



The Superintendent's Autism Intensive Communication Academy Special Education Option Program Application For the 2020-2021 School Year

The Superintendent's Autism Intensive Communication Academy is a Specialized Individualized Program for students with Autism who are on a **Modified Curriculum** who demonstrate significant language and communication difficulties. The program utilizes visual supports and a variety of communication tools to help the students succeed academically and socially. The use of technology is integrated throughout the student's day.

Admissions Criteria:

Students must meet all of the following criteria for the academies:

- Eligible under Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) (FS 6A-6.03023)
 - Significant cognitive delay
 - Eligible to receive instruction in the State Standards Access Points Curriculum and assessment by the Florida Standards Alternate Assessment (**parent consent required**)
 - Significant language disorder
 - Demonstrated interest in using technology preferred
 - Students applying to kindergarten programs must be five (5) years old on or before September 1st
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- All private assessments will be reviewed by the Exceptional Student Education Individual Educational Plan/Reevaluation Team to ensure that it contains the required components for eligibility.
 - Applicants may require an observation by the school district's Autism Department prior to the IEP team's consideration of the student's assignment to the Academy. The department representative will inform the IEP team of their observation and recommendation.
 - Eligibility under the Developmentally Delayed (DD) label is subject to change pending the outcome of psychoeducational testing and any other pertinent assessments.
 - An IEP team/RT team meeting will be conducted to assure that supports and services indicated on the IEP can be implemented in the Academy program.
 - Students' application materials will be reviewed to insure that admission criteria are met. A random selection process (lottery) will be used for student selection from all eligible students.

Parent Agreement:

If student is accepted to the program, parents are agreeing to:

- Consent for videotaping the student for educational purposes - <http://forms.dadeschools.net/webpdf/5737.pdf>
- Participate in parent education workshops
- Use technology at home to support their child
- Provide transportation, if the student resides outside of the established transportation boundaries
- Ensure student arrives on time on a daily basis and maintains satisfactory attendance

How to Apply:

Applications for enrollment in an Academy are accepted between Tuesday October 1st, 2019 and Friday, January 17th, 2020.

Applications received after deadline will be processed only if seats remain after all students whose applications were received within the designated recruitment period are placed. All students residing in Miami-Dade County who meet criteria are eligible to apply.

1. Please complete all required areas.
2. Failure to sign and/or complete all sections may result in the application not being processed.
3. Completed applications must be submitted by **Friday, January 17th, 2020**
4. All applications will be processed only at the District office. Please send your application directly to:

E-Mail Completed Applications to:

msouza@dadeschools.net

or **Mail Completed Applications to:**

Department of Exceptional Student Education, Autism Support
Miami-Dade County Public Schools
5555 SW 93rd Avenue, Trailer 1
Miami, FL 33165

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- DIRECTIONS:**
1. Applications **MUST** be received by **Friday, January 17th, 2020.**
 2. Use **black or blue ink** to fully complete the application.
 3. Read and sign the **Agreement of Understanding.**

Check the Academy for which you are applying:

- Blue Lakes ES (incoming Kindergarten-Grade 11) Citrus Grove ES (incoming Kindergarten-Grade 5)
 Gragny ES (incoming Kindergarten-Grade 5) Paul Bell MS (incoming Grade 6-Grade 8)
 Redondo ES (incoming Kindergarten-Grade 3)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY STUDENT'S INFORMATION:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle: _____

MDCPS Student ID: _____ Student Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): ____/____/____

Student Address: _____

Current School: _____ Current Grade: _____

If private school, list a contact person and phone number: _____

Do you have another child attending the Superintendent's Autism Intensive Communication Academy?
 (if yes, complete below): Y N

Name of sibling: _____ Student ID or Date of Birth: _____

Is parent presently serving in the active military or full-time Reserves? (*Attach Documentation*): Y N

Parent/Guardian Contact Information:

| Parent Last Name | Parent First Name | Home Phone | Work Phone |
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Agreement of Understanding

By signing below, I acknowledge my understanding of the following conditions for this application:

THE DEADLINE FOR THIS APPLICATION IS: Friday, January 17th, 2020. Failure to complete all requested information may cause this application to be rejected. When the number of eligible non-priority applicants exceeds the number of seats available, a random selection process will be utilized to admit eligible applicants. Failure to respond to an offer of acceptance by the specified deadline will be interpreted as parent/guardian decline of program acceptance. Applications received from Tuesday, October 1st, 2019 and Friday, January 17th, 2020 will be eligible for consideration for enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year.

I hereby give my permission for my child to be screened and/or observed for admission to the selected option program designated in this application. If accepted, he/she will be enrolled as a full-time student at the school of acceptance.

Parent Signature

Date

***All applications must have current IEP and evaluations attached.**
***See attached sheet for ESE Service Center Offices and Transportation Information.**

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Transportation Boundaries*

Blue Lakes Elementary School (Region Center S)

North: Dolphin (836) South: SW 120th Street
East: LeJeune Road (42nd Avenue) West: SW 137th Avenue

Citrus Grove Elementary School (Region Center C)

North: NW 36th Street South: SW 27th Street (US-1)
East: Biscayne Boulevard West: SW 32nd Avenue

Gratigny Elementary School (Region Center N)

North: Palmetto (826) South: North 79th Street
East: US-1/Biscayne Boulevard West: I-95

Paul Bell Middle School (Region Center S)

North: NW 12th Street South: SW 42nd Street
West: SW 160th Avenue
East: (Between SW 8th St. & SW 42nd St.) West of Turnpike
(Between SW 8th St. & NW 12th St.) SW 97th Avenue

Redondo Elementary School (Region Center S)

North: SW 272nd Street South: SW 320nd Street
East: US-1 West: SW 232nd Avenue

*Transportation will not be provided outside of this boundary.

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| <p>ESE Service Center North Crestview Elementary School 2201 NW 187th St, Miami Gardens, FL 33056 Phone: (305) 624-1495</p> | <p>ESE Service Center Central ITECH @ Thomas A. Edison Educational Center 6101 NW 2nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33127 Phone: 305-756-2132</p> |
| <p>ESE Service Center South JRE Lee Educational Center 6521 SW 62nd Avenue, South Miami, FL 33143 Phone: 786-268-4757</p> | <p>ESE Service Center South Satellite Homestead Senior High School 2351 SE 12th Avenue, Homestead, FL 33034 Phone: 305-242-8432</p> |
| <p>PRE-Kindergarten ESE 5555 SW 93rd Avenue, Miami, FL 33165 Phone: 305-271-5701</p> | |

Mail Completed Applications to:
Department of Exceptional Student Education
Attn: Mrs. Georgina Mederos, Autism Support, Instructional Support Specialist
Miami-Dade County Public Schools
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For further questions, please feel free to contact our office at (305) 275-9803.