

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI AND THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE ADVANCED ACADEMIC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Since 1958, the Advanced Academic Internship Program (AAIP) has offered Miami-Dade County Public School (M-DCPS) students the opportunity to be on the cutting edge of research and technology. The AAIP, an honors-level elective course, provides high school juniors and seniors the means of gaining professional experience and first-hand knowledge in their intended collegiate field of study. Internships help students determine their aptitude for specific professions, develop abilities for leadership roles, and acquire specific professional training.

University of Miami professors and scientists have opened their laboratory doors to students, giving them an opportunity to investigate medical, behavioral, scientific, sociological, or engineering phenomena. The affiliation also offers M-DCPS students authentic and practical experiences on a university campus, providing students a pre-collegiate experience that will prepare them for their post-secondary lives.

Students do not receive a salary during their internship, but they are earning high school honors credit. Parental consent is obtained for all student internship placements. Transportation is the responsibility of the student.

The Assistant General Counsel at the University of Miami is Ms. Sabrina M. Rembold.

Copies of the cooperative agreement will be transmitted to the School Board Members under separate cover and are available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

There is no cost to the district.

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RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement between University of Miami and The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, in support of the Advanced Academic Internship Program.

There is no cost to the district.

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