



# Mater Lakes Academy

A Miami-Dade County Public Charter School

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## **School Information**

The school opened in the fall of 2006 and graduated its first senior class in the spring of 2010. The school is situated on ten acres in Miami-Dade County. The school is located in a middle class residential neighborhood. The geographical situation of the school is very appealing because of its proximity, major highways and Broward County. Colleges and Universities such as Miami Dade's North Campus, Miami Dade's Broward Campus, St. Thomas University and Florida International University are within short driving distances allowing our students to enroll and participate in these settings. Our school not only offers a first class educational program, but also offers a convenient and accessible campus. Mater Lakes Academy is a comprehensive middle/ high school enrolling 2100 students in grades 6 through 12. The student body is a diverse population composed of 93% Hispanic/Latino, 3% Black, 3% White, and 1% other.

## **Accreditation and Membership**

Mater Lakes Academy is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and holds memberships with the College Board, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, and the Association of Secondary Curriculum Development.

## **Academic Schedule**

The school's academic program is organized on a rotating block schedule. Students are assigned seven (7) credits per year as the maximum course load; students take three classes on an alternating block schedule and one of their classes is seen every day. The school day is composed of one 50 minute class that meets every day followed by three 90-minute block scheduled classes. Annual credit (1.0) courses are year-long and semester courses (0.5) are half the year.

## **Curriculum**

Advanced Placement Program courses offered at the school include: Art History, Art 2D Studio, Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1, Physics C, Environmental Science, Computer Science (Principles and A), Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Macroeconomics, English Language, English Literature, World History, Government (United States and Comparative), Human Geography, American History, and Psychology. AP Language classes offered include French, Italian, Spanish Language, and Spanish Literature. Advanced Placement is an open-enrollment program.

The Scholars Program enables sophomores, juniors and/or seniors to enroll in college courses and earn college credits at local institutions of higher education. A Higher Educational Institution that works together with Mater Lakes Academy is Miami Dade College. The Scholars Program aims for students to earn an Associates of Arts degree from Miami Dade College and Doral College.

The school has instituted a Scholars Academy Program for its Middle Grades students. This program will give students the opportunity to experience the rigors and expectations of the Advanced Placement curriculum in preparation for High School Advanced Placement courses.

### School Grades according to the Florida Schools Accountability

	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
<b>Mater Lakes Academy High School</b>	A	A	B	A	B	A	*no school grade due to Pandemic	*no school grade due to Pandemic	A	*pending state finalization
<b>Mater Lakes Academy Middle School</b>	A	A	B	A	A	A	*no school grade due to Pandemic	*no school grade due to Pandemic	B	*pending state finalization

### Grading and Ranking

A – Excellent	90 – 100	4.0
B – Above	80 – 89	3.0
C – Average	70 – 79	2.0
D – Below Average	60 – 69	2.0
F – Failure	59 or below	0.0

District policy eliminated class rank beginning with the Class of 2009. Students rank is distinguished by their Grade Point Averages and the categories are separated by: Suma Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude and Cum Laude.

### Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation

GPA's are computed using the above quality points. Beginning with grade 9, all subjects, whether passed or failed, are included in the computation. A minimum of 24 credits is required for graduation. In addition to the required 24 credits, each student graduates with 28 credits which allow students to achieve higher GPA calculations and exceed both State and District requirements. AP and Dual Enrollment courses are weighed by two extra points and Honors classes are weighted by one extra point. Grades are recorded on the official transcript and grade point averages are recalculated in January, June, and August.

## **Class of 2023 Standardized Testing Profile**

<b>74.3% of the Class of 2022 (205) took the SAT</b>	
Mean English, Reading, Writing:	530
Mean Mathematics	490

## **Advanced Placement Results for 2023**

- In May of 2023, 410 students took AP exams
- In 2023, a total of 741 exams were taken in 29 subject areas.
- In July of 2023, 61% of the AP Exams received scores of 3, 4 or 5.

## **Post-High School Placement**

The 2023 graduating class comprised of 276 graduates.

- 71 students graduated with Bright Futures Scholarships
- 78% of students graduated with over 25 or more college credits
- 41 students graduated with an Associate's Degree
- Two students earned \$1,000 academic scholarships from the uMater Foundation.
- The school had 98% of its seniors meet requirements for graduation.
- 95% of graduates were college bound, having enrolled in programs at MIT, George Washington University, NYU, UF, FSU, Nova Southeastern, Barry, UCF, USF, Duke, and Carnegie Mellon, Miami Dade Honors College, St. Cloud Tech, Pensacola State, FIU Honors among other colleges and universities.
- 14 students received scholarships to Both NCAA and NAIA affiliated schools.
- 25 students from the school's Early Childhood education program received their CDA certifications.
- 6 students from the Medical Interventions course received their BACE certification (bio-technician)

## **Awards and Distinctions,**

- 2009-2010 Silver Knights Honorable Mention in Science Finalists
- 2010-2011 Newsweek's: America Best High School
- 2011-2012 Newsweek's: America Best High School
- 2012-2013 The Guardian: America Best High School
- 2013-2014 The Guardian: America Best High School
- 2012-2013 US News and World Reports: Best High Schools in the Nation (Silver Ranking)
- 2013-2014 US News and World Reports: Best High Schools in the Nation (Gold Ranking)
- 2012-2013 The Washington Post: Best High Schools in the Nation
- 2013-2014 The Washington Post: Best High Schools in the Nation
- 2014-2015 Newsweek's: America Best High School
- 2015-2016 Newsweek's: America Best High School
- 2014-2015 The Washington Post: Best High Schools in the Nation
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- 2016-2017 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist
- 2016 Silver Knight Winner
- 2017 FL Tax Watch Principal of the Year Award (Rene Rovirosa)
- 2017-2018 STEM Middle/High (Silver Ranking)
- 2017-2018 Champion School Leader Award Recipient
- 2018-2019 MLA SGA FASC District 6 Secretary
- 2018-2019 State Champion in Wrestling
- 2018-2019 FBLA Ranked 9th in the Nation
- 2019-2020 MLA SGA FASC District 6 Treasurer
- 2019-2020 Community Service Chair for MDCPS SGA
- 2019-2020 US News and World Reports: Best High Schools in the Nation Ranking
- 2019-2020 (5) FBLA Members got 1<sup>st</sup> in the Nation between the following 2 categories: Social Media and 3D Animation
- 2019-2020 Qualified and Received the Verizon Innovative Learning Grant for Middle School
- 2020-2021 Qualified and Received the Verizon Innovative Learning Grant for High School
- 2020-2021 US News and World Reports: Best High Schools in the Nation Ranking
- 2020-2021 Qualified and Received PLTW APP Creators Grant
- 2020-2021 Amazon Future Engineering School
- 2021-2022 Qualified and Received the Verizon Innovative Learning Lab
- 2021-2022 Mater Lakes Academy's Mock Trial Team Places Top 5 in the State
- 2021-2022 2 State Champions in Wrestling
- 2021-2022 State Champion in Girls Swimming
- 2021-2022 FBLA placed 2nd overall on the Local Chapter Project with 78 medal qualifiers
- 2021-2022 MLA Athletics won 11 district titles
- 2022- 2023 US News and World Reports: Best High Schools in the Nation Ranking
- 2022-2023 Four MLA Band Members Receive Superior with Distinction at States
- 2022-2023 MLA FBLA had 8 state champions
- 2022-2023 MLA Varsity Basketball wins 1<sup>st</sup> team State Title in MLA History

### **Awards and Distinctions,**

- 2022-2023 MLA Varsity Wrestling had 1 State Champion
- 2022-2023 MLA Athletics won 4 district titles and 2 regional titles
- 2022-2023 MLA Thespians achieved superior scores at Districts
- 2022-2023 MLA Model United Nations won Best Position Paper at the United Nations Security Council

## Colleges attended by Mater Lakes Academy graduates

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Barry University</li><li>• Berkley College of Music</li><li>• Broward Community College</li><li>• Brown University</li><li>• Carnegie Mellon</li><li>• Dominican College</li><li>• Duke University</li><li>• Florida Atlantic University</li><li>• Florida Gulf Coast University</li><li>• Florida International University and (Honors)</li><li>• Florida Memorial University</li><li>• Florida South Western State College</li><li>• Florida State University</li><li>• Georgetown University</li><li>• Georgia Institute of Technology</li><li>• Harvard University</li><li>• Marshall College</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Miami Dade College</li><li>• Miami Dade Honors College</li><li>• Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T)</li><li>• Nova Southeastern University</li><li>• New World University</li><li>• New York University</li><li>• Ohio Valley University</li><li>• Ohio State University</li><li>• Saint Thomas University</li><li>• Stanford University</li><li>• Stetson University</li><li>• Texas A&amp;M</li><li>• University of California</li><li>• University of Central Florida</li><li>• University of Florida</li><li>• University of Miami</li><li>• University of North Florida</li><li>• University of Pennsylvania</li><li>• University of South Florida</li><li>• Yale University</li></ul> |
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