



## STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

### School Counselor

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AcadeMir Middle School of Math and Science school counselors are vital members of the school's educational team. We help all students in the areas of academic achievement, social-emotional development and career development, ensuring today's students become the productive, well-adjusted citizens of tomorrow.

#### **ACADEMIR CHARTER SCHOOL MIDDLE POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SYSTEM**

To provide the best learning environment, AcadeMir Middle School of Math and Science uses a Positive Behavior System. The goal is to create a social culture in our school building that will encourage positive behaviors and interactions, while discouraging problem behaviors. Students who display exceptional behavior, who are respectful, responsible, ready to learn and demonstrates integrity in everything they do, even when no one is looking each day are invited to join the 3R'S Plus Club. Our Focus is on positive recognition to reinforce appropriate behavior and choices. Our Focus is on positive recognition to reinforce appropriate behavior and choices. We also follow monthly PBS Character Values that help to cultivate a positive behavior school culture.

Month	Value of the Month
September	Respect
October	Responsibility
November	Citizenship
December	Fairness
January	Pursuit of excellence
February	Kindness
March	Cooperation
April	Honesty
May	Integrity

#### **BULLYING AND HARRASMENT**

AcadeMir Middle School of Math and Science is committed to providing a safe learning environment for all students. To this end, the school is dedicated to eradicating bullying and harassment by providing awareness, prevention, and education in promoting a school atmosphere in which bullying, harassment, and intimidation will not be tolerated by students, school employees, visitors, or volunteers. Students have the power to make their schools safer. If they become aware of violent or dangerous behavior at their school, they are encouraged to

share that information with a trusted adult or they may also report this information to the Bullying/Harassment Reporting and Information Line at 305-995-CARE (2273).

[Click Here for M-DCPS Policy on Bullying and Harassment](#)

## **CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT POLICY**

All AcadeMir Middle School of Math and Science employees and agents of AcadeMir Charter Schools, Inc. are required by law to report any suspected case of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect, as well as alleged misconduct by instructional personnel or school administrators which affects the health, safety, or welfare of a student.

It is the responsibility of every staff member to report all cases of suspected abuse to HRS. Any teacher who must contact HRS must inform the administration for the appropriate follow-up. Any case of abuse involving a member of the staff will be reported to the administration and to HRS. Staff members are to report cases to HRS at 1-800-96-ABUSE, document the report in their Anecdotal records and log the phone call in.

Such indicators may include but are not limited to:

- Unexplained bruises or welts
- Unexplained burns
- Unexplained fractures
- Unexplained cuts abrasions
- Verbal

Failure to report misconduct may result in penalties up to termination of employment and revocation of an educator's certificate.

## **MENTAL HELTH RESOURCES**

[National Alliance of Mental Health](#)

The National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) is the leading organization in the country working to bring awareness and education to the various mental conditions that can afflict any person. As it pertains to the mental health of our students, it is important to understand that (as can be seen on their website) 1 in 6 U.S. youth ages 6-17 experience a mental health disorder. Thus, this resource is excellent as it provides specific information on mental illness, their signs and symptoms, treatment options, and various supports that can be offered.

[The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention](#)

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention provides very valuable insights on the topic of suicide prevention and awareness. On their website, AFSP provides important information,

statistics, and key resources to support those experiencing suicidal ideation. They also outline some of the notable factors that place an individual at risk of suicide, as well as the warning signs that one should recognize to assist a person in need of support. The resource provided on the homepage (i.e., "Navigating a Mental Crisis") further enhances the dialogue recommended for best supporting a person experiencing suicidal ideation or planning.

If you or someone you know is currently thinking of suicide, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at (800) 273-8255 or text HOME to 741741 to receive support from the Crisis Text Line.