

# MIAMI COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL SCHOOL PROFILE

2025 - 2026

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## MCDS UPPER SCHOOL: BY THE NUMBERS

|                 |     |                        |     |
|-----------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| UPPER SCHOOL    | 540 | STUDENTS RECEIVING     | 24% |
| BIPOC           | 45% | TUITION ASSISTANCE     |     |
| FEMALE STUDENTS | 47% | AP AND POST-AP COURSES | 31  |
| MALE STUDENTS   | 53% | HONORS COURSES         | 44  |
| CLASS OF 2025   | 138 |                        |     |

### FOUNDED IN 1938

Miami Country Day School is a coeducational, independent, nonprofit, college preparatory school, grades PK3 -12. Our diverse community of 1382 total students is comprised of students and faculty from approximately 29 countries.

**MISSION:** Miami Country Day School empowers every student, every day, everywhere to learn with vigor, explore with purpose, strive for excellence, and serve with honor, respect, and compassion as global citizens. We do this in a community where every student is known and included by engaging the whole child, in and out of the classroom as they discover their full potential.

### NON TRADITIONAL AND DISTINCTIVE PROGRAMS

#### ARTS DIPLOMA ENDORSEMENT

allows students who have a particular passion in Music, Theater, or Visual Arts, the opportunity to have an in-depth, personal learning experience with their craft. Finding one's artistic voice whether on a canvas, the stage or beyond, requires deep learning, discipline, and commitment. The Arts Endorsement program provides space and course-work for this artistic voice to develop and cultivate students to share their art with the world.

**GLOBAL STUDIES DIPLOMA ENDORSEMENT** for aspiring global citizens to go beyond graduation requirements in order to fulfill five interdisciplinary components of global education: World Language, Travel, Community Service, Curriculum, and Global Projects. Successful candidates gain experience in managing relationships, navigating cultural mores, and brain-storming solutions to global issues.

**IMPACT STUDIO DIPLOMA ENDORSEMENT** for self-directed learners and encourages curiosity, connection, and creation. The Impact Studio Endorsement consists of four components:

classroom curriculum, extended field based learning, internship, and portfolio. Every component of the endorsement is designed to empower students to explore what they love, what they are good at, and what the world needs.

**CAPSTONE:** Capstone is woven into our Upper School curriculum, and students will ultimately propose (and/or bring to life!) a meaningful project that responds to a local or global issue. The projects are grounded in problem-solving and/or rooted in service-learning and reflective of our core values.

**FLEXTERM:** Education re-imagined: through experiential opportunities on campus, in the greater Miami community, and at domestic and international locations, every Upper School student has the benefit of taking part in an experience that is specifically created to meet the needs and interests of our emerging global citizens. In 2025 X-Term was renamed flexTerm.

**GATEWAY:** Global Access to Education offers global programming that supports, enhances, and develops our students' view of the world, its diverse cultures, and its people. Through academic and cultural immersion programs, we broaden our students' perspectives of life beyond our borders in order to foster a mutual understanding and appreciation among all individuals, both at home and abroad.

**GARNER SCHOLARS:** This program is available to all eligible rising or incoming 9th graders. The award is based on the cumulative Middle School performance with a heavy focus on the 8th grade year rigor of curriculum and GPA.

**SPARTANS AROUND ONLINE PROGRAM:** offers unparalleled flexibility for students to achieve excellence from any location, breaking down the barriers of conventional learning and inspiring a boundless educational journey.

## 2025 - 2026 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Mathematics              | 8 credits  |
| English                  | 8 credits  |
| Science                  | 6 credits  |
| History & Social Studies | 6 credits  |
| World Language           | 6 credits  |
| (consecutively)          |            |
| Health & Life Skills     | 1 credit   |
| Physical Education       | 1 credit   |
| Arts                     | 2 credits  |
| Choice Electives         | 14 credits |

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| Graduation Requirements | 52 credits |
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**CREDITS:** In 2022-2023, MCDS transitioned to term-based grading, awarding one credit per course at the end of each term. Previously, students earned one credit for full-year courses and a half credit for semester courses.

**GPA:** Due to the change to term-based grading and the credits earned, there will be no cumulative GPA reported as official on a student's transcript.

**CLASS RANK:** Miami Country Day School does not rank students.

### STANDARDIZED TESTING:

Mean Scores Class of 2025  
SAT 1260 ACT 27

| GRADE | SCALE  |
|-------|--------|
| A+    | 97-100 |
| A     | 93-96  |
| A-    | 90-92  |
| B+    | 87-89  |
| B     | 83-86  |
| B-    | 80-82  |
| C+    | 77-79  |
| C     | 73-76  |
| C-    | 70-72  |
| D+    | 67-69  |
| D     | 63-66  |
| D-    | 60-62  |
| F     | 0-59   |

## AP AND POST-AP COURSE OFFERINGS

### ENGLISH

AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
AP ENGLISH LITERATURE  
ADVANCED TOPICS: GENDER STUDIES

### SOCIAL SCIENCE

AP ART HISTORY  
AP COMP GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS  
AP EUROPEAN HISTORY  
AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY  
AP MACROECONOMICS  
AP MICROECONOMICS  
AP PSYCHOLOGY  
AP US GOV'T AND POLITICS  
AP US HISTORY  
AP WORLD HISTORY  
AP AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

### MATHEMATICS

AP CALCULUS AB  
AP CALCULUS BC  
AP PRECALCULUS  
AP STATISTICS  
MULTIVARIABLE CALCULUS

### ARTS

AP STUDIO ART  
AP 2D STUDIO ART AND DESIGN

### TECHNOLOGY

AP COMPUTER SCIENCE A  
AP COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES

### SCIENCE

AP BIOLOGY  
AP CHEMISTRY  
AP PHYSICS 1  
AP PHYSICS C: MECHANICS

### WORLD LANGUAGE

AP FRENCH LANGUAGE  
AP SPANISH LANGUAGE  
AP SPANISH LITERATURE  
AP CHINESE



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