MAST Academy

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School Background

Established in September 1991, MAST Academy is the only maritime and science technology magnet high school in the Miami-Dade County Public School system. The school graduated its 32nd senior class in 2025. The school is staffed by a principal, three assistant principals, one lead teacher, and 88 full time faculty members of whom approximately 52 percent have a master's degree or higher. The senior class of 2025 consists of 243 seniors.

MAST has over 1580 students in grades 6-12. Students graduate with a full range of honors, AP, Cambridge (AICE) and Dual Enrollment courses. The school includes two large classroom buildings, a pool, boathouse, docks, fitness center, and a newly remodeled media center with access to both print and non-print resources. Students have immediate access to technology throughout the school. MAST is proud to offer the Duke of Edinburgh International Award Program to our students.

Accreditation and Membership

MAST Academy is fully accredited by AdvanceEd.

School Recognitions

Magnet Schools of America Top Performing Magnet School of Excellence, 2024, 2025 Magnet Schools of America, Distinction and Excellence Awards, 2013 – 2025 Florida Department of Education, Recognition as "A" School 2001-2002, 2004-2025 STEM Gold School Designation, 2023-2025

Magnet Schools of America Theme-Based Innovation Award, 2024
Magnet Schools of America Demonstration School, 2019, 2023
US Department of Education Green Ribbon School, 2019
Washington Post, Best High Schools list, 2008-2018
Newsweek, Top 100 High Schools in the U.S., 2009-2017
State of Florida High-Performing School, 1999-2019
US News and World Report, Top High Schools List, 2008-2019
United States Department of Education Blue Ribbon School, 1994-1996, 2006

Graduation Requirements

Thirty credits are required for graduation, and the student must earn 28 of these credits in grades 9-12. In addition to the total credit requirement, specific subject requirements are:

	Maritime	Cambridge STEM	Cambridge Global
English	4.5 credits	4 credits	4 credits
Social Sciences	3.5 credits	3 credits	4 credits
Mathematics	5 credits	5 credits	5 credits
Science	6 credits	6 credits	5 credits
World Language	2 credits (Spanish, French, Italian)		4 credits or AP or AS Level Course
Fine Arts	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit
Physical Education	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit
Academic Electives	9 credits	9 credits	9 credits
TOTAL	30 credits	30 credits	30 credits

Programs

All students attending MAST Academy are part of one of three highly acclaimed, academically rigorous Magnet programs with distinct curriculums. The Maritime and Science Technology program weaves maritime studies throughout a student's high school career culminating in an internship experience with local businesses, research institutions, or government offices. Students in the school's Cambridge STEM and Global programs pursue a Cambridge Diploma. Advanced coursework in their discipline, STEM competitions, and language study are the norm for our burgeoning global citizens.



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Mission

Maritime and Science
Technology Academy focuses
on diversity, environmental
awareness, and technology.
Our school incorporates a
thematic and inquiry-based
approach, problem-solving,
and experiential learning to
provide students with
opportunities for life-long
learning which impacts the
global community.

Grading System

A = 4 points B = 3 points C = 2 points D = 1 point F = 0 points

AP, AICE (A-level and AS level), and Dual Enrollment courses earn two bonus points and honors and Pre-AICE earn one bonus point.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools weighs Cambridge AICE level courses (AS) the same as Advanced Placement (AP) courses and Pre-AICE courses the same as Honors courses.

Specific class rankings and percentage rankings are not provided for graduates. Transcripts will provide student course histories, M-DCPS GPA Calculations, and in some cases test scores. DE, AP, AS and A level courses are taught at the same level of academic rigor but access to specific individual courses may be determined by the student's magnet program.

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Performance 2024-2025 MAST Academy

State	MIAST Aca
579	608
564	638
1144	1247
	579 564

ACT Performance 2024-2025

	State	MAST Academy
Composite	19.0	25.8

Internships

MAST Academy requires students to get a head start on career options by taking advantage of internship placements throughout the community. Internship placement opportunities have included Cape Florida, Department of Environmental Resource Management, Florida International University, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Port of Miami, Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, Southeast Fisheries, United States Coast Guard, University of Miami Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, The Miami Herald, quality hotels and restaurants, hospitals, marinas, and various research agencies.

Student Body

The school's ethnic breakdown is 73% Hispanic, 1% Black, 24% White Non-Hispanic, 2% Asian. The Class of 2025 included 1 Presidential Scholar, 1 National Merit Scholarship winner, 2 National Merit Finalist, and 1 Posse scholars.

AICE (Cambridge, AS and A Level)

Biology AS & A, Chemistry AS & A, English Language AS, English Literature AS & A, Environmental Management AS, French AS & A, Global Perspectives and Research, History AS & A, Marine Science AS & A, Media Studies AS & A, Psychology AS, Spanish A, Geography AS

Advanced Placement (AP) Program

Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Career Kick Start Cybersecurity, Chemistry, Computer Science, Computer Science Principles, Environmental Science, European History, Human Geography, Italian Language, English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism, Physics C: Mechanics, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, Statistics, US Government, US History, World History

Dual Enrollment

Introduction to Literature, Modern American History, World Literature 1, Writing & Rhetoric 2, Frontiers of AI

College and University Enrollment

American University

Amherst College

Auburn University

Babson College Baylor University

Boston College

Boston University

Brandeis University

Brown University

Bucknell University

Catholic University

Carnegie Mellon University

Clemson University

Colgate University

College of Charleston

College of William & Mary

Columbia University

Cooper Union Cornell University

Dartmouth University

Davidson College

Duke University

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Emerson College Emmanuel College

Emory University

Florida International University

Florida State University

Fordham University

George Washington University

Georgia Tech University

Hamilton College

Harvard College

Hawaii Pacific University

High Point University Indiana University

Ithaca College

John Hopkins University

Lesley University

Loyola University, Maryland

Loyola University, New Orleans

Macalester College

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Miami-Dade College Honors

Mount Holyoke

New College of Florida

New York University Northeastern University

Northwestern University

Pennsylvania State

Purdue University

Santa Fe College

Savannah College of Arts and Science

Spelman College

Stanford University

Stony Brook University

Syracuse University

The New School

Tufts University

Tulane University

University of California Berkley

University of California Los Angeles

University of Chicago

University of Colorado Boulder

University of Florida

University of Miami

University of Michigan

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

University of Southern California

University of South Florida

University of Texas at Austin

University of Vermont

U.S. Coast Guard Academy

U.S. Naval Academy

Vassar College

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Williams College

Yale University

and schools throughout the Florida state university system