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2023-2024 Program Timeline

April 3, 2023	Registration opens for internships
April 28, 2023	Deadline for students to be approved
May 1 - May 12, 2023	Find an internship placement
May 15, 2023	Confirm/Verify placement online
May 16 - June 2, 2023	Coordinators ensure internship course codes are requested through the school registrar to be on students' schedule for next school year
August 2024	First day of school

Tasks for Students = BLUE

Tasks for Coordinators = PURPLE

Introduction

Are you looking to gain real-world experience in the workforce, as you plan your future career? An internship is one of the best ways to see firsthand what it really takes, while also enhancing your resume and making valuable connections.

Not sure which career path you plan to take? An internship is a great way to acquaint yourself with the opportunities and challenges of an industry, while also learning universal values like responsibility, accountability, and working with a team.

Since 1958, the Academic Year Internship Program has provided exciting opportunities for high school juniors and seniors in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Through internships, students are paired with community professionals to gain experience and knowledge in their intended post-secondary fields of study, and/or careers. Internship providers who participate in the program share their time and talent to give interns meaningful, career-related experiences.

The internship is designed for you take on the roles and responsibilities of a valued member of a company or organization. In turn, your attendance, punctuality, dress, and work ethic should reflect well upon yourself, as well as your parents/guardians, teachers, school, and peers.

This handbook has been developed to help prepare you to successfully complete the internship program. It is your responsibility to read this handbook and comply with what will be asked of you.

Remember that your school internship coordinator and the Office of Family and Community Engagement (FACE) are here to support you. If you have any questions, concerns, or issues that arise, please contact your school-site coordinator.

Enjoy your internship.

Program Eligibility

The Academic Year Internship Program is an honors elective course that can be taken for one or two annual credits, depending on your schedule. You earn local honors high school credit for your work at the internship site.

You must apply for the internship directly with your school internship coordinator in the fall of your sophomore or junior year for placement in an internship for the following school year. If you participated in an internship as a junior, you may re-apply for placement with the same or a new internship provider during your senior year. If you would like to return to the same provider, you must express that to the internship provider and school-site coordinator. To be eligible as an intern in this program, you must meet the following qualifications:

- Rising junior or senior
- Minimum un-weighted scholastic grade point average of 2.50
- Excellent school attendance
- Approval from your school internship coordinator
- Completed parent/guardian cooperative agreement (on the last page of this handbook)
- Student accident insurance-proof of purchase submitted to your school internship coordinator
- Resume
- Public or private transportation (If you are physically reporting to the internship for 2023-2024 school year, you must complete and submit the agreement on page 11 of this handbook to your school-site coordinator)

Student Role and Responsibilities

Pre-Internship

- 1. Review eligibility criteria for the program.
- 2. Meet with your school's internship coordinator for requirements.
- 3. Apply at https://aymiami.getmyinterns.org/Account/Register before end of April 2023.
- 4. Complete all required forms for eligibility available through your school's internship coordinator.
- 5. Once approved by your school's coordinator, you may browse opportunities beginning April 2023.
- 6. **SOLVE** any transportation problems before considering a position.
- 7. Set up interviews with potential internship providers and clarify schedule in the interview.
- 8. Call to cancel any subsequent interviews once a position has been accepted.

Attendance

You should not remain at the internship site after sundown, unless you have permission from the internship provider and a parent/guardian. Internship hours should be completed during the school week.

Regular attendance and punctuality are critical in this program. You should not miss scheduled days at the internship site and should always arrive on time. If a scheduled day is missed due to a Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) excused absence, as outlined in Board Policy 5200, you must inform the internship provider in advance and you must both determine an appropriate time to make up the missed hours. (For example, making up missed hours by attending the internship on any day not regularly scheduled.) All make-up hours must be scheduled with the approval of the internship provider. You must notify the internship provider prior to any absence or late arrival to the internship site. Failure to do so will affect your grade.

You are **not required** to attend a scheduled day at your internship if it falls on **a teacher planning** day or **school holiday**. Please remind your internship provider of these days. However, you may choose to attend your placement on that day if prior arrangements have been made with the internship provider.

In the event of an <u>extended</u> illness or absence, you and your internship provider may make alternative arrangements. You **must notify** your school internship coordinator of any changes in schedule and/or proposed internship activities. You are also responsible for ensuring the internship provider always knows where you are while at the internship site.

Experience, knowledge, and course credit(s) are the benefits of the internship program. Time spent at the internship site may not be counted as community service hours, unless special arrangements are made to acquire those hours after the internship credit hours requirement is fulfilled.

Required Course Hours:

- For one (1) honors credit the minimum number of required hours at the internship site is five (5) hours per week or forty-five (45) hours per quarter.
- For two (2) honors credits the minimum number of required hours at the internship site is ten (10) hours per week or ninety (90) hours per quarter.

Finding Your Internship

You may utilize the search function on https://aymiami.getmyinterns.org are able to find different opportunities in Miami-Dade County and must apply directly to the position. Once you have been selected to be considered for an interview, the provider will schedule one. Please be responsive to the notifications received from https://aymiami.getmyinterns.org and/or providers.

Interviews

Once an interview has been scheduled, you must have a resume and dress in business attire. In the interview, you should discuss intended duties and schedule. The outcome of the interview must be relayed to the school's internship coordinator. If the provider approves you for the internship, he/she must click the "hired" button through the online syst em. Your internship will be finalized once your school internship coordinator makes the final approval of the match.

Forms

Your school internship coordinator will provide you all necessary forms to submit to him/her to apply for the program. These forms are available on https://aymiami.getmyinterns.org and at the end of this handbook.

- Required Student Procedures This outlines how the program works.
- Intern Emergency Contact Information Sheet -This sheet should be completed and submitted directly to internship provider with your parent/guardian's current home, work, and cellular phone numbers.
- Internship Timesheet -This online form is for you to record internship attendance hours and program activities each time you attend the internship. The timesheet must be approved by your internship provider, and you must submit it to your school internship coordinator by the deadline they give you. Instructions on how to do this can be found in the GetMyInterns.Org Student Manuel.
- Parent/Guardian & Student Internship Cooperative Agreement -This form explains that you and your parent/guardian read and understand the purpose and intent of the Internship Program.
- Parent/Guardian & Student Release Form & Liability Waiver This form ensures that both
 you and your parent/guardian agree to the terms listed.

Performance Evaluation

Every nine (9) weeks, the Office of Family and Community Engagement will send a grade evaluation request directly to your internship provider who will evaluate you.

The provider returns the completed grade evaluation directly to your school internship coordinator. You are strongly encouraged to remind your provider to complete all grade evaluations by the deadlines. All grade evaluations are due three weeks prior to the end of the quarter period. Please refer to the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' master calendar.

Your school internship coordinator may also provide you with a log sheet, which must be signed by your provider to verify full completion of your required hours. Submit the log sheet directly to your internship coordinator by the deadlines they give you.

Toward the end of the academic year, you will be given the opportunity to evaluate your internship experience and internship provider. You are encouraged to complete the online survey, which the Office of Family and Community Engagement will send to you via email.

Your grade is based on your performance in the areas below:

- Attendance
- Punctuality
- Communication skills
- Interest level
- Motivation
- Reliability
- Accuracy
- Progress made toward development of projects
- Completion of all assignments

Professionalism

Miami-Dade County Public Schools has a Code of Student Conduct (COSC) aligned with local, state, and federal mandates with an emphasis on promoting a safe learning environment to ensure academic success. The Code of Student Conduct sets the standards of conduct expected of students in a purposeful safe learning environment in which the principles of care, courtesy, civility, fairness, acceptance of diversity, and respect for the rights of others is valued. It also addresses the role of the parents/guardians, the students, and school, but also focuses on core values and model student behavior, rights and responsibilities of students, addressing student behavior, and disciplinary procedures.

Furthermore, it should also be noted that behaviors committed on or off the school campus may be violations of the COSC and may also be violations of Florida law. These violations may result in disciplinary actions imposed by local law enforcement authorities, in addition to those of the school/ district. The Superintendent, principals, and other administrators shall assign discipline/corrective strategies to students pursuant to the Code of Student Conduct and, where required by law, protect the student's due process rights to notice, hearing, and appeal.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools Academic Year Internship Program

Required Student Procedures

- 1. The internship commitment is for the entire school year (August 2023 to May 2024).
- 2. Transportation difficulties or lack of interest cannot be an excuse to exit the program. Please confirm transportation prior to committing to the internship.
- 3. Any changes in internship provider or student contact information must be approved by your internship coordinator. All changes must be communicated by the coordinator to the Office of Family and Community Engagement immediately. There should not be any provider changes with the exception of extenuating circumstances.
- 4. Your coordinator may ask you to maintain a log sheet signed by the internship provider. You must submit a copy to the coordinator.
- 5. You cannot participate in an internship if reporting to an immediate family member, or a home-based business.
- 6. Internship hours must be completed during school week.
- 7. Your internship provider must submit a grade sheet directly to your internship coordinator before the end of the grading period. Encourage your provider to submit your evaluation on time.

Print Student Name	_ ID#	
I have read and understand the Required Student Procedures. Non-compliance with the procedure in failure of a grading period and/or removal from the internship program.		
Student's Signature	Date	

Intern Emergency Contact Information Sheet

Student Information:			
Student's Name:	School:		
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The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida Parent/Guardian and Student Internship Cooperative Agreement Academic Year Internship Program

Internship programs are planned to develop students academically, economically and socially. There are responsibilities of the student and parent/guardian that must be considered.

The Student agrees to comply with all requirements found in the Student Internship Handbook:

- 1. Adhere to rules, regulations, and safety protocols of the business and act in an ethical matter;
- 2. Provide his/her own transportation to place of internship, if applicable;
- 3. Inform the internship provider and the instructional supervisor in the event of illness or emergency that prevents attendance;
- 4. Be in attendance and punctual on the job and for all specified meetings;
- 5. Not voluntarily quit/resign a job without previous authorization from the internship provider and the instructional supervisor; and
- 6. Understand that the instructional supervisor is the recognized authority for making any adjustments or changes in the internship program. This principle applies regardless of whether or not the student obtained his/her own internship position.

The Parent/Guardian agrees to:

- 1. Ensure that their child follows internship provider/school expectations of the program, including adherence to the rules, regulations and safety protocols of the business;
- 2. Support the policy of requiring the student to complete the length of the internship program;
- 3. Understand that the student is responsible for his/her own transportation; and
- 4. Understand that Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) will not be held liable in case of accident/injury on the way to and from internship. Student must obtain M-DCPS Student Accident Insurance to be eligible for the program.
- 5. The internship provider may not be subject to the same background screening requirements as M-DCPS employees, and M-DCPS makes no representation and takes no responsibility for enforcement, verificationor vetting of the same.
- 6. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, venue in Miami-Dade County.

We, the undersigned, agree that we have read and understand the purpose and intent of the Internship Program. The term of the Agreement shall not exceed one year from date of execution. The School Board reserves the right to terminate this Agreement without cause by giving the Student and/or Parent/Guardian thirty (30) days' written notice.

Student Name Print	Signature	Date
Parent Name Print	Signature	Date



The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida Parent/Guardian and Student Release Form and Liability Waiver Academic Year Internship Program (In-Person Internship)

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY



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DAYS IN GRADING PERIOD
1 - 49
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For information on employee opt days, please refer to the back of calendar.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY

August 14, 2023 Teacher planning day; not available to opt; no students in school

August 15 Teacher planning day; District-wide Professional Development Day - not available to

opt; no students in school

August 16 Teacher planning day; not available to opt; no students in school

August 17 First Day of School; begin first semester
September 4 Labor Day; holiday for students and employees
September 25*+# Teacher planning day; no students in school
October 26 End first grading period; first semester

October 27 Teacher planning day; District-wide Professional Development Day - not available to

opt; no students in school

October 30 Begin second grading period; first semester

November 10 Observance of Veterans' Day; holiday for students and employees

November 20-22 Recess Days

November 23 Thanksgiving; Board-approved holiday for students and employees

November 24 Recess Day

December 22*+# Teacher planning day; no students in school

December 25 – January 5 Winter recess for students and employees with the exception of Fraternal Order of Police

and select 12-month employees

January 15 Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday; holiday for students and employees

January 18 End first semester and second grading period January 19*+# Teacher planning day; no students in school Begin third grading period; second semester

February 19 All Presidents Day; holiday for students and employees

March 22*+#

Teacher planning day; no students in school

March 25-29 Spring recess for students and employees with the exception of Fraternal Order of Police

and select 12-month employees

April 9 End third grading period; second semester
April 10*+# Teacher planning day; no students in school
April 11 Begin fourth grading period; second semester

May 27 Observance of Memorial Day; holiday for students and employees
June 6 Last Day of School; end fourth grading period; second semester
June 7 Teacher planning day; not available to opt; no students in school

NOTE: Every Wednesday students in elementary schools (Grades 2-5) and K-8 Centers (Grades 2-8) are released one (1)

hour early

Job Category	Beginning Date	Ending Date
Teachers new to the system	August 7, 2023	June 7, 2024
Assistant Principals and 10-month clerical	August 7, 2023	June 14, 2024
Cafeteria Managers	August 9, 2023	June 7, 2024
Satellite Assistants	August 13, 2023	June 6, 2024
All Instructional Staff, Paraprofessionals & Security	August 14, 2023	June 7, 2024
Assistant to Cafeteria Managers/MAT Specialists	August 15, 2023	June 6, 2024
Cafeteria Workers (part-time)	August 17, 2023	June 6, 2024

^{*}Teachers/paraprofessionals and school support personnel may opt to work one or two days, August 10, 11, 2023, or June 10, 11, 2024, in lieu of any one or two of the following days: September 25, 2023, December 22, 2023, January 19, 2024, and April 10, 2024. August 15, 2023, and October 27, 2023, are District-wide Professional Development Days and are not available to opt.

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#Ten-month secretarial and clerical employees may opt to work one or two days, August 3, 4, 2023 or June 10, 11, 2024, in lieu of any one or two of the following days: September 25, 2023, December 22, 2023, January 19, 2024, and April 10, 2024. August 15, 2023, and October 27, 2023, are District-wide Professional Development Days and are not available to opt.

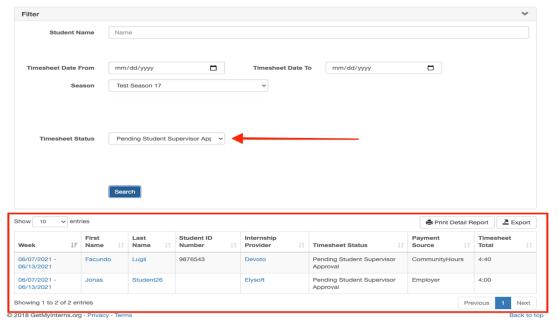
TIMESHEETS

Timesheets...

Note: A student must first complete a TIMESHEET for provider's approval.

Then, internship coordinator will have access to review WEEKLY, and enter grade ON GRADEBOOK for attendance.

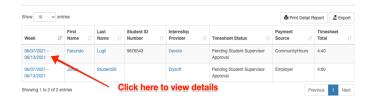
You can use this report to view any timesheet from any student you have access to and that meets the selected filtered criteria. For example, if you want to view all timesheets that need approval by Internship Supervisor, simply select **Pending Workplace Supervisor Approval** on the **Timesheet Status** filter



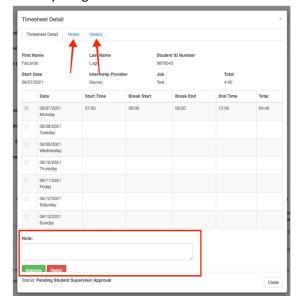
Timesheets...

Note: A student must first complete a TIMESHEET for provider's approval. Then, internship coordinator will have access to review WEEKLY, and enter grade ON GRADEBOOK for attendance.

You can view the details of the timesheet by clicking on the date of the timesheet



While viewing the details of the timesheet, if the status allows, you can approve it or reject it. Furthermore, you will be able to review the history of past notes to see if there was anything the student had to correct.



BEST PRACTICES FOR ONLINE INTERVIEWS

SIGN UP FOR A WEB CONFERENCE

These services are currently being offered for free:

Zoom

Cisco Webex Meetings
Uber Conference
GlobalMeet Collaboration



FIND A QUIET ROOM OR SPACE

You want to avoid interruptions and distractions during your interview.

DO A TEST RUN BEFORE THE INTERVIEW

A test run ensures you have time to work out the kinks and avoid issues at the time of the interview.

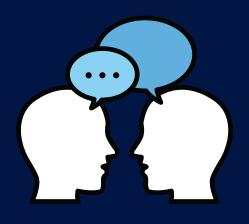


PREPARE QUESTIONS

You should have a list of questions to ask before you begin interviewing.

DRESS PROFESSIONALLY

You might not be meeting in person, but first impressions are still key.



MAINTAIN EYE CONTACT

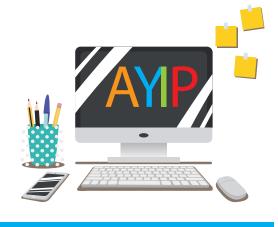
The best way to maintain eye contact during an online interview is to look directly at the camera and not the screen.

Academic Year Internship Program EFFECTIVE TIPS FOR

WORKING REMOTELY



You will need to adhere to your employer's policies while conducting work from a remote location.



1. KNOW YOUR TOOLS



Avoid frustration & maintain productivity by testing technology & accessing files remotely before you need it.

2. SET YOUR SPACE



Find a comfortable, quiet spot where you can focus & maintain an ergonomically-sound work environment.

3. STRUCTURE YOUR DAY



As appropriate, keep your same work hours on a daily basis. It's important to maintain boundaries around hours. Plan for meal breaks just like you would in the office.

4. COMMUNICATE!



You won't "see" everyone in the hallways. but it's very important to stay connected with your Supervisor/Mentor. Use all of your tools to stay connected - Skype, MS Teams, phone calls & emails are just a few.

5. BE PROACTIVE WITH YOUR MANAGER



Keep your supervisor up to speed on your accomplishments, struggles & areas in which you need assistance. Plan to provide regular & frequent status reports as appropriate.

6. AVOID DISTRACTIONS



Plan your work space & schedule to minimize distractions. Limit interactions with family members, friends, & pets to break periods or after your work day ends.

7. KEEP HEALTHY



Make sure you periodically stretch, walk around, & frequently look away from your screen. Use your calendar if you need a reminder!

8. ADHERE TO POLICIES



While you are working remotely, you are still "at work" so be sure to follow your employer's policies including downloading apps & visiting websites on work computers and during work time.

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