

# EUGENIA B. THOMAS K-8 CENTER

Welcome to

Meet & Greet Day

The Upper Academy Team is pleased  
to meet you!

Mr. Julio Fong, Principal

[www.ebtk8.net](http://www.ebtk8.net)



**Cambridge Assessment  
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Cambridge International School

# Meet the Administrative Team



Principal – Mr. Fong



Assistant Principal  
Ms. Smith



Assistant Principal  
Ms. Alen



# Meet the 6th Grade Team



601 Ms. Palmer



602 Ms. Leon



603 Ms. Pando



604 Ms. Hamzavi



605 Ms. Grosch



Ms. Hernandez  
6th Grade Chairperson



# Meet the 7th Grade Team



701 Mr. Gonzalez



702 Ms. Gustavson



703 Mr. Pacheco



704 Ms. Galliano



Ms. Garcia  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Chairperson



# Meet the 8th Grade Team



801 Ms. Almeida



802 Mr. Cooper



803 Ms. Inganzo



804 Ms. Abreu



805 Coach Smith



Mr. Fernandez  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chairperson



# ESE / ELL / Elective UA Teachers



Ms. Noche ESE Teacher



Ms. Rutherford ESE Teacher



Mr. Marquez ESE Teacher



Dr. Ribas Speech Pathologist



Ms. C. Hernandez ELL Teacher



Ms. Pimentel ELL Paraprofessional

# SCSI / Media Specialist

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Ms. Hernandez  
Dean of Success



Ms. Salido  
Media Specialist



# EBT K8 Center Counselors



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# Middle School Hours

- The school day begins at 8:35 AM
- The school day ends at 3:05 PM (Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays) and 1:50 PM (Wednesdays)
- Students will not be permitted **early dismissal** after 2:30 PM (Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays) and 1:20 PM (Wednesdays)

## ROTATING BLOCK SCHEDULE

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- A Day - Periods 1, 3, 5
  - Passing – 5 minutes
- B Day - Periods 2, 4, 6
  - Passing – 5 minutes
  - Please refer to EBT monthly calendar for rotating block schedule days.



# Bell Schedule

Period 1 / 2 - 8:35 AM – 10:30  
AM

(5 minutes passing)

Period 3 / 4 - 10:35 AM – 1:05  
PM **\*Lunch period\***

(5 minutes passing)

Period 5 / 6 - 1:10 PM – 3:05  
PM

## Bell Schedule – Wednesdays (Early Release)

- Period 1 / 2 - 8:35 AM – 10:10 AM  
(5 minutes passing)
- Period 3 / 4 - 10:15 AM – 12:25 PM  
\*Lunch period  
(5 minutes passing)
- Period 5 / 6 - 12:30 PM – 1:50 PM



# High Expectations

- Gum Free/ Litter Free School
- **By Law (House Bill 1105) Cell Phones – Must always be put away, and students cannot use them at all during the school day from Bell to Bell.**
- Cameras & Teachers Monitoring
- Hallway Procedures - use of staircase (up/down).
- Agendas are mandatory and used as hallway pass.
- Organization skills – the use of agendas for writing down assignments and for communication with teacher.
- **Students are expected to wear their student IDs and proper school uniform daily.**
- Official school attendance will be recorded and maintained for each class.
- Attendance and tardiness can affect a student's performance in class and his or her participation in future school activities.
- Proper behavior during class is expected.
  - Raise your hand before speaking
  - Be focused during lessons
  - Respect teachers and other students
  - Demerits will be enforced

# Daily School Attendance

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Attendance is of utmost importance

Due to block schedule on A or B days, 1 absence is equivalent to missing 2 days' worth of work.

When tardy and/or absent a note must be submitted via email within 3 days upon their return and submitted to their homeroom teacher to excuse their absence.

It is the student's responsibility to ask the teacher for make-up work for the days missed.

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:** Official school attendance will be recorded and maintained for each class. A student is considered **tardy or absent** to school if the student is not present at the time attendance is taken for the first assigned class at 8:35 AM and thereafter for every consecutive class/period .

Attendance and tardiness can affect a student's performance in class and his or her participation in future school activities.

- Dances
- Field Trips
- Youth Fair
- Spill-Out
- Chill-Out
- Athletics



# Daily School Attendance

Excuse note (**within 3 days of return to school**) must include the following information:

- Subject: Excuse Admit
- Your Child's First and Last Name
- Your Child's Student ID #
- Date of Absence
- Clearly Stated Reason for Absence
  - Methods to excuse:
    - Written note.
    - Email to homeroom teacher.
    - Email to [0071attendance@dadeschools.net](mailto:0071attendance@dadeschools.net)
    - Via the Parent Portal App
  - Keep in mind
    - 4 days or less parent note is ok.
    - 5 days or more requires a doctor's note.
- For students with appointments in the morning or being picked up early for an appointment, please try to bring them back to school to avoid missing out on instruction.
  - Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays by 1:05 PM
  - Wednesdays by 11:50 AM

# Supplies

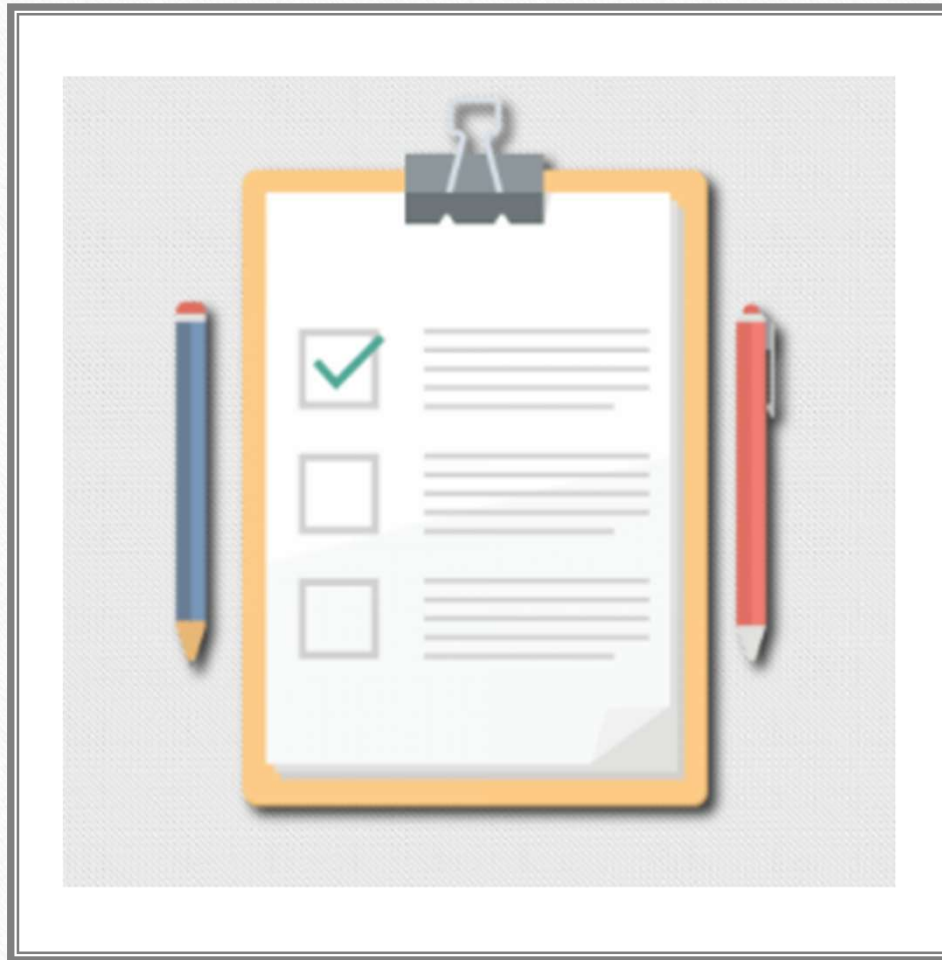
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- Supply list available on [ebtk8.net](http://ebtk8.net)
- Materials and supplies required for class daily
- We highly encourage that you **Bring Your Own Device**, if you have one, to school everyday or you may request a school device by purchasing the Break/Fix Plan and signing the Agreement for Student Use. **Cellphones cannot be used during the school day. The must not be visible or they will be confiscated.**
- Ear buds/ headphones are mandatory for academic class programs.
- Agendas are part of a student's daily supplies
- Lab Fees – Science, Art, and Music



# Uniforms

- Daily uniform worn Monday – Friday
- Monday is formal uniform day – Boys ties with oxford shirt and girls with oxford shirt
- Spirit shirt can be worn on Friday (PTSA Store)
- Sweater MUST be solid black with NO logos OR PTSA Upper Academy sweater, with school logo. (NO hoodies allowed)
- Pants – NO leggings, ripped pants, jeans, joggers, or drawstring pants. Pants must be worn on waist.
- Polo shirt with logo must be tucked in.
- Field Trips - Spirit shirts are required in order to attend all planned field trips. Please purchase your shirts as soon as possible.



## First Week of School Forms

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- Media Release
- Free Breakfast and Lunch (no forms needed)
- Student Emergency Contact
- Project Up – Start
- Disclosure at Time of Registration
- PTSA Membership
- Student Information Form
- Parent Handbook Receipt
- Code of Student Conduct



# Support and Collaboration

- Please read and discuss with your child the syllabus each teacher has.
- Please login to the MDCPS Parent Portal weekly.
- If a student needs assistance with their password, please contact the student's homeroom teacher.
- All online textbooks include Spanish text for ELL students.



# Required Computer Programs

Progress Learning - ELA

iReady – ELA & Math

Read180/System 44 – Intensive Reading

Imagine Learning / Achieve 3000– ELA ELL

iReady – ELA & Math

IXL – ELA & Math

Discovery Education - Math

Imagine Learning - Math

Math Nation - Algebra

Gizmos – Math and Science

Edgenuity – Algebra, Geometry, Civics, Biology, and 8th Grade Science

Achieve3000 - ELA



# Home Learning Policy

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- Students have homework daily.
- Students will complete daily assignments, 5 days a week, for a Total Daily Average of 75 minutes. Independent reading is an additional 30 minutes per day (Miami Dade County Public School Homework Policy).
- Homework includes studying and reviewing classwork.
- Web programs are part of the student's daily homework.

# Reminders

## Summer Home Learning

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**As a reminder, Summer Home Learning is due by Friday, September 5, 2025**

**Summer Home Learning can be located at: [ebtk8.net](http://ebtk8.net)**

- **Click on Students**
- **2025 Summer Home Learning**
- **Upper Academy: Grades 6-8**



## Grading Procedures

- Interim Progress Reports and Report Cards (access through student / parent portal)
- Effort and conduct grades will be assigned based on a student's completion of all assignments and participation in Synchronous / Asynchronous Instruction.
- Parents may access discipline/comment log through the online gradebook.

| 1st-8th Grade | Numerical Value | Verbal Interpretation      | Grade Point Value |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| A             | 90-100%         | Outstanding Progress       | 4                 |
| B             | 80-89%          | Above Average Progress     | 3                 |
| C             | 70-79%          | Average Progress           | 2                 |
| D             | 60-69%          | Lowest Acceptable Progress | 1                 |
| F             | 0-59%           | Failure                    | 0                 |
| Z             | 0               | No Assignment Submitted    | 0                 |
| X             | N/A             | No Grade                   | N/A               |

# Conferences

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- For any concerns, please contact the teacher by email. Make sure you add a subject line or the email will not be delivered. Teachers will respond within 2 business days.
- Team Conferences with student will address academic and behavior concerns.
- Parent conferences with individual teachers can be set-up with that teacher directly.
- Team conferences should be set up with the guidance counselor, Ms. Ramirez.
- Communication is important. Please allow us to assist you.





# Behavior Contract

## PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES/FIELD TRIPS MAY BE DENIED FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- D or F in conduct in any class on the report card
- Indoor/Outdoor Suspension
- Excessive Demerits
- 3 or more Detentions
- Poor attendance (12 or more unexcused absences/tardies combined)
- Textbooks are not returned at the end of the year
- Outstanding balances such as lunch, media and/or textbook/device fines
- Students MUST return their signed behavior contract



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#### GRADE 8 BEHAVIOR CONTRACT 2025-2026

Mr. Julio A. Fong, Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Upper Academy teachers are planning many exciting activities and field trips for the eighth-grade class for the 2025-2026 school year. In order for students to participate in these activities, certain guidelines have been established. Failure to comply with any of the guidelines may result in disciplinary action and possible exclusion from school sponsored activities, including but not limited to dances, Turkey Bowl, Marlin Cup and end-of-the-year field trips and activities which include Universal Studios Gradventure, Field Day, Prom, Chill Out Day and other activities.

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- 3 or more Detentions
- Poor attendance (12 or more unexcused absences/tardies combined)
- Textbooks/Devices are not returned at the end of the year
- Outstanding balances such as devices, lunch, media and/or textbook fines

These guidelines will be effective as of **Thursday, August 21, 2025**, and will count towards all school-sponsored activities including the field trip to The Dade County Youth Fair. Students who wish to attend the field trip to the Dade County Youth Fair **MUST** meet the guidelines stated above and **ALL** absences must be excused (within three days of absence) and students or parents must be current members of the PTSA.

These guidelines are designed to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all eligible students; therefore, NO exceptions will be made.

We strive to promote Character Education and expect all students to comply with good behavior. Please discuss the expectations stated with your child and sign below acknowledging receipt of this Behavior Contract.

Thank you for your continuous support and we look forward to a wonderful and productive year.

\*There will be an appeals process for those who committed one disciplinary infraction during the first 6-week grading period only.

Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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# Demerit System

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Students will receive a demerit for any of the following infractions:

- Improper Uniform – Formal Tops & Ties, Polo, or Pants, and Student ID.
- Improper Sweater- EBT Jacket or Solid Black. (No Hoodies, No Writing, No Logos, No other Color)
- Gum Chewing
- Unauthorized Use of Electronics (Cellphones and or earbuds)

5 Demerits = a Detention



# Arrival Procedures

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- **Arrival**

- Free breakfast in the LA Cafeteria for all students.
- Students will be supervised beginning at 7:45 AM at the Upper Academy PE Hard Court. Students will line up in their designated area.
- Students will be dismissed by Coach Perez-Daniel from the PE Hard Court at 8:25 AM and must report to their homeroom by no later than 8:35 AM. They will be marked tardy once the 1<sup>st</sup> bell rings at 8:35 AM.
- Students who participate in morning tutoring or open lab will receive a pass in the future.

# Inclement Weather Arrival/ Dismissal

## Inclement Arrival

- Grade 6: UA Café
- Grade 7: UA Café
- Grade 8: UA spill out area

## Inclement Dismissal

- Have a plan with your child ahead of time for rainy days.
- WALKERS - In the UA Café

(Walkers will not be released in the rain without rain gear- raincoat, poncho, umbrella, etc.)

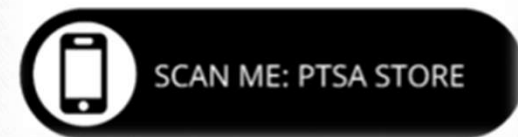
\*Walkers will not be released in severe weather conditions and will need to be picked up by an authorized adult.

- PARENT PICK-UP - Covered Exit / Dance Room, RM 915



# PTSA Membership & Online Store

- Please join the PTSA – the membership fee is just \$10 per member.
- We hope you can all join!
- Joining the PTSA does not mean you must volunteer. Funds are used to support school functions and future activities the students will participate in throughout the entire school year.
- Access PTSA Store Online to become a member and purchase items.
- One of the requirements to attend the Youth Fair field trip
- <https://ebtk-8.memberhub.com/store>



# Exciting Electives

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- Dance
- Drama
- Photography
- Global Perspectives (Cambridge Course)
- Library Aide & Office Aid
- Coding & Robotics
- FLVS (American Sign Language 1, French 1, Spanish 1, Spanish 2, Critical Thinking, and Career Research & Decision Making, and more...)
- Art
- Physical Education (PE)



# High School Courses & Credits

- High School Course offered to select students:
  - Algebra – 1 Credit & EOC
  - Geometry – 1 Credit & EOC
  - Physical Science – 1 Credit
  - Biology – 1 Credit & EOC
  - FLVS Lab – \*1 to 2 Credit (American Sign Language 1, French 1, Spanish 1, Spanish 2, Critical Thinking, and Career Research & Decision Making, and more...)

# Assessments



**Teacher created weekly or biweekly assessments.**



**i-Ready Diagnostic Test (Fall, Winter & Spring)**



**Miami-Dade County Public School Mid-Year Assessment**



**STATE ASSESSMENTS (Go to MDCPS website - Calendar Tab – Testing Calendar)**

More Information  
Forthcoming



# Reminders

## Open House

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Upper Academy Open  
House will be held on  
Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>  
from 6:30 P.M. – 8:15 P.M.

# Stay Connected!

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Website: [ebtk8.net](http://ebtk8.net)

**RECEIVE SCHOOL REMINDERS ON CLASS DOJO**



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# Thank You

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We appreciate your time and dedication to your child's education. We look forward to working closely with all of you to have a successful school year!



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# Classroom Tour

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## First Floor (RM 900-940)

Garcia (Art), Smith (PE), Inguanzo (Science/Robotics),  
\*Palmer(Dance/Drama), Ramirez (Office Aides),  
Salido (Library Aides)

## Second Floor (RM 950-970)

Galliano (USH/Civics), Hamzavi (Sci/ELA), Fernandez  
(FLVS/USH/WH), Pando (Math), Gustavson (Math),  
Rutherford (ESE), Noche (ESE), Cooper (Math), Abreu (Sci)

## Third Floor (RM 980-990)

Marquez (ESE), \*Palmer (ELA), Grosch (GP/USH/WH),  
Leon (ELA), Almeida (ELA), Gonzalez (ELA), Pacheco (ELA)



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