



## What is Accreditation?

Accreditation is a voluntary method of quality assurance developed more than 100 years ago by the American universities and secondary schools, and designed primarily to distinguish schools adhering to a set of educational standards. System accreditation nurtures and supports individual school improvement while aligning it with the overall School District improvement. The accreditation process incorporates a performance-based model that has a five-year cycle of continuous improvement.

## Why Does Accreditation Matter?

Accreditation is designed to help educational institutions boost their ongoing performance efforts for the benefit of their students. Accreditation matters because students deserve the highest level of educational excellence possible.

## How Do We Accredit?

Miami-Dade County Public Schools will partner with Cognia to accredit schools. The Cognia Accreditation Process is comprehensive, evaluating all the parts of our institution. The process focuses on our vision and goals, evaluates teaching and learning, and examines how results are documented and resources are allocated. The thirty Cognia Performance Standards are the foundation of the Accreditation Process and serve as our guide to continuous improvement.

## What Does Accreditation Mean For Our Students?

Students gain greater access to federal loans, scholarships, military programs and colleges that require students to attend an accredited institution.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

# Miami-Dade County Public Schools

has met the criteria for educational quality  
established by the Cognia Global Commission  
and is hereby presented this

## Certificate of Accreditation

by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement, the Northwest Accreditation Commission, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement.

Valid Through 6/30/2030



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