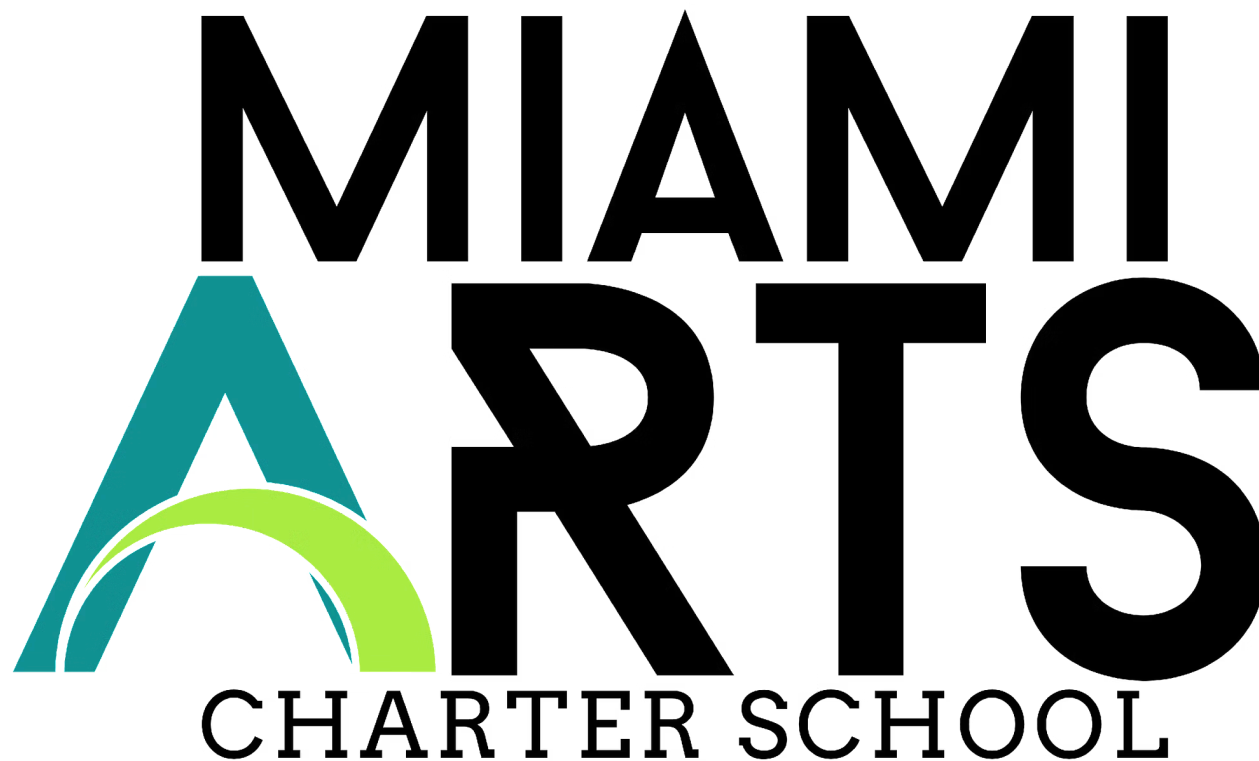




Opening of School Orientation
2026–2027 School Year

Welcome, families, scholars, and community members. We are thrilled to have you here as we launch another year of creative excellence, rigorous learning, and purposeful growth.

August 6th, 2026

Our New Vision & Mission

Vision

We believe every student carries something worth building — a mind capable of rigorous thought, and a voice capable of real expression. Miami Arts Charter School is where students dare to dream. We give them the craft, the reasoning, and the character to make those dreams real, in the studio and in the classroom alike.

We are forming makers — performers, artists, thinkers and leaders whose work stands on real skill and clear thought, and whose lives are built on the same standard: **truth, goodness, and beauty**. No path is ever closed to our students.

Mission

We rely on mastery as we invite expression, and on judgment as we grant freedom — because real creative freedom is earned, not given. Every student at Miami Arts moves through a deliberate discipline: build strong foundations, develop rigorous judgment, and earn the freedom to create original work.

We do this in partnership with families who trust us with what matters most to them, through teachers held to the same standard as our students, and through a stewardship of our school's future that never loses sight of the students in front of us today.

2025-2026, A Year of Exceptional Achievements

We are incredibly proud to share the remarkable milestones and recognitions achieved by our school community over the past year, reflecting our unwavering commitment to excellence and artistic prowess.

Cognia Accreditation with Distinction

MAC recently underwent its Cognia accreditation, not only receiving reaccreditation but also earning the esteemed "Accredited with Distinction" recognition by exceeding national averages.

Florida DOE High Performing A-School

For the thirteenth year in a row, MAC has been honored as a *Florida Department of Education High Performing Charter School (A-School)*, recognizing our consistent academic excellence.

Rising Standardized Test Scores

Our commitment to rigorous learning is evident as MAC continues to significantly increase standardized test scores, with many core subject areas now regularly reaching 80% to 95% proficiency, and rising.

Grammy Award-Winning Talent

Celebrating our artistic community, MAC proudly recognizes both student and teacher Grammy Award winners, highlighting the exceptional talent within our school.

Class of 2026: AP Diplomas

The Class of 2026 demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, earning a commendable 18 AP Diplomas, preparing them for success in higher education.



 FACILITY INVESTMENT

Investing in Our Facilities

Significant campus upgrades underway, ensuring our spaces continue to inspire creative and academic excellence.



Dining & Outdoor Spaces

- New turf for the rooftop dining area
- All-new dining tables and chairs
- Stairwells painted and floors redone.



Learning Environments

- Freshly painted classrooms
- Graphic wall redesigns & student art displays



Library Resources

- MAC Encore library on the 4th floor
- Micro-libraries throughout arts floors



Arts Facilities

- Renovated dance room with LED lighting & suspended flooring
- Visual art room redesign & expansion
- Film program relocated to dedicated 6th floor space

 **\$500,000+** invested this summer across all four areas of our campus.

OPENING DAY — AUGUST 13TH, 2026

Parent Parking & Drop-Off Procedures

For non-school bus commuters. Please review these procedures carefully to ensure a smooth and safe start to the day for all scholars and families.

Arrival & Entry

- Gates open at **7:00 A.M.**
- Enter using the **NW 23rd Street entrance**
- Follow all traffic flow patterns and posted signs
- Scholars use **stairwells** to enter the building

Exits & Parking

- Two garage exits: **NW 23rd St.** or **NW 24th St.**
- Do **NOT** load or unload on the public street — Safety first!
- Parent visitor parking: spaces on the **right side, 1st floor**
- Scholars who drive must park on the **2nd floor. Enter through the 24th street gate.**

Important Reminders

- Drive safely and carefully in the school zone at all times
- Parents are **not allowed** to enter the building or escort scholars to class
- Please be patient — allow extra time on opening day

Bus Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

All scholars arriving and departing via school bus should follow the designated routes and procedures below to ensure safe and orderly transitions every day.

Arrival

- All school bus parking is on **NW 24th Street**
- No commuter or parent parking in the bus zone
- Scholars enter the building through the **nearest stairwell**
- Proceed directly to your homeroom — minimize hallway congestion



Dismissal

- Bus loading takes place on **NW 24th Street**
- Scholars exit via the stairwell **closest to NW 24th Street**
- Proceed directly to your assigned bus — do not linger in hallways
- Wait in the designated area until your bus is called



Bus Zone Reminder: Do **NOT** load or unload on the public street. All bus activity is confined to the **NW 24th Street** designated zone only.

Scholar Schedules

Here is what to expect on the first day when it comes to finding your homeroom, receiving your schedule, and understanding the school's block structure.

Homeroom Lists

Homeroom assignments are posted on the **4th Floor**. Scholars should locate their homeroom before anything else upon arrival.

Schedule Distribution

Academic schedules will be distributed during **first period**. Staff will be assigned all day to guide students throughout the building.

Schedule Changes

Students must inform their 7th period teacher that a change is required and they will be sent to the theater at that time. ***The window to request a change ends on August 28th, 2026.***

A/B Block Schedule

MAC operates on an **A/B block schedule**. Scholars attend alternating sets of classes each day, allowing for deeper engagement in each subject.

Dismissal & Daily Pick-Up Procedures

To ensure scholar safety and an orderly end to each school day, please follow all dismissal procedures consistently. Late or improper pick-up can create safety concerns for all students.

01

Gates Open at 2:00 P.M.

Parents may not enter before this time. Please plan your arrival accordingly to keep traffic flow smooth and safe.

03

Parent Parking: 3rd Floor Only

While waiting for your scholar, parents must park on the **3rd floor exclusively**. This keeps lower floors clear for safe pick-up flow.

02

Scholars Wait on 1st Floor

All scholars are to wait on the **benches and tables on the 1st floor**. Notify your scholar if you plan to meet them there directly.

04

Gates Close at 3:30 P.M.

Gates close at **3:30 P.M.** each day. School events and activities may run later — watch for communications regarding extended hours.

Dismissal & Safety Reminders

Please review the following guidelines to ensure a safe and orderly end to each school day for all scholars.

On-Campus Supervision

Scholars waiting for transportation **must remain on campus** after school, per our dismissal plan. Unsupervised departures are not permitted.

Wynwood Community Conduct

Wynwood is a vibrant commercial district. Scholars who disrupt local businesses may be placed on **controlled dismissal**, restricting their independent departure.

Campus Re-Entry

Once a scholar is dismissed, they **may not return to campus**. Plan ahead to ensure all belongings are collected before departure.

Traffic & Pick-Up Safety

Drive **cautiously** in the garage and on surrounding streets. **No speeding** or unsafe pick-up/drop-off practices will be tolerated in the school zone.

 Failure to follow dismissal and safety guidelines may result in controlled dismissal restrictions for your scholar.

Uniform & Dress Code

Adherence to the school dress code and uniform policy is **mandatory** for all scholars. The dress code reflects our commitment to a focused, professional learning environment.

Exclusion from Class

The school reserves the right to exclude students from class and activities if they violate the dress code policy. Consistent compliance is an expectation, not a suggestion.

Primary Consequences

Dress code violations shall be primarily addressed through **Lunch Detail or Indoor Suspension**. Extreme or disruptive instances may result in more serious disciplinary action.

Consistency is Key

Scholars are expected to arrive in proper uniform each and every day. When in doubt, check the official uniform/dress code guidelines on the school website before wearing it to campus.

Student ID Required

All scholars **must wear their student ID on a lanyard** at all times while on campus. This is a **mandatory requirement per state law** and non-compliance will be treated as a dress code violation.



Reminder: When in doubt about a clothing item, always consult the official dress code guidelines on the school website before wearing it to campus.

Code of Conduct — Key Reminders

Miami Arts Charter follows the **Miami-Dade County Code of Student Conduct**, available at www.dadeschools.net and on our school website. Both students and parents are expected to review it carefully, as some violations carry more serious consequences than they may appear.

Reporting & Documentation

- **Level 3 or 4 violations** require a SPAR police report — the principal must file it with no discretion
- All violations are documented by a **referral**, which becomes part of the student's permanent record

Minor Infractions

- Verbal warning issued first
- Teacher must speak with student and **contact parent**

Escalating Consequences

- Serious or repeated offenses may result in **outdoor suspension** or expulsion recommendation
- **Saturday detention** for mid-level violations
- Indoor suspension for certain infractions
- **"Stop list"** restricts extracurricular participation for scholars with unresolved violations

No-Cell Phone Policy — NuCase & Yondr

NuCases are transparent, school-issued plastic phone cases that lock student phones during the school day. Yondr pouches serve a similar purpose and are made of fabric. Both are part of our commitment to a focused, distraction-free learning environment.

Cost & Responsibility

There is **no cost** to families for the NuCase. However, parents are responsible for loss or damage — the replacement cost is **\$35**. Cases must be **returned at year's end** to avoid charges.

Daily Use Policy

Phones must be **turned off and locked** in the NuCase upon arrival. Magnetic unlocking devices are available at day's end. Phones observed outside the NuCase will be **confiscated** — only parents may retrieve them during Office Hours (M–F, 8:30 AM–3:00 PM).

Emergency Contingencies

Staff can unlock NuCases using **manual magnets** during family emergencies, fire evacuations, or any crisis situation — scholar safety is always the top priority.

Attendance Policy

Miami Arts Charter follows the **Miami-Dade County Public Schools Attendance Policy**. Please review these procedures thoroughly — unexcused absences accumulate quickly and can impact your scholar's academic standing.

→ Reporting an Absence

All absences are marked **unexcused** until a parent note is submitted to the homeroom teacher on either an A or B day. There is a **3-day limit** to submit the note — no exceptions.

→ Verification Form Required

To officially excuse an absence, the **Student Attendance Verification Form** (found on the website under the Parent tab) must be submitted within 3 days. Submitting a note alone does **not** automatically excuse the absence.

→ Excused Absences

Accepted reasons include: illness, doctor's appointment, death in the family, religious holiday, or a school-sponsored event or activity. Extended absences for professional engagements, caring for ill relatives, and family vacations are **not excusable**.

 Further details about Attendance Procedures and Policy are available on the school's website under the Parent tab.

Emergency Contact Form — Completed on Operoo

Keeping your emergency contact information accurate and up to date is one of the most important responsibilities parents and guardians have. Early releases are granted **only to authorized parties**, and a valid **Photo ID is required** at all times.

Verify Your Information

Please confirm that all contact details on your emergency contact document in **Operoo** are accurate, current, and complete before the first day of school.

Authorize or Restrict Pick-Up

Clearly indicate which persons you wish to **grant authorization** or **restrict** from picking up your scholar. Be specific and thorough — this information directly affects dismissal safety.

Update Changes Promptly

Any changes to authorization must be updated **through Operoo** immediately. Verbal or phone requests cannot be honored — only documented changes in Operoo will be recognized.

STAY CONNECTED

MAC Communication Channels

Miami Arts Charter School uses a variety of communication platforms to keep families informed, engaged, and connected. We encourage all parents to take advantage of every channel available to stay current on school news and events.



Social Media Presence

Follow MAC on our official social media accounts for highlights, announcements, and community celebrations.



MAC Texting Network

Time-sensitive updates and reminders are sent directly to families via our SMS text network. Save the numbers!



Email Lists

Subscribe annually to receive newsletters, event announcements, and important updates from school leadership.



Principal's Parent Events

Join the Principal's events held both in-person and on Zoom throughout the year for deeper community connection.



MAC SMS Text Network

The MAC text network is your fastest channel for urgent updates, reminders, and school-wide communications. Save both numbers in your phone today to ensure messages are not filtered as spam.

General Hotline

(786) 305-6226

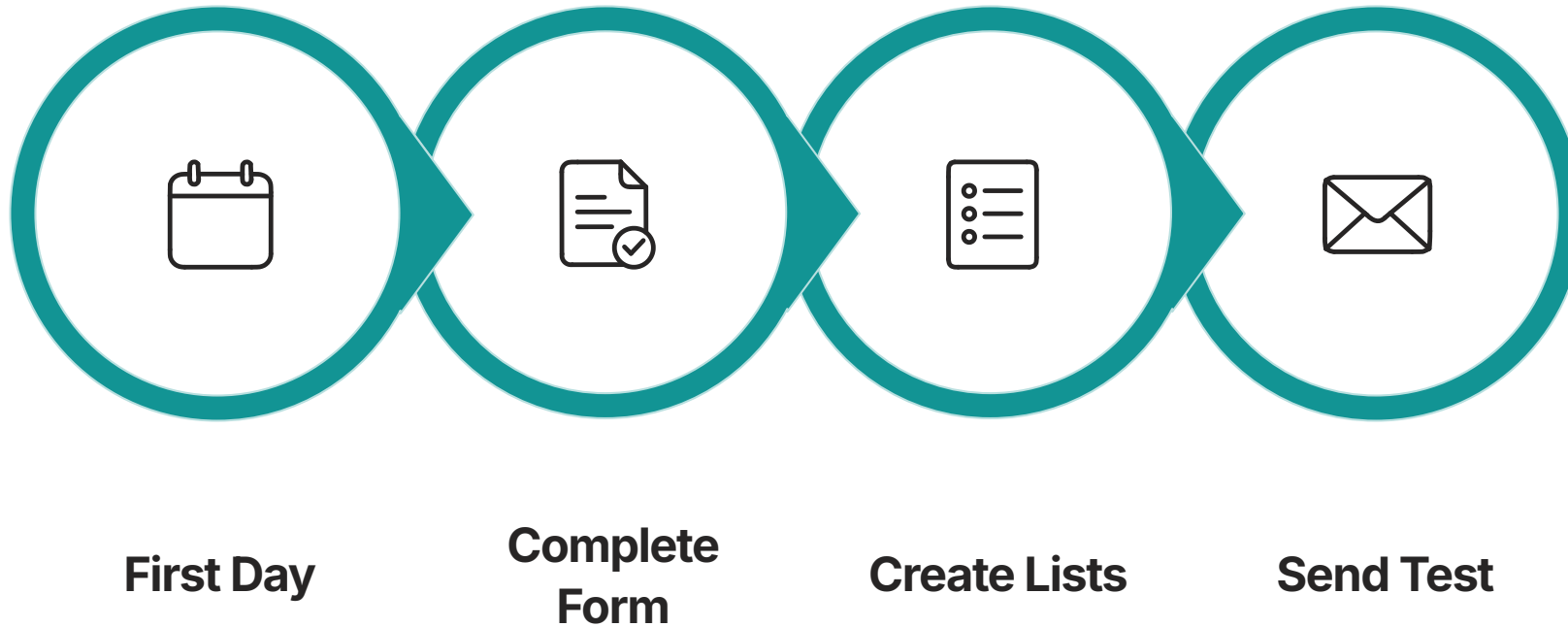
For general school communications, announcements, and non-urgent updates.



These numbers **ONLY receive text messages** — not phone calls. Save them in your contacts to avoid messages being filtered as SPAM.

Subscribing to Email Lists

Email is one of MAC's primary communication tools. Parents must **subscribe each year** — subscriptions do not carry over automatically. Follow the steps below to ensure you're connected from day one.



If you do **not** receive the test email on the evening of the first day of school, please contact Ms. Hobart at Yhobart@miamiartscharter.net to ensure you are properly added to the list.

Transportation — Private Bus Services

Miami Arts Charter School does not operate its own transportation. Contact each company directly for pricing, scheduling, and availability.

Johanna Bus Service

Contact: Johanna Alonso

 **Phone:**

Melanie: (786) 458-1069 (*English*)

Johanna: (786) 356-2912 (*Spanish*)

 **Email:** johanna1269@hotmail.com

 **Areas:** Aventura, Allapattah, Biscayne Park, Miami Beach, Miami Gardens, Midtown, North Bay Village, South Beach, and Sunny Isles. Students from Hallandale and Hollywood can use the Aventura stop.



New route 2025–2026: NE 186 Street, 7th and 12th Ave. (Miami Gardens to Allapattah)

Brickell Kidz Bus

Contact: Raisa Fernandez / Aleissa Fernandez

 **Phone:**

(305) 854-1583 / (305) 588-2654

 **Email:** help@brickellkidzbus.com
raisap54@gmail.com

 **Website:** www.brickellkidzbus.com

 **Areas:** Brickell, Coconut Grove, Coral Gables, Marlins Park, Shenandoah, and South Beach

Miami Mini Riders Transportation

Contact: Gina Delice

 **Phone:**

(305) 600-8830

 **Email:** gina_delice@yahoo.com

 **Areas:** Allapattah, Aventura (Ives Dairy), Hialeah-Miami Lakes, Miami Shores, Miami Gardens, Midtown, and Opa-Locka

Transportation — Carpool List

In addition to private bus services, MAC facilitates a **parent-organized carpool network** to help families coordinate rides. This is a community-driven option that benefits everyone when managed thoughtfully.

01

Contact Ms. Yeny Hobart

Parents wishing to be added to the carpool list should reach out directly to Ms. Hobart at Yhobart@miamiartscharter.net to express interest.

02

Complete the Online Form

A link will be provided to complete an online form. This adds your child to the official **carpool interest list** maintained by the school.

03

Receive Carpool Connections

The list is **periodically updated and circulated** via email among all enlisted families, making it easy to connect with nearby parents for shared rides.

After-School Activities

Miami Arts Charter does **not provide after-school care**. Scholars must be picked up no more than **30 minutes after their scheduled dismissal** unless they are participating in an approved school activity.

Approved Extended Stay Activities

- Scheduled tutoring sessions
- School-sponsored club meetings or events
- School-sponsored field trips or events
- Arts program rehearsals or concerts

Parent Pick-Up After Activities

If your scholar is participating in any of the above activities, parents and guardians must pick up their scholar **promptly at the conclusion** of the activity. Late pickups are not accommodated.

 When in doubt, communicate with your scholar's teacher or activity sponsor regarding expected end times to plan your pickup accordingly.

Honors Societies & School Clubs

Miami Arts Charter School offers a rich variety of **Honors Societies and after-school clubs** for students to explore their passions, build leadership skills, and connect with peers who share their interests.

Student-Led Culture

All clubs are **created and led by students**, while supervised by a MAC teacher or staff member. This empowers scholars to take ownership of their school community from day one.

Evolving Offerings

Visit the school website periodically, as club offerings **may change based on student interest**. New clubs can be proposed by any scholar with the support of a faculty advisor.

Club Rush Week

September 28th–October 2nd, 2026.

Student Clubs and Societies set up tables during lunch to advertise their activities and recruit interested scholars. Don't miss it!

Special Academic Programs

Miami Arts Charter School offers a suite of specialized academic programs designed to challenge high-achieving scholars and open doors to college-level learning and integrated study.

AP Capstone

An advanced College Board program that develops **research, collaboration, and presentation skills**. Scholars who complete AP Seminar and AP Research can earn the AP Capstone Diploma — a powerful credential for college applications.

Dual Enrollment

Qualified scholars earn **college credit** while still in high school through partnerships with accredited institutions. This program saves families time and money while elevating academic rigor and readiness.

Integrated Arts

Our signature program that seamlessly weaves **arts disciplines into core academics**. Scholars develop connections between creative practice and intellectual inquiry, producing work that reflects both analytical and artistic mastery.

Academic Policy & Good Standing Requirement

At Miami Arts Charter School, scholars are held to high expectations across three dimensions: academic performance, artistic engagement, and attendance. Meeting these expectations is not optional — it is a condition of continued enrollment.

Academic Expectations

Scholars must demonstrate consistent academic progress and meet course requirements across all subjects. Falling below thresholds triggers a period of targeted monitoring and intervention before further action is taken.

Artistic Expectations

Under Florida Law, students who are **unable to meet arts expectations** may lose their right to remain enrolled, after a formal period of progress monitoring. Arts participation is central to the MAC experience — not supplemental.

Attendance Expectations

Regular, consistent attendance is essential to both academic and artistic progress. Chronic absenteeism directly impacts good standing status and may trigger additional review by administration.

MAC Open House

Wednesday, September 9th, 2026

5:30 PM- MAC QUAD (6th Floor Rooftop)

Parent Reception with the Principal

A gathering to welcome families, share the school's vision for the year, and open the floor for conversation with leadership.

6:00 PM

Open House Begins

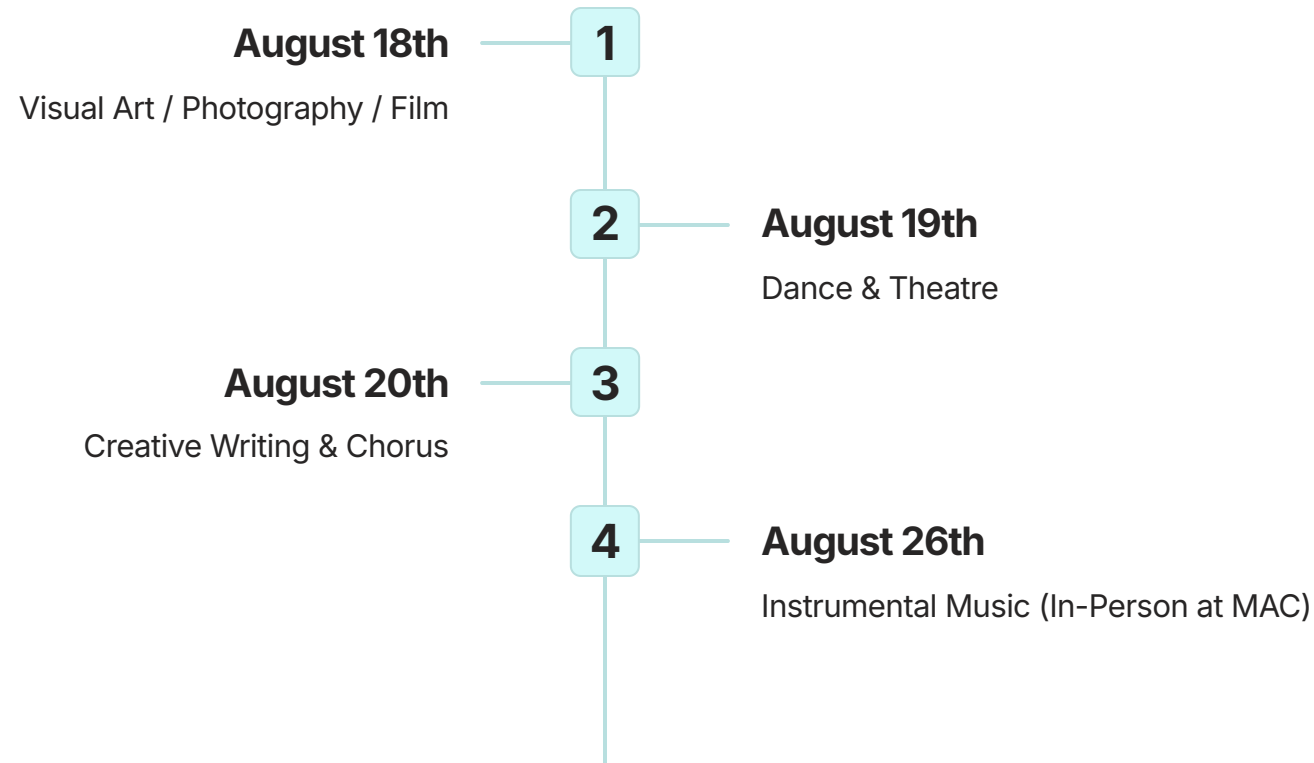
Tour classrooms, meet teachers, explore arts spaces, and get a firsthand look at what your scholar experiences every day at MAC.

⚠️ These events are for **Parents and Guardians ONLY**. Students should **NOT** attend the Open House.



Arts Parent Meetings 2026–2027

All arts departments will host a dedicated parent meeting at the start of the school year to introduce faculty, review expectations, and answer questions. All meetings are held at **6:00 PM on Google Meet**. Arts teachers will send out invite links directly.



 Watch for invite links from your scholar's arts teacher. All sessions (except Instrumental Music) are virtual — no in-person attendance required.

Principal's Events for Parents (Specialized Topics)

Events:

- **6th Grade Student Success Conference for Parents**
 - Tuesday, September 1st, 9:30 AM
- **7th & 8th Grade Student Success Conference for Parents**
 - Wednesday, September 2nd, 9:30 AM
- **High School Student Success Conference for Parents**
 - Thursday, September 3rd, 9:30 AM
- **Other Online Check-in Events Throughout the Year**

Please check the school website calendar for all dates and RSVP links.



Additional Parent Events & Opportunities

Event Name	Date	Time	Description
8th Grade Parent Night	Thursday, October 1st	6:00 PM	A special evening dedicated to 8th grade families to learn about what MAC offers in high school and the resources available for our students and parents.
Classical Education Parent Workshops	Throughout the Year	TBD	Regular virtual sessions with the principal to keep families informed on school updates and initiatives.
Junior & Senior Parent Meeting (CAP and Activities Information)	Thursday, September 10th	6:00 PM (ZOOM)	Meeting for parents to receive in-depth information about student activities and College/Post Secondary options.
FAFSA Parent Workshop (Senior Parents)	Thursday, October 8	6:00 PM	Workshop that offers 1 on 1 help for parents to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
End-of-Year Parent Meetings	TBD	6:00 PM	Wrap up the school year together — reflect on progress, celebrate achievements, and look ahead.

 Check the website calendar for all dates and RSVP links. Additional rows can be added as events are scheduled.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

MAC Embraces Classical Education!

We are delighted to announce our official and full transition to a **Classical Education school**, building on a successful pilot year. This exciting evolution deepens our commitment to rigorous academics and a holistic approach to learning.

1

Foundational Pilot Year

Last year served as a crucial pilot, featuring extensive teacher training and professional development, alongside the successful integration of **humanities into our curriculum**.

2

Strategic Partnership

Our program has been designed and launched through a valuable partnership with **Flagler College** in St. Augustine, Florida, fully aligning with the Florida Dept. of Education and state legislature initiatives.

3

Latin for Middle School

Beginning this academic year, all 7th Grade scholars will embark on the study of **Latin**, a cornerstone of classical education that enhances linguistic and critical thinking skills.

📌 A full transition built on one year of proven success — classical learning is now at the heart of MAC.

The Pillars of Classical Education

Our classical approach cultivates wisdom and virtue through a time-tested curriculum — emphasizing foundational knowledge, critical thinking, and a deep appreciation for the enduring ideas that have shaped civilization.

The Trivium

Grammar, Logic, and Rhetoric.

These three stages define how students learn: first mastering facts, then understanding how they relate, and finally expressing ideas persuasively. It mirrors natural cognitive development.

The Quadrivium

Arithmetic, Geometry, Music, and Astronomy.

These mathematical arts teach students to reason about quantity, space, harmony, and the cosmos — fostering a disciplined and ordered mind.

The Transcendentals

Truth, Goodness, and Beauty.

These universal ideals animate every subject, guiding students to seek what is real, act with virtue, and recognize beauty — shaping both character and wisdom.

Great Books & Works

Primary Sources & Enduring

Texts. Students engage directly with the greatest thinkers, artists, and scientists throughout history, fostering deep understanding and meaningful critical dialogue.

 These four pillars work together to form a complete and coherent education — training the mind, cultivating virtue, and inspiring a love of learning.

Investing in Our Educators

Our commitment to classical education begins with empowering our dedicated teachers and staff through comprehensive training and ongoing professional development.

FIU Classical Education Conference

Teachers and staff received initial training and attended the first annual Classical Education Conference at Florida International University, setting a strong foundation.

Flagler College Partnership

All staff are engaged in professional development and certification in Classical Education through our strategic partnership with Flagler College Staff.

Ongoing Professional Development

We maintain a continuous professional development calendar throughout each academic year, ensuring our educators remain at the forefront of classical pedagogy.

Trivium & Socratic Seminar

Training emphasizes the practical implementation of the Trivium (Grammar, Logic, Rhetoric) in the classroom, alongside mastery of Socratic Seminar instruction.

AP Capstone Program Alignment

This rigorous training ensures our entire school curriculum aligns seamlessly with our AP Capstone Diploma Program, including AP Seminar and AP Research.

📌 These training initiatives work in concert to build a faculty fully equipped to deliver a transformative classical education experience.

Elevating Upper Class Programs

Enhancing our upper classmen offerings with new programs designed to foster advanced academic skills, creative expression, and real-world readiness — deeply integrated with our classical curriculum goals.



MAC Forums

Student-led assemblies providing a platform for scholars to present their grammar, logic, and rhetoric stage work from the Classical Education Trivium, building confidence and critical thinking.



Integrated Arts Elective

A new high school elective for professional-level capstone projects in film, music composition and production, media marketing, advertising, and more, fostering cross-curricular excellence.



AP Business & Personal Finance- Pilot Year

New Advanced Placement course offering rigorous preparation for college credit through the College Board, directly supporting both the integrated arts program and broader academic goals.

Expanding Our Classical Library: Book Acquisition Campaign

We are excited to launch a new initiative to enrich our school's library with a comprehensive collection of Great Books and modern literature. This campaign supports our commitment to classical education by providing scholars with access to high-quality, age-appropriate reading materials.

1

Curating Our Collection

We are curating a diverse list of classical and modern literary works to inspire and challenge our students.

2

Amazon Wish List Coming Soon

Parents will soon receive an Amazon Wish List, making it easy to donate and directly contribute to building our new reading collection.

3

Adhering to Florida Standards

Our selections will meet all Florida State standards for high-quality and age-appropriate educational materials, ensuring an enriching experience for all scholars.

4

Learn More Next Week

Further details about the book acquisition campaign and our classical literature program will be shared at the first Classical Education Parent Meeting next week. Stay tuned!

Continuing the Classical Journey

We are committed to ensuring our families are fully informed partners in our classical education journey. Throughout the year, we will host meetings and informational sessions to deepen your understanding of the MAC classical curriculum.

Tuesday, August 11th, 2026

7:00 PM

A comprehensive overview and detailed explanation of our classical approach. **A link will be sent via email.**

What to Expect



Ask Questions

Engage directly with school leadership about our curriculum.



Explore Curriculum

Dive into the details of our classical education approach.



Connect

Build relationships with school leadership and other families.

Thank You!

Here's to an Exceptional Year

We are deeply grateful for your partnership, your trust, and your commitment to this community. Miami Arts Charter School is stronger because of the families, scholars, and educators who show up every day with purpose and passion.

We are looking forward to a successful, inspiring, and meaningful 2026–2027 school year. Let's build something great — together.

Truth

We pursue honest inquiry and rigorous thinking in everything we do.

Goodness

We hold ourselves to a standard of character that goes beyond the classroom.

Beauty

We create work that reflects craft, intention, and the pursuit of excellence.



2026–2027 Opening of School Orientation

Visit us at miamiartscharter.net for calendars, forms, policies, and the latest school news. We look forward to partnering with you all year long.