

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A ONE-YEAR AFFILIATING (COOPERATIVE) AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS:

- II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES**
- VI - EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**
- VIII - PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND PRACTICES**
- IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/ BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

Since 1998 approximately 60 Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) students have enrolled in online courses offered by the Florida High School (FHS). FHS is an online high school where students are able to take courses delivered through the FHS World Wide Web site. Middle school and high school students are able, with the consent of their school-based guidance counselors, to take advantage of the FHS curriculum. The courses they enroll in are consistent with the course coding and content employed by Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and generate full State of Florida high school credit.

FHS allows students to enroll in subjects and levels of courses that are not offered at their own schools. FHS also provides access to a diverse curriculum for the county's community of homebound students.

This year, the FHS is requiring that a one-year affiliating (cooperative) agreement between the individual school district and FHS be approved by the School Board. The agreement requires the District to proctor mid-term and final exams and to provide a District contact to facilitate communication between FHS and the school guidance counselors. A staff member from the Division of Instructional Technology and Media Support Services has been designated as the District contact.

No local funds are required.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a one-year affiliating (cooperative) agreement with the Florida High School.

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