

Ms. Monica Colucci, Board Member

SUBJECT: HOMEWORK ASSISTANCE

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC

PLAN: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS, & INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

Pop N' Prep is a free homework help service exclusively for Miami-Dade County Public School (M-DCPS) students in kindergarten through twelve grades. Homework assistance is provided by certified M-DCPS teachers, and is available Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sessions are twenty to thirty minutes long, dependent on the grade level and subject area.

The following chart illustrates the unduplicated counts of teachers and students for Pop n Prep to date, for the 2023-2024 academic year (approximately four weeks).

Service/Subject Area	Unduplicated Student Count	Unduplicated Teacher Count
3-5 ELA	95	7
3-5 ELA - Spanish	7	3
3-5 Math	128	5
3-5 Math - Spanish	4	1
Grade 5 Science	39	3
Grade 5 Science - Spanish	6	1
High School Social Studies	5	2
K-2 ELA	99	10
K-2 ELA - Spanish	9	2
K-2 Math	73	2
K-2 Math - Spanish	11	2
Middle School and High School Algebra (1 & 2)	188	4
Middle School and High School Algebra (1 & 2) - Spanish	14	2
Middle School and High School Biology	1	1
Middle School and High School Biology - Spanish	2	1

Service/Subject Area	Unduplicated Student Count	Unduplicated Teacher Count
Middle School and High School ELA	55	4
Middle School and High School Geometry	22	2
Middle School and High School Geometry - Spanish	1	1
Middle School Civics & Social Studies	8	3
Middle School Math	61	3
Middle School Math - Spanish	13	3
Middle School Science	18	3
Middle School Science - Spanish	3	1
Total	862	66

This item seeks to direct the Superintendent, to explore the feasibility of extending the hours, and days, available for students to receive homework assistance, while also expanding the courses in which students can receive support. The course offerings, particularly for secondary school students, are limited and provide no support to students in advanced courses of study. High school students, many of whom participate in interscholastic athletics, after school clubs, extracurricular activities, and work after school, may have difficulty receiving assistance through Pop N' Prep, due to the limited hours and limited number of days available.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the Office of the General Counsel as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. MONICA COLUCCI:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to:

1. Explore the feasibility of extending the hours, and days, available for students to receive homework assistance, while also expanding the courses in which students can receive support, and
2. Present the results at the Academics, Innovation, Evaluation & Technology Committee meeting of Wednesday, November 7, 2023.