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Academic Year Internship Program
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INTERNSHIP STUDENT TOOLKIT 2025-2026





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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, you are paired with a community professional to gain experience and knowledge in your intended post-secondary field of study, and/or career. Internship providers who participate in the program share their time and talent to give you 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 will reflect 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 understand the program rules and expectations.

Remember that your school internship coordinator and the Office of Community Access & Partnerships 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 (AYIP) is an honors elective course that allows you to 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 upcoming 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
- Resume
- Public or private transportation (Only applicable for in-person internships)

Student Roles & 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.
- 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 internship opportunities.
- 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 provide this information to your internship provider in advance and you both must 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 your internship on a scheduled day 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 extended illness or absence, you and your internship provider may make alternative arrangements. You must notify your school internship coordinator of any changes in your 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:

The minimum number of required hours at the internship site is five (5) hours per week or forty-five (45) hours per quarter.

Finding Your Internship

You may utilize the search function on https://aymiami.getmyinterns.org 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 the interview. 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 system. 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 ion pages 9, 10 and 11 as well as in the Appendix of this handbook.

- Required Student Procedures (Page 9) Outlines how the program works.
- Intern Emergency Contact Information Sheet (Page 10) Should be completed and submitted directly to internship provider with your parent/guardian's current home, work, and cellular phone numbers.
- Internship Timesheet 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.
- Parent/Guardian & Student Internship Cooperative Agreement (Appendix FM 7782) Explains that you and your parent/guardian read and understand the purpose and intent of the Academic Year Internship Program.
- Parent/Guardian & Student Release Form & Liability Waiver (Appendix FM 7783) Ensures that both you and your parent/guardian agree to the terms listed.
- Parent/Guardian & Student Release Form & Liability Waiver (Appendix FM 5221) SCHOOL BOARD AND SCHOOL SITE INTERNSHIPS ONLY - Ensures that both you and your parent/guardian agree to the terms listed. This form only needs to be filled out if you are interning with the School Board or a school site.
- Media Release and Parental Consent Form (Appendix FM 7489) Allows our office to use photo/video content on our website and social media platforms.

Performance Evaluation

Every nine (9) weeks, grade evaluations will be open to your internship provider on the portal. All grade evaluations are due two (2) weeks prior to the end of the quarter period. You are strongly encouraged to remind your provider to complete all grade evaluations by the deadlines.

Please refer to the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' master calendar, in the Appendix. 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 Community Access & Partnerships 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.

Please refer to Board Policy 3210, Standards of Ethical Conduct

Miami-Dade County Public Schools Academic Year Internship Program Required Student Procedures

- 1. Internship commitment is for the entire school year (August 2025 to May 2026).
- 2. Transportation difficulties or lack of interest cannot be an excuse to exit the program.
- 3. Please confirm transportation prior to committing to the internship.
- 4. Any changes in internship provider or student contact information must be approved by your internship coordinator and communicated to the coordinator of Office of Education and Community Access & Partnerships immediately.
- 5. Changes are only accepted of exceptional circumstances.
- 6. Your coordinator may ask to maintain a timesheet signed by the internship provider.
- 7. Student must submit a copy of this form to the coordinator.
- 8. Student cannot participate in an internship if reporting to an immediate family member, or a residential business location.
- 9. Internship hours must be completed during the day.
- 10. Internship provider must submit a grade sheet directly to the internship coordinator before the end of the grading period.
- 11. Encourage your provider to submit your evaluation on time.

I have read and understand the Required Student Procedures. Non-compliance with the procedures may result in failure of a grading period and/or removal from the internship program.

Print Student Name ————————————————————————————————————	ID#	
Student's Signature	Date -	



Intern Emergency Contact Information

Student Information:

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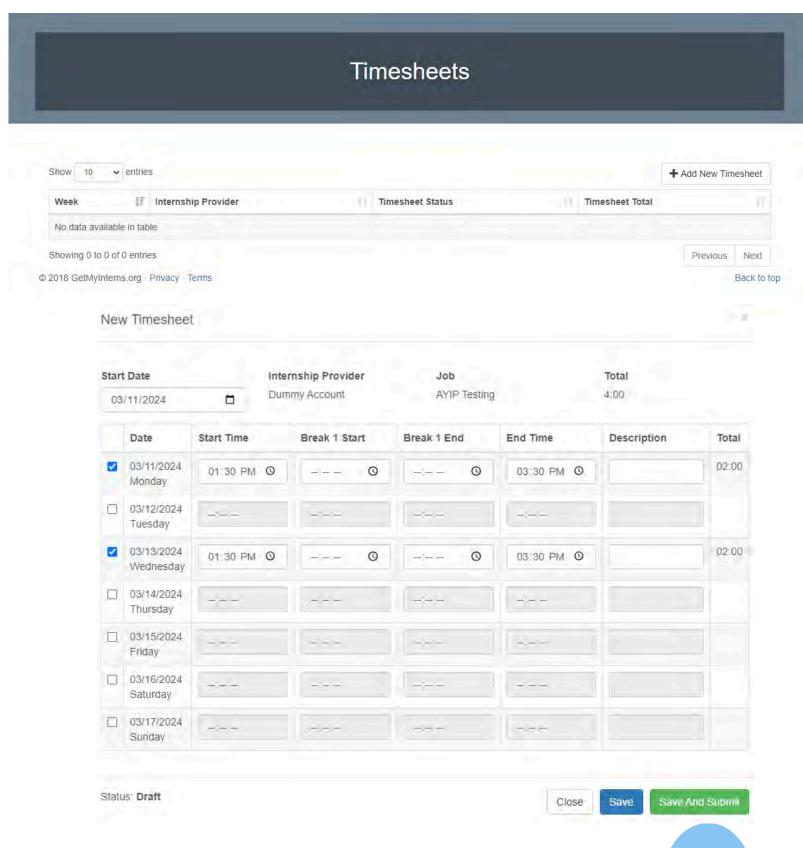


Student Checklist:

Registration opens Frida	ıy, March 21, 2025
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☐ Complete all documents in the handbook & provide to your Coordinator:
□ Required Student Procedures □ Emergency Contact Information Sheet □ Parent/Guardian & Student Cooperative Agreement □ Parent/Guardian & Student Release Form & Liability Waiver □ Media Release □ Ensure you have Student Accident Insurance □ Apply for positions □ Participate in interviews □ Discuss with your coordinator which internship offers you would like to accept □ Be excited to invest in your future, today!
Reminders:
Complete weekly timesheets in the AYIP portal Create a schedule with your provider for the days and times you will report Ensure you are professional throughout your internship Document moments throughout the year with your provider & send photos to our office Complete the end of year student survey

TIMESHEETS



TIMESHEETS

Submit the timesheet for the week of 03/11/2024

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Are you sure you want to submit the timesheet for the week of 03/11/2024? Please correctly and honestly enter your internship hours. Would you please REVIEW and VERIFY before you submit? Once you submit your hours, you will not be able to edit the hours after you submit. Please let your coordinator know it is pending your provider's approval.

Submit Cancel ✓ entries Show 10 + Add New Timesheet Week Internship Provider **Timesheet Status Timesheet Total** 03/11/2024 -Dummy Account 4.00 Pending Approval 03/17/2024 Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries Previous Next © 2018 GetMyInterns.org · Privacy · Terms Back to top

BEST PRACTICES FOR ONLINE INTERVIEWS



FIND A QUIET ROOM OR SPACE

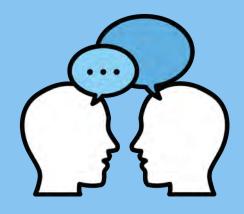
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PREPARE QUESTIONS

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



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.



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



DRESS PROFESSIONALLY

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

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.

Know Your Tools

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



Set Your Space

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



Structure Your Day

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



You won't "see" everyone in the hallways, but it's very important to stay connected with your Supervisor/Mentor. Stay connected via video calls, emails, and phone calls

Be proactive with your Manager

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

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

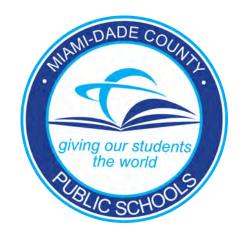
Keep Healthy

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

Adhere to Policies

While you are working remotely, you are still "at work". Be sure to follow your employer's policies and guidelines to ensure you are being efficient with your time.





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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, verification or vetting of the same.

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 (1) 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)**

It is a	agreed	d and unde	rstood	by_	("parent/guardian"), the p	arent/guardian of Miami-
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The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida Parent Guardian and Student Release Form and Liability Waiver Academic Year Internship Program

(School Board and School Site Internship Only)

It is agreed and understood by	("parent/g	uardian"), the parent/guardian
of Miami-Dade County Public Sci	hool's ("School Board") student	("the
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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS MEDIA RELEASE PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

Dear Parent:	
Please be advised that during the year your child may be photographed, videotap interviewed at various school sponsored events or may create artwork. With consent, the photograph, video, interview, or student created work may reproduced and released for use in the media, i.e., newspapers, brock videos, television, the internet, and Miami-Dade County Public Schools website social media platforms such as Facebook, X, etc.	your / be nures,
Please indicate your preference below.	
(Student's Name) (Student's ID)	
Yes. My child's photograph/video/interview/works may be reproduce and released for use in the media.	ed
No. My child's photograph/video/interview/works may not be reproduced and released for use in the media.	
(Signature) (Date)	
Return this signed form to:	
CONTACT PERSON:	
SCHOOL NAME:	
SCHOOL TELEPHONE:	

(Date)

Academic Year Internship Program

Program Timeline

March 21, 2025	Internship Registration opens for the 2025-2026 school year
March 21, 2025 – August 22, 2025	Secure internship placement
August 22, 2025 – August 29, 2025	Confirm and verify student internship placements
August 29, 2025	Deadline for all students must be approved and placed
September 29, 2025 – October 10, 2025	Providers must complete first quarter student evaluations
October 27, 2025	Begin scheduling AYIP presentation for rising Juniors and Seniors
December 15, 2025 – January 9, 2026	Providers must complete second quarter student evaluations
March 02, 2026	Internship Registration opens for the 2026-2027 school year
March 02, 2026 – March 13, 2026	Providers must complete third quarter student evaluations
May 11, 2026 –	Providers must complete fourth quarter student evaluations
May 22, 2026	open
May 22, 2026	Last day students are to report to their internship sites

Tasks for Students – Blue Tasks for Coordinators – Green Tasks for Providers – Red



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2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY

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For information on employee opt days, please refer to the back of calendar.

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August 11, 2025 Teacher planning day; not available to opt; no students in school

August 12 Teacher planning day; District-wide Professional Learning Day - not available to opt;

no students in school

August 13 Teacher planning day; not available to opt; no students in school

August 14 First day of school; begin first semester

September 1 Labor Day; holiday for students and employees

September 23 *+# Teacher planning day; no students in school, available to opt October 2 *+# Teacher planning day; no students in school, available to opt

October 17 End of first grading period; first semester

October 20 Beginning of second grading period; first semester

November 3 Teacher planning day; District-wide Professional Learning Day - not available to opt;

no students in school

November 11 Veterans' Day; holiday for students and employees
November 24-26 Recess Days (10-month and 11.5-month employees only)

November 27 Thanksgiving; Board-approved holiday for students and employees

November 28 Recess Day for students and employees

December 22 – January 2, 2026 Winter recess for students and employees with the exception of Fraternal Order of Police

and select 12-month employees

January 15 End of second grading period; first semester

January 16*+# Teacher planning day; no students in school, available to opt

January 19 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday; holiday for students and employees

January 20 Beginning of third grading period; second semester
February 16 All Presidents Day; holiday for students and employees
March 20 *+# Teacher planning day; no students in school, available to opt

March 23-27 Spring recess for students and employees with the exception of Fraternal Order of Police

and select 12-month employees

April 2 End of third grading period; second semester

April 3 *+#

Teacher planning day; no students in school, available to opt
April 6

Beginning of fourth grading period; second semester

May 25 Beginning of fourth grading period; second semester May 25

June 4 Last day of school; end fourth grading period; second semester June 5 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 Assistant Principals and 10-month clerical Cafeteria Managers Satellite Assistants All Instructional Staff, Paraprofessionals & Security Assistant to Cafeteria Managers/MAT Specialists Cafeteria Workers (part-time)	August 4, 2025 August 4, 2025 August 6, 2025 August 8, 2025 August 11, 2025 August 12, 2025 August 14, 2025	June 5, 2026 June 12, 2026 June 5, 2026 June 4, 2026 June 5, 2026 June 4, 2026 June 4, 2026

^{*}Teachers/paraprofessionals and school support personnel may opt to work one or two days, August 7, 8, 2025, or June 8, 9, 2026, in lieu of any one or two of the following days: September 23, 2025, October 2, 2025, January 16, 2026, March 20, 2026, and April 3, 2026. August 12, 2025, and November 3, 2025, are District-wide Professional Learning Days and are not available to opt.

- **+Teachers new to Miami-Dade County Public Schools** may opt to work one or two days June 8, 9, 2025, in lieu of any one or two of the following days: September 23, 2025, October 2, 2025, January 16, 2026, March 20, 2026, and April 3, 2026. August 12, 2025, and November 3, 2025, are District-wide Professional Learning Days and are not available to opt.
- **#Ten-month secretarial and clerical employees** may opt to work one or two days, July 31, August 1, 2025 or June 15, 16, 2026, in lieu of any one or two of the following days: September 23, 2025, October 2, 2025, January 16, 2026, March 20, 2026, and April 3, 2026. August 12, 2025, and November 3, 2025, are District-wide Professional Learning Days and are not available to opt.