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UNITING MIAMI THROUGH THE POWER OF ARTS EDUCATION

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UNITE



WHO WE ARE

Arts Access Miami is a countywide coalition of 31 arts education organizations and more than 300 leaders from schools, nonprofits, philanthropy, government, and the community working together to ensure every child in Miami-Dade County has access to free, high quality arts education.





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PROBLEM

Organizations Tend to:

- Work in silos
- See each other as competition
- Lack communication and strategy

While some schools are oversaturated with 4-6 organizations, the school down the street may lack programming and support for their students.

SOLUTION

Build alliances of arts organizations through strategic partnerships that focus on whole communities.

- Bridge gaps and ensure that every child gains access to high-quality and diverse arts programs
- Streamlined Communication
- Shared Data Tools
- Amplified Impact

THE BEGINNING



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CAROL CITY MIDDLE SUCCESS STORY

- After 11 years, the new Middle School Drumline made a debut showcase to 7 elementary Schools across Miami Gardens
- Carol City Middle School reported an enrollment of 78 new students (a 294% increase from the prior year!)
- These past 5 years, the Carol City Middle School music program has continued to grow and now supports 9 separate music classes and hired a new full-time music teacher this past school year.

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NORTH DADE ALLIANCE



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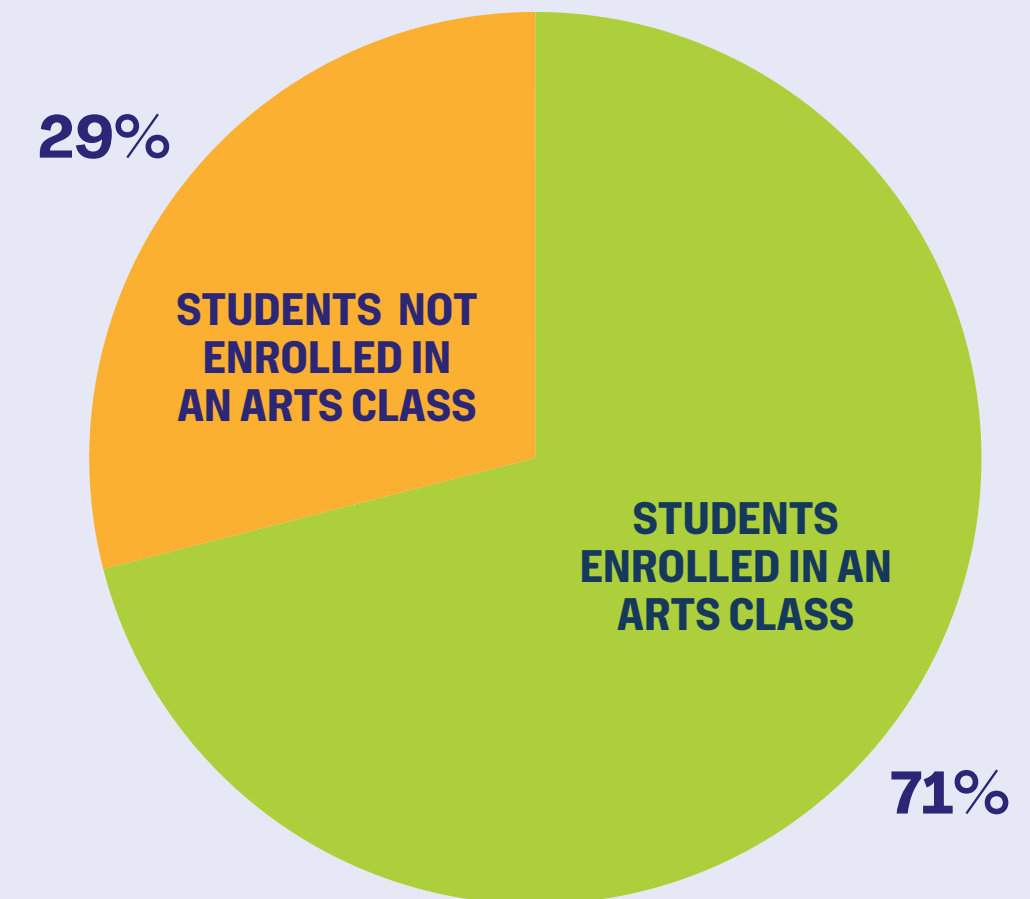
ACHIEVE

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CAROL CITY FEEDER PATTERN 2025 - 2026

- 100% of Carol City students have access to a free music education
- 71% of Carol City students are currently enrolled in music vs. 25% pre-initiative



WITH THE COMBINATION OF THE ARTS ACCESS ALLIANCE AND MDCPS 2,942 OF 4,144 CAROL CITY STUDENTS RECEIVED A MUSIC EDUCATION.



NORTH DADE ALLIANCE

- All children in Miami Gardens from grades K-12 gained access to high-quality programming.
- All schools gained access from entry-level music programming to high-level preforming ensembles.



2025-2026

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CITY

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LOCATIONS

32



STUDENTS

4,301



PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

24

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SOUTH DADE ALLIANCE

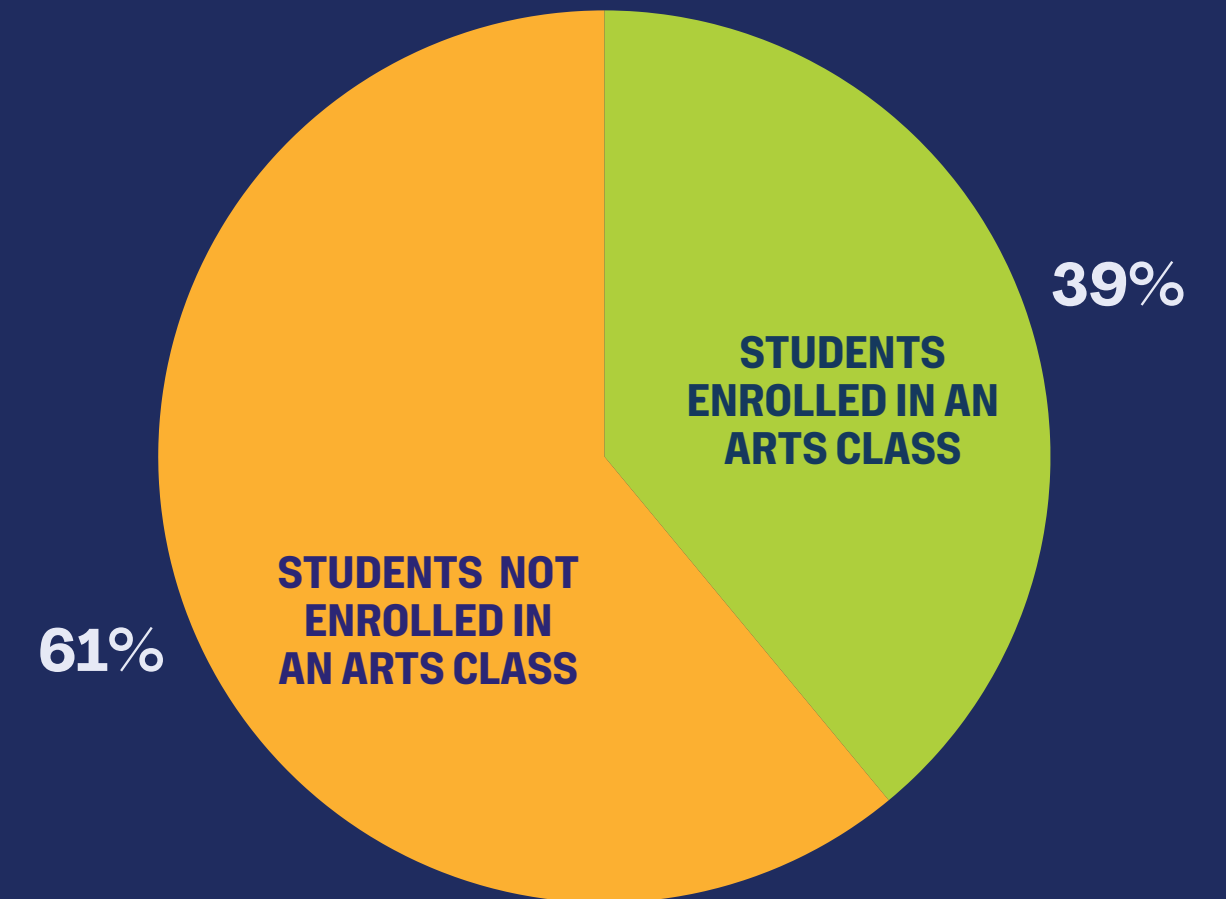


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HOMESTEAD FEEDER PATTERN 2025 - 2026

- **100% of Homestead students have access to a free music education**
- **39% of Homestead feeder pattern students are currently enrolled in music vs. 14% pre-initiative**



WITH THE COMBINATION OF THE ARTS ACCESS ALLIANCE AND MDCPS, 4,249 OF 10,872 HOMESTEAD STUDENTS RECEIVED A MUSIC EDUCATION.



**STUDENTS
4,249**

SOUTH DADE ALLIANCE

- All children in South Dade from grades K-12 gained access to high-quality programming.
- All 27 locations gained access from entry-level music programming to high-level performing ensembles.



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CITIES

3



LOCATIONS

27



STUDENTS

8,357



PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

11



ATTENDANCE 20% IMPROVEMENT

IN ATTENDANCE COMPARED TO THEIR PEERS NOT ENROLLED
IN AN AAM-AFFILIATED PROGRAMS.



DATA SOURCE: 2024-2025 AAM PROGRAM EVALUATION REPORT



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (FAST ELA):

2X

MORE LIKELY

TO ACHIEVE HIGHER ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA) LEVELS THAN THEIR PEERS NOT ENROLLED IN AAM-AFFILIATED PROGRAMS.



- K-8 SCHOOLS: AAM STUDENTS WERE 2 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO ACHIEVE HIGHER ELA LEVELS.
- ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS: AAM STUDENTS WERE **45%** MORE LIKELY TO ACHIEVE HIGHER ELA LEVELS.
- MIDDLE SCHOOLS: AAM STUDENTS WERE **75%** MORE LIKELY TO ACHIEVE HIGHER ELA LEVELS.
- HIGH SCHOOLS: AAM STUDENTS WERE **27%** MORE LIKELY TO ACHIEVE HIGHER ELA LEVELS.



MATH 99%

MORE LIKELY

TO ACHIEVE HIGHER MATH LEVELS THAN THEIR PEERS NOT ENROLLED IN AAM-AFFILIATED PROGRAMS.



- MIDDLE SCHOOLS: AAM STUDENTS WERE 99% MORE LIKELY TO SCORE IN HIGHER MATH CATEGORIES.
- ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS: AAM STUDENTS WERE 45% MORE LIKELY TO SCORE IN HIGHER MATH CATEGORIES.
- K-8 SCHOOLS: AAM STUDENTS WERE 37% MORE LIKELY TO SCORE IN HIGHER MATH CATEGORIES.



SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS

FEWER

32%

AAM STUDENTS HAD SIGNIFICANTLY FEWER INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SUSPENSION DAYS THAN NON-AAM STUDENTS, BY ABOUT **31–32%**.

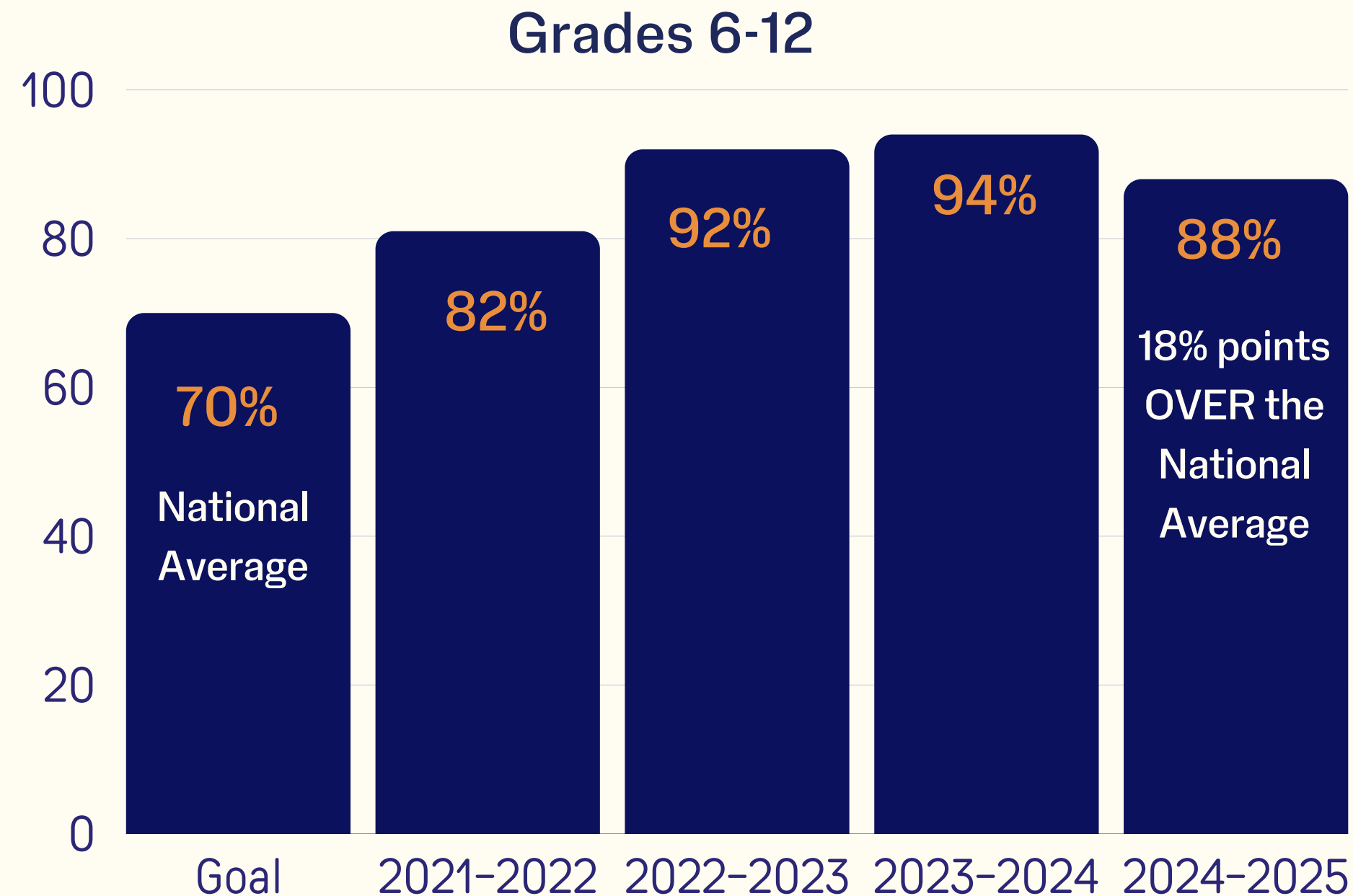


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PYD Capacities

24/25
Results

Nationally, 70% of students report growth in one of the PYD. This represents a strong indicator for high-quality youth development programs.



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CENTRAL DADE ALLIANCE



CENTRAL DADE ALLIANCE

- 3000+ children in Central Dade from grades K-12 will gain access to high-quality programming.
- All 22 sites will gain access from entry-level music programming to high-level performing ensembles.



2026-2027

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CITY

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LOCATIONS

22



STUDENTS

3,000



PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

13

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR IMPACT

88+ Locations

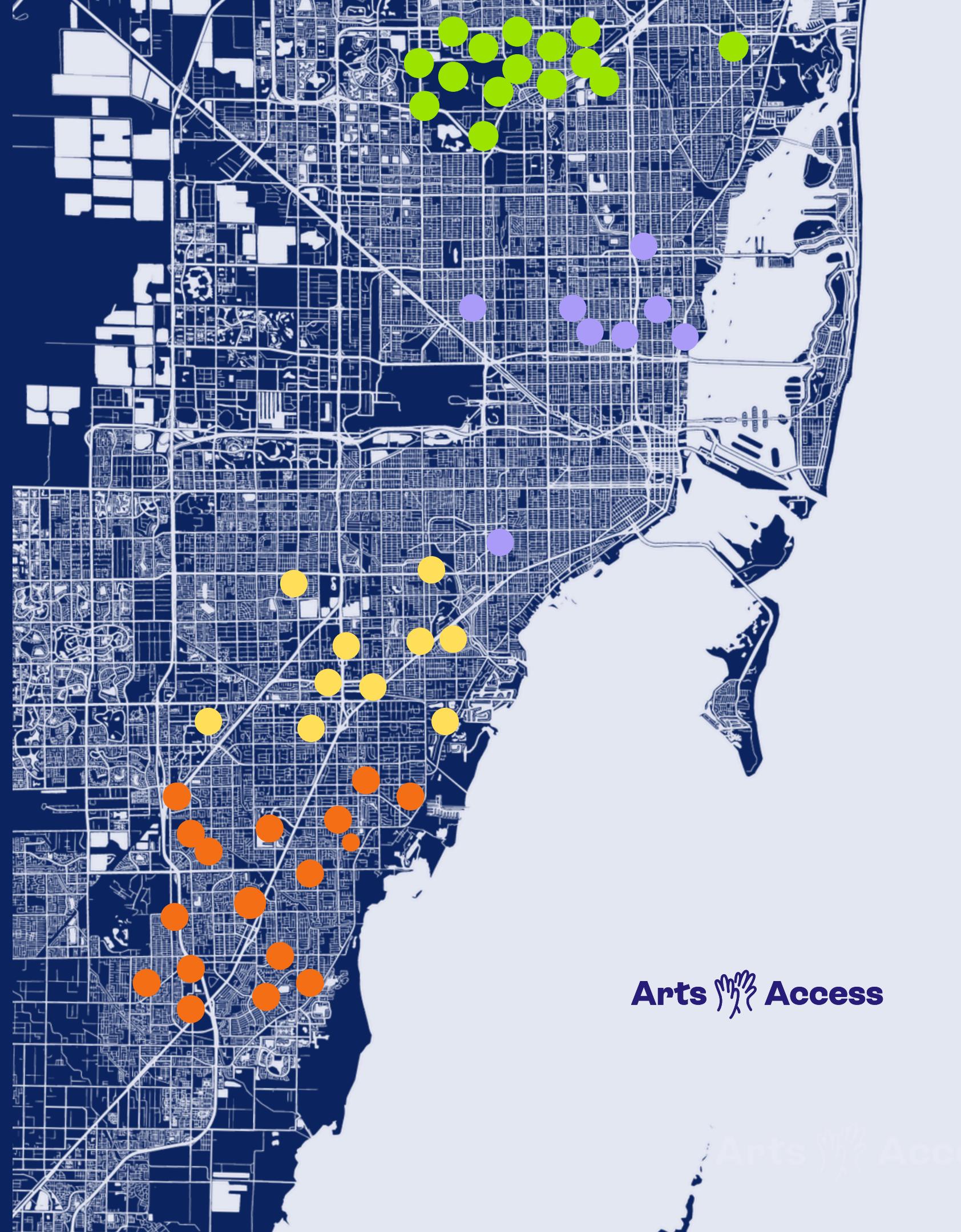
17,000+ Students

31 Organizations

585 Classrooms

300+ Performances

\$5,331,873 Total Budget



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ADVOCACY WINS - LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING



- **First-of-its-kind agreement aligning Arts Access Miami and MDCPS to expand equitable arts education districtwide.**
- **Joint data collection & reporting to demonstrate impact and guide future decisions.**
- **Long-term sustainability plan backed by joint pursuit of grants and philanthropic support.**
- **5-year roadmap for scaling high-quality arts access across all MDCPS regions.**

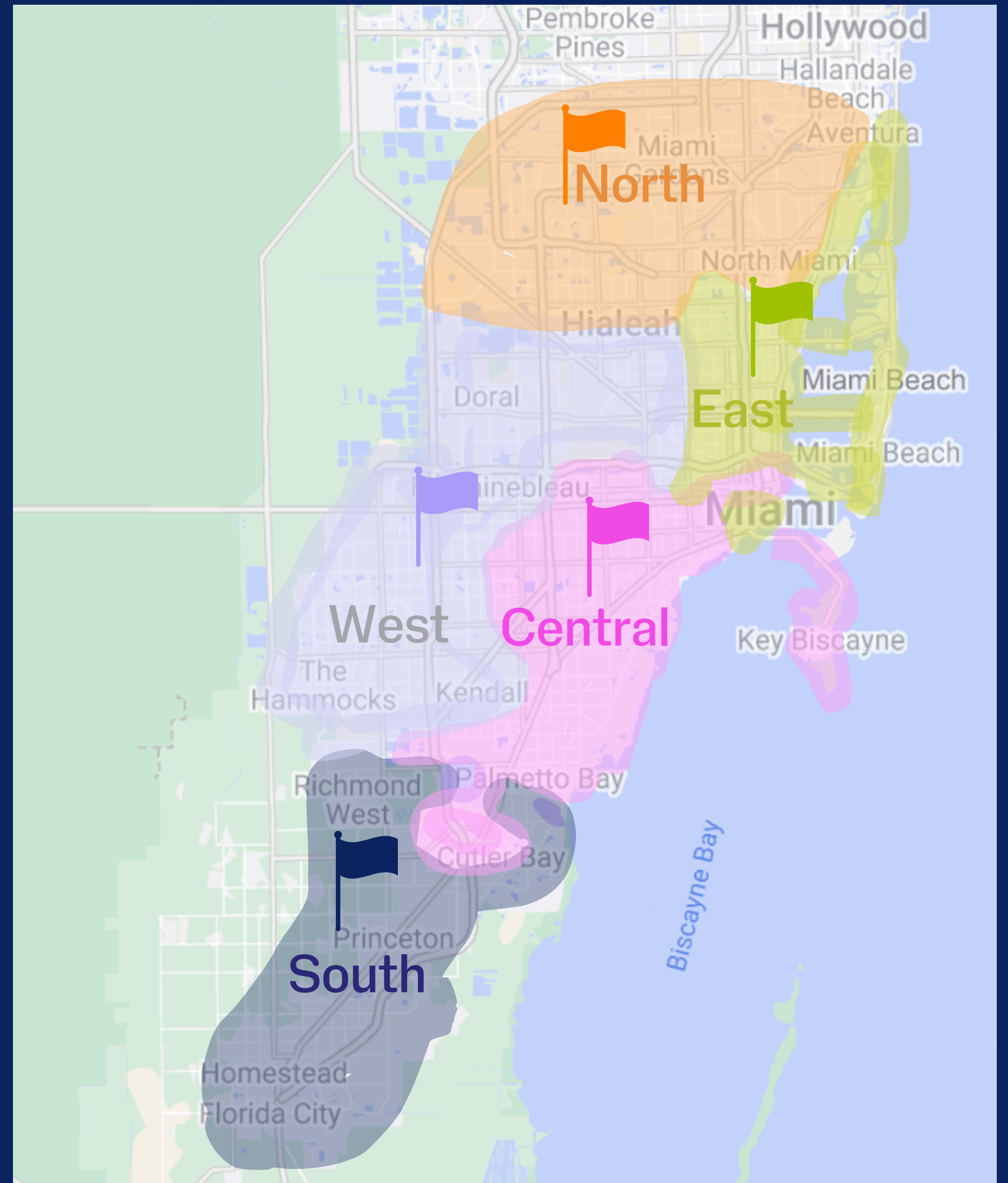
ARTS ACCESS 3 PHASE PLAN

5 REGIONS

5 ALLIANCES

29 FEEDER PATTERNS

5 FESTIVALS



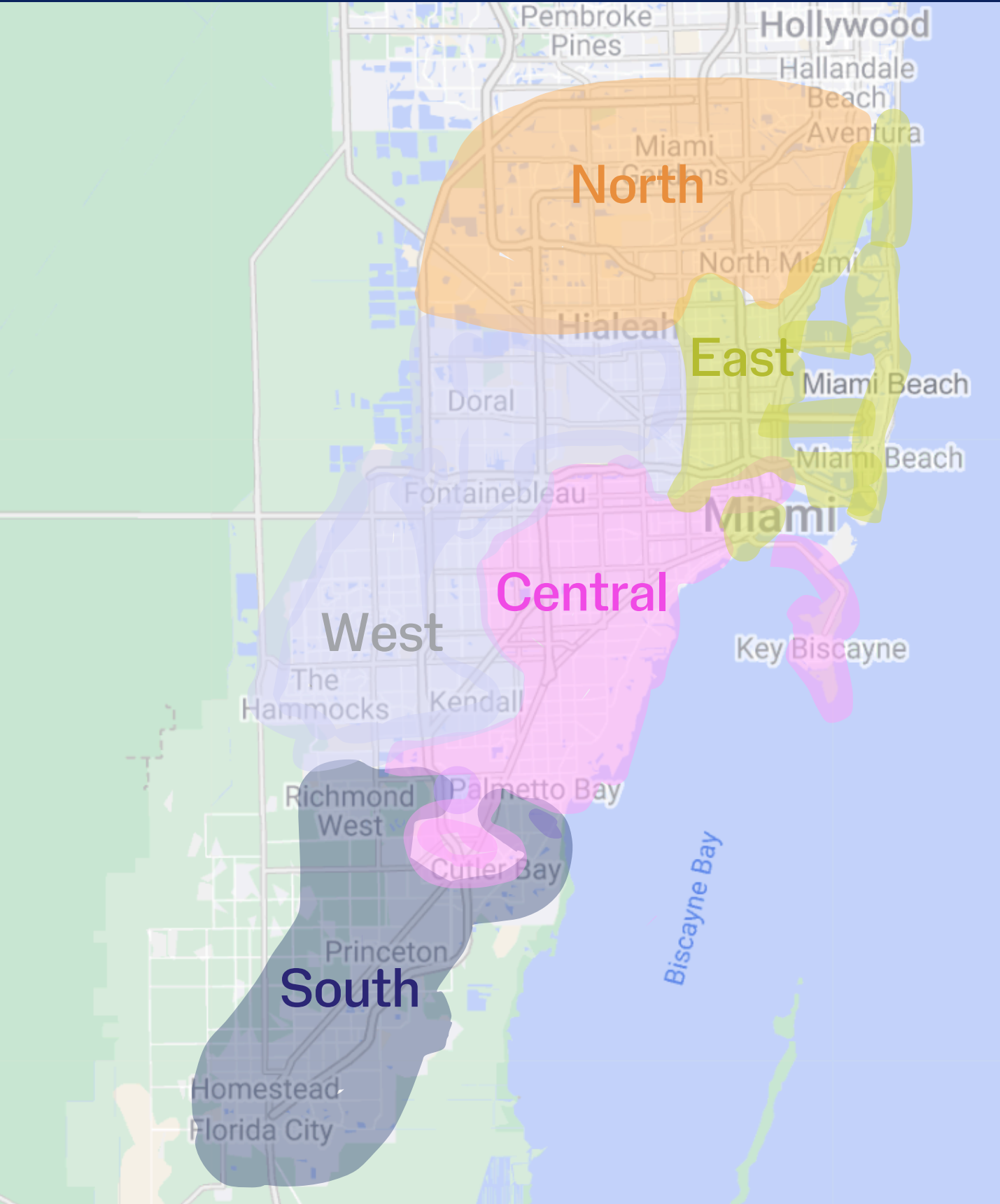
OUR IMPACT BY 2028

\$30 MILLION

100,000 Students

150 Sites

22,000 Instruments



100,000



2028

2027

2026

2025

2024

2023

2022

2021

2020

2,000