students are able to park and be dropped off via parking lot and enter the front door.

Student Parent Hub

Manual
Calendar
Code of Ethics
Mental Health
Rescources

Home | About + | Admissions + | Academics + | Resources + | Get In Touch + | Gallery

Please see each campus webiste for a copy of our complete Parent/Student handbook.

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School Calendar

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Questions

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Policy & Procedures

Parent Survey

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