

WE WELCOME OUR MILITARY FAMILIES!



Military Families! We are delighted to welcome you to Coral Gables Senior High School, which serves over 3100 students. With myriad schooling options, services, and resources to meet the diverse needs of all learners, our school is an excellent choice for your family. We hope you find the resources listed helpful in getting acquainted with Coral Gables SHS and the Miami-Dade County Public School system. Remember, we are here to help.

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TRANSITION PLANNING FOR MILITARY FAMILIES



School MPOC

The Military Point of Contact (MPOC) is Miss Kenia Paradelo (School Registrar Office) Miss Paradelo assists military families with student enrollment, record transfer, and accessing district school and community resources available for military students and their families.

You can contact Miss Paradelo at kparadelo@dadeschools.net or contact the school at (305) 443-4871



GETTING STARTED



If you are transitioning to the Navy, Marine Reserve Center, Miami Recruiting Battalion, or U.S. Southern Command with school-age children, every address in our school district is served by one residentially zoned elementary school, one residentially zoned middle school, and one residentially zoned high school. However, if you are interested in enrolling your student in Coral Gables SHS, reach out to Mrs. Kenia M. Paradelo in our Enrollment Services (School Registrar Office) at

(305) 443-4871 or kparadelo@dadeschools.net

Enrolling your child into our school system shouldn't be the toughest part of your transition to our area! Let us help you with a step-by-step guide!

Please consider the following questions:

- Does Miami Dade County Public Schools have a record of your child in its system?
- Do you have all the necessary documentation to officially register your child for school?

To begin, you may need to complete an “online enrollment application” if your child has never received public school services in Miami Dade County Public Schools. If your child already exists in our school district's student information system, please DO NOT create an additional record.

However, if your child does not already exist in our system, proceed to the online enrollment application to begin the process.

Items you'll need to help you create a simple record of your child in the online enrollment application system are:

Emergency Contact Information
Health Insurance Information
Medical Information

Documents you'll need to have with you to register at the school include

Proof of Address (Any ONE of the following will suffice):

A current utility bill—either water, electricity, or gas (These are the most used proofs of residence.)

A copy of a signed lease or housing agreement. (If your family is staying with another family and consequently does not have proof of address, use the address verification form and attach one of the aforementioned proofs of residence to the notarized address verification form.)

If you reside in temporary housing (such as the Navy Lodge, etc.), please bring a copy of the most recent bill/invoice/receipt.

Recent Physical (within the past 12 months).

Current immunization records.

Verification of Age (most commonly, an authorized copy of the child’s official birth certificate).

Social Security Number(if applicable).

State- or Government-Issued Photo ID of the parent/guardian enrolling the child.

Exceptional Students: Students with disabilities are welcome, as it is the mission of the Exceptional Student Education Department to support and sustain educational structures and practices, to be inclusive of all students with or without disabilities, and empower them to become responsible and productive citizens in today's global society. Each student will be welcomed, valued, given access to rigorous teaching, appropriately supported teaching, and appropriately supported to access the general education curriculum.





OneSourceMilitary

OneSource is your 24/7 connection to information, answers, and support to help you reach your goals, overcome challenges, and thrive. As a member of our military family, you can use this Department of Defense-funded program anytime, anywhere. Turn to Military OneSource for tax services, spouse employment help, webinars and online training, relocation and deployment tools, and more.

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/>

Military Kids Connect

Military Kids Connect is an online community for military children ages 6–17, and provides access to age-appropriate resources to support children dealing with the unique psychological challenges of military life. MKC offers informative activities, helpful videos, and an online community that can build and reinforce understanding, resilience, and coping skills in military children and their peers.

Military Child Education Coalition

MCEC works to ensure that every military-connected child is college, workforce, and life-ready through inclusive and quality educational opportunities. MCEC® delivers programs and services to meet the needs of military students and parents. Providing educational resources, support, and connections to empower military children. <https://www.militarychild.org/>

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ASVAB

The ASVAB Career Exploration Program helps you identify and explore occupations and develop an effective strategy to realize those goals. The ASVAB Career Exploration Program includes a validated aptitude test and interest assessment. <https://www.asvabprogram.com/>



Upon enrolling at American, grade level counselor will review student’s academic history in whatever format the family can provide to make an academic plan for the student rather it be in our AICE program (Advance Academic Certificate in Education –College Preparatory) or another appropriate program.

AICE program: The Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) is an international curriculum and examination system. Passing scores on AICE exams transfer to college credits. Students who earned their AICE diploma are automatically awarded the highest level of Florida Bright Futures regardless of their GPA or ACT /SAT scores.

CTE: Career and Technical Education (CTE) offers a wide variety of rigorous and engaging curriculum designed to improve students’ academic and technical understanding using hands –on applications. The CTE programs offered are engineering, health science, hospitality, and digital media. We are continually expanding our offerings and certification programs.

The Army Junior Reserved Officer Training Corps Program is designed to educate high school students about leadership, citizenship, community service, responsibility, character, and self–discipline. This program offers students opportunities to earn scholarship to continue their education after high school. JROTC also partner with organizations that helps the military student to stay connected to the military for example planning and organizing field trips to military installations. Students who wish to participate in JROTC are usually enrolled through their counselor. Students are encouraged to enter the program in the ninth grade to receive the full benefit of the four– year program.

AFTER SCHOOL STUDY RESOURCE

The Florida International University After–School All–Stars is the local chapter of the leading national organization, After–School All–Stars, at American provides year–round, school–based, free comprehensive after–school programs that include academics, enrichment activities health and fitness and a summer school program to help student with grade recovery.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students entering 9th grade may choose from one of four state–approved options to earn a standard diploma.

- 24–credit program*
 - 18–credit, Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL) option
 - 18–credit, Career and Technical Education Graduation Pathway
 - An Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) curriculum
 - All diploma options require students to earn a passing score on the Grade 10 English Language Arts Florida Standards Assessment or either the College Board SAT or the ACT.
- Students must also earn a passing score on the Algebra 1 End–of–Course (EOC) assessment or receive a comparative score either on the College Board SAT or the ACT.
- Students are required to complete at least one online senior high school course to graduate.

*Additionally, there are two options for students with disabilities, which may be the 24– credit program or the 18–credit program.



Coral Gables Senior High School Military Ambassador Peer Support Program

★ Sponsored by the school's military point of contact, MAJ(R) CABALLERO, JONATAN and MSG(R) GIBSON, MICHAEL, and supported by the School Counselor, Merlyn Asencio, the school offers a Military (JROTC) Ambassador peer support program to help new students transition and become familiar with the campus.

Contact MAJ Caballero at jdcaballero@dadeschools.net for more information.

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

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Contact Coral Gables Senior High SPED Department Chair Amanda Herrera at Aherrera@dadeschools.net for more information.

Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)

Contact Mr. Patrick Salmasi : Administrative Director, Exceptional Student Education, Programs and Related Services

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The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is a mandatory enrollment program that works with other military and civilian agencies to provide comprehensive and coordinated community support, housing, educational, medical, and personnel services to Families with special needs.

MILITARY RECOGNITION EVENTS



Coral Gables SHS honors our military students and their families and recognizes our military through several events during the school year.

- Veteran's Day– November 11th
- Month of the Military Child– April
- Purple Up! Day– April 11th
- Memorial Day– May 26th

MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES



Positive mental wellness is essential to a child’s healthy development. School and community mental health services can improve academics, provide access to building social skills, promote leadership, increase self-awareness, and help children make caring connections in school and the community.

Students of military families often experience multiple stressors before and during their parent’s deployment and when they come home. Without appropriate mental health support systems, children of military personnel may be at a significant disadvantage compared with their peers in non-military families. Military students are resilient, but there are resources available to help.

Counselors play a crucial role in the school environment:

Coral Gables Senior High School Counselors participate in everyday school activities and events, providing support related to deployment and reintegration, family dynamics, positive coping mechanisms, staff support and education, parent education, and stress reduction.

They facilitate groups and trainings to build leadership skills, manage anger, build self-esteem and confidence, and strengthen communication.

Other responsibilities include individual student academic planning and goal-setting school counseling classroom lessons based on student success standards. Short-term counseling to students, referrals for long-term support, collaboration with families/teachers/ administrators/ community for student success, advocacy for students at individual education plan meetings and other student-focused meetings, data analysis to identify student issues, needs, and challenges, acting as a systems change agent to improve equity and access, achievement, and opportunities for all students.

Do counselors keep records about students and families?

Services provided by counselors are private and confidential, except for mandatory federal and military reporting requirements (i.e., child abuse, domestic violence, and other life-threatening situations). No counseling records are maintained.

Other Resource:

Military One Source Military and Family Life Counseling <https://www.militaryonesource.mil>

M-DCPS has mental health coordinators to support students in our schools. It has also contracted with community mental health agencies, where students receive additional support to meet their specific needs. These services include screenings and assessments, individual and group counseling, family counseling, substance abuse intervention, and parent-school-agency consultation.

For more information, contact your child’s school or the Parent Assistance Line at (305) 995-7100 or visit the website at <https://mentalhealthservices.dadeschools.net>