



# **MIAMI SOUTHRIDGE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

2007 - 2008

## **PARENT & STUDENT HANDBOOK**

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Welcome to the 2007-2008 school year! It is indeed my honor to lead the illustrious Spartan Nation! As the new principal of Miami Southridge Senior High School. I have four primary goals:

- Increase the level of Safety and Security on Campus.
- Improve Student Achievement FCAT Scores and School Grade, Daily Attendance, Advanced Placement Examination passing and Graduation Rates. Enhance Communication between home and school through the use of technology.
- Secure and strengthen business partnerships to increase the effectiveness of the small learning communities/career academies.

In order to accomplish these goals, I will need both your support and input. Please know that I have an "open door" policy and look forward to meeting each and every one of you.

## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF & ASSIGNMENTS

Principal	Martin T. Reid	
Assistant Principal	Michelle Atherley	Curriculum
Assistant Principal	Paul Cooper	11 <sup>th</sup> grade
Assistant Principal	Shannon Gottardi	Attendance
Assistant Principal	Mike Veloso	12 <sup>th</sup> grade
Administrative Assistant	Don Soldinger	10 grade
Administrative Assistant	Kenny Williams	9 <sup>th</sup> grade
Activities Director	Angie Beall	
Athletic Director	Donna Lee	

**MASCOT:** Spartans

**SCHOOL COLORS:** Red, Black and Silver

## SCHOOL MOTTO

Together We Build for Excellence

## ALMA MATER

All hail thee mighty Spartans,  
Together we will stand;  
We show our pride and spirit,  
For all throughout the land,

With hopes to last forever,  
As many years go by;  
We'll be forever faithful  
All hail to Southridge High

## ACCIDENT REPORTS

All students who are injured in any way during the school day must report to Ms. Bertelson in the main office to complete an accident report.

## ACTIVITIES / ATHLETICS

A wide variety of extracurricular activities are available at Miami Southridge Senior High School. Information regarding club activities may be secured from the Activities Director in room 177. Information about varsity athletics may be secured from the Athletic Director in room 111 (in the main office). **Your Spartan I.D. card is required for most activities that are school related.**

**Activities Director:** Angie Beall ext.2263

### **Athletic Staff 2006-2007**

Donna Lee, *Athletic Director x. 2214*

Harvey Clayton, *Asst. Athletic Director x. 2357*

TBA, *Athletic Business Director x. 2217*

Baseball, Varsity - Eddie Doskow

Baseball, JV - Eddie Doskow

Basketball, Boys - Enrique Garciga

Basketball, Girls – Alex Esquijarosa

Bowling – Marta Ramirez

Cheerleading- Deanna Dewitt

Cross Country, Boys – Rodney Wright

Cross Country, Girls – Sam Burley

Football, Varsity – Rodney Hunter

Football, JV – Sedric Cherry

Golf – Harvey Clayton

Soccer, Boys – Reggie Revere

Soccer, Girls – Dawn Banford

Softball – Dave Kintigh

Swimming – Amy Hyman

Tennis – Sean Dillon

Track, Boys – Rodney Wright

Track, Girls – Sam Burley

Volleyball, Boys – TBA

Volleyball, Girls – TBA

Water Polo – Amy Hyman

Wrestling – Kenneth Johnson

## ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

**Credit for graduating seniors . . . .** Those students (seniors) needing credit from the Adult Education Program must see their day school counselor for permission to enter the Adult Program. A form containing the courses needed must be presented to the Adult Program upon registration. Both the day school counselor and the day school principal must sign this form.

Registration and entry must be made before the deadline of enrollment. A parent must accompany the student for registration.

**High school completion program . . . .**The high school completion program is designed for students who have officially withdrawn from the regular “day” school program. This academic course of study will provide the student with an official State of Florida high school diploma upon completion of requirements. The adult school’s counselor should prepare each student’s course of study. **NOTE:** Students must be at least 16 years of age before they register for the Adult Program. Also, a parent must accompany students who are 16 and 17 years old. Official withdrawal forms and a six-month waiver form must accompany the student upon registration.

Upon withdrawal, these forms may be acquired in the Main Office. Students who are 18 years old or older need not present the forms.

## ASSEMBLIES

Student behavior should be refined and courteous at all times. An indication of the cultural level of the school is the conduct of the student body exhibited at an assembly. Whether guests are present or not, each student is personally responsible for the impression made by the school as a whole. Unacceptable conduct includes whistling, uncalled for clapping, boisterous conduct, and talking during a program. Spartan Pride means we have class.

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

Regular school attendance is vital to success at Miami Southridge Senior High School. Miami Southridge is on block scheduling for the 2007-2008 school year. As a result, students will attend four (4) double blocked class periods a day. Since the class periods are double blocked, students are reminded that an absence from school (class) will constitute two (2) absences from the classes that were held that day.

If a student must be absent, upon returning to school he/she must:

1. Obtain an admit from the attendance office within three (3) days of the absence and show it to all teachers (refer to Admit to School section for more detailed information)
2. Request makeup assignments for all excused absences.
3. Complete make-up assignments for classes missed within a reasonable amount of time established by the teacher.

### **APPROVED REASONS FOR EXCUSED SCHOOL ABSENCE (School Board Rule 6Gx13-5A-1.041)**

1. **Student illness:** Students missing 5 or more consecutive days of school due to illness or injury are required to provide a written statement from a health care provider. The written statement must include all days the student has been absent from school. If a student is continually sick and repeatedly absent from school due to a specific medical condition, he or she must be under the supervision of a health care provider in order to receive excused absences from school. Documentation of the medical condition must be provided to the Assistant Principal for Attendance.
2. **Medical appointment:** Documentation from health care provider required
3. **Death in the Family**
4. **Observance of religious holiday or service**
5. **School-sponsored event or educational enrichment activity previously approved by Assistant Principal**
6. **Court appearance:** Court documentation required
7. **Outdoor Suspensions**

Any absence that does not fall into one of the above excused absence categories is considered to be **unexcused**. Any student who has been absent from school will be marked unexcused absent until he/she submits required documentation. Failure to provide required documentation within three (3) school days upon the return to school will result in an unexcused absence.

Per School Board rule, **UNEXCUSED** absences include the following:

- Absences due to vacations, personal services, local non-school events, programs or sporting activities
- Absences due to older students providing day care services for siblings
- Absences due to the illness of others
- Absences due to non-compliance with immunization requirements

The Miami-Dade County School Board has an established attendance policy which states: “A student accumulating ten (10) or more class unexcused absences in an annual course or five (5) or more class unexcused absences in a designated semester course will have quarterly, semester and final grade(s) withheld pending action taken by the Attendance Review Committee.” If a student’s passing grade(s) is withheld, he/she may be issued a NC (No Credit) for the grade(s) withheld.

Your academic grades are affected by your attendance in school. If your absence is unsatisfactory, each teacher will record an F in their gradebook for that day and you will not be allowed to make up any missed work. Each unsatisfactory absence decreases your grade point average.

**After reaching ten (10) absences from school, a parent conference with the Assistant Principal for Attendance, a doctor’s note or court documents are required to excuse any further absences.**

(School Board Rule 6Gx13-5A-1.04)

## **ADMITS TO SCHOOL**

Students returning from an absence must obtain an Admit to School in order for the absence to be considered an Excused Absence. Without an admit, the absence(s) will remain unsatisfactory. The procedures to obtaining an admit are as follows:

- Report to the attendance office before school from 7:05 am – 7:20 am or to the attendance office after school from 2:30 pm – 2:50 pm. Admits will not be done during the lunch periods.
- Students having less than ten (10) absences – provide a written note signed by the parent or guardian explaining the reason for the absence.
- Students having more than ten (10) absences – provide a doctor’s note or other official documentation explaining the reason for the absence. At this point a parent note is not sufficient.
- A student has 3 days (72 hours) upon his/her return to school to secure an admit and submit it to his/her teacher or the absence is considered to be unsatisfactory.
- **A Student must have his/her Spartan ID badge. An admit will not be given to a student that does not have his/her ID badge.**
- Parents do not need to call the Attendance Office when a student is absent, however, a written note and/or medical note is required upon his/her return to school.

## TARDIES TO SCHOOL

Students must be in their 1<sup>st</sup> class block of the day (1<sup>st</sup> period on “odd” days, 2<sup>nd</sup> period on “even” days) by 7:30 am in order to be considered on time to school.

A STUDENT'S TARDY WILL **ONLY** BE CONSIDERED **EXCUSED** WITH A DOCTOR'S NOTE AND/OR A COURT NOTICE.

It is not necessary for parents and/or guardians to “sign a student in tardy”. All tardies without documentation will be considered unexcused – whether the parent accompanies the child or not.

Students will be given five (5) tardies per quarter without penalty. That is equal to 20 tardies per year. Students that are tardy to school more than five (5) times a quarter will be subject to administrative action.

Students that arrive to school between 7:30 am - 8:00 am must report to the cafeteria to obtain a tardy to school pass. Students that arrive after 8:00 am must report to the attendance office to receive the tardy pass. **STUDENT ID BADGES ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN IN TARDY.**

Official school attendance is taken during the 1<sup>st</sup> class block of the day. As a result, students that arrive to school late (no matter what time) must sign in tardy. If the student does not sign in tardy, he/she may be marked absent for the entire school day.

## SIGNING OUT OF SCHOOL EARLY

Students that sign out of school early are missing valuable instructional time. It is important that every effort is made to schedule appointments after school hours. Students that need to sign out of school early, for whatever reason, must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Report to his/her class and obtain an official yellow hall pass from the teacher
2. Report to the Attendance Office
3. Student must have his/her ID badge.
4. A student who is 17 years old or younger must have a parent, guardian or a person listed on the emergency contact card come to the school and sign the “Permit to Leave” form. If a parent or guardian is unable to come to the school, the student will not be excused from school.
5. A student who is 18 years old or older, the attendance office must be able to make a parent contact by telephone, must have an emergency contact card on file and show proof of age before signing out of school. If the school cannot contact the parent or guardian, the student will not be excused from school.
6. ALL students MUST have an Emergency Contact Card on file in order to be excused from school early.
7. Parents/guardians will be required to provide identification before a student will be released.
8. More than five (5) sign outs are considered to be excessive and will result in administrative action.
9. There will be no sign outs before 9:00 am or after 2:00 pm – No Exceptions.
10. If a student must sign out before 9:00 am, he/she will be marked absent from school and will need to get an admit form to excuse the absence.

## PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCES

PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCES WILL ONLY BE APPROVED FOR THE REASONS IDENTIFIED BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AS “APPROVED REASONS FOR EXCUSED SCHOOL ABSENCE.”

All pre-arranged absences must be approved a minimum of 48 hours in advance of the scheduled absence by the Attendance Office. Pre-arranged absence forms may be obtained in the attendance office by a student’s parent/guardian. The forms will not be given to students. All signatures (administrator, parent and teachers) and the reason for the absence must be on the form before the absence occurs and is approved as satisfactory. **When the form is completed, the form must be turned into the attendance office. Upon returning to the school, the student needs to report to the attendance office to get his/her permissible admit to school form.**

<b>BELL SCHEDULE</b>
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<b>BLOCK A</b>	<b>7:30 – 9:10</b>	
Class	7:30 – 9:00	85 minutes
Homeroom	9:00 – 9:10	15 minutes
Pass	9:10 - 9:15	5 minutes
<b>BLOCK B</b>	<b>9:15 – 10:45</b>	<b>85 minutes</b>
Pass	10:45-10:50	5 minutes
<b>BLOCK C</b>	<b>10:50 – 12:55</b>	
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> Lunch</b>		
Lunch	10:45 – 11:20	35 minutes
Class	11:25 – 12:55	85 minutes
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> LUNCH</b>		
Class	10:50 – 12:20	85 minutes
Lunch	12:20 – 12:55	35 minutes
Pass	12:55 – 1:00	5 minutes
<b>BLOCK D</b>	<b>1:00 – 2:30</b>	

### Special Note:

\* A warning bell will ring two minutes prior to each period.

\*\*There is a ten minute PE/ Industrial Arts warning bell.

**ODD DAYS = Periods 1, 3, 5, 7**

**EVEN DAYS = Periods 2, 4, 6, 8**

## **BUS TRANSPORTATION**

Transportation is provided for all students who live within our attendance boundary and who live two or more miles from the school by the nearest accessible route. All students eligible to ride a bus must register for transportation. Bus passes will be distributed through homeroom teachers. Students must conduct themselves in an orderly manner while riding on school buses. Any student violating bus regulations will have their privilege of riding the bus suspended or revoked. Problems with bus passes are to be referred to the Attendance Office. Students are not permitted to ride a bus other than the one to which they are assigned.

## **CAFETERIA**

The cafeteria, besides being a lunchroom, is also a place where good human relations can be developed. Here each student is expected to practice the general rules of good manners, which one should find in the home. Some simple rules of courteous behavior which will make the lunch period pleasant and relaxed are:

1. Observing good dining room standards
2. Leaving the tables and surrounding area clean
3. Replacing chairs and putting trash in the proper containers
4. Not leaving the cafeteria while eating or carrying food

## **SOUTHRIDGE IS A CLOSED CAMPUS STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE CAMPUS FOR LUNCH**

## **CELLULAR PHONES**

According to School Board Rule, students are permitted to have cellular phones on campus. However, the phone is not to be disruptive to the learning environment. At Miami Southridge, cell phones are not to be on or used during school time (7:15 am – 2:45 pm). This time frame includes the lunch periods. School personnel will confiscate cellular phones that are used during school time. Cell phones that are confiscated can be picked up on Friday only in the main office by a parent/guardian.

## **CLINIC**

The clinic at Miami Southridge is located in the attendance office. If a student is feeling sick during the day, he/she needs to obtain a pass from his/her teacher in order to report to the clinic. While in the clinic, the student will be given the opportunity to call a parent/guardian so that someone can sign the student out of school early. Unfortunately, Miami Southridge does not have medical personnel on staff. As a result, if a student is sick, he/she must either go home early or go back to class. A student will only be allowed to stay in the clinic for one class period.

## DRESS CODE

### PHILOSOPHY AND GENERAL STATEMENT TO PARENTS

It is our professional belief that school performance and future success are enhanced by appropriate dress and grooming. Parents/guardians are strongly urged to work closely with the school to ensure their child's adherence to high standards of dress and grooming expected by Miami Southridge Sr. High School. Parents are strongly urged to enforce high standards of dress for their students. Parents will be serving the welfare of our students and helping us as educators by emphasizing standards of neatness, cleanliness, safety, and decency in dress and grooming.

### MALE DRESS CODE

- Collared polo shirts in red, black, white, grey. **(ALL SHIRTS MUST HAVE SLEEVES)**
- **School issued** athletic jerseys or club t-shirts (must have Southridge/Spartans printed on it and must be in school colors).
- Fitted long pants worn at the waist; black, khaki, grey, red, or white and blue jeans.
- Belt
- Shoes must have backs.
- Dress shirts with tie (worn properly) may be worn anytime.
- Student ID must be in the possession of the student at all times.

**Note: Shirts may not be excessively long; shirts must not fall below the fingertips.**

### FEMALE DRESS CODE

- Collared polo shirts in red, black, white, grey. **(ALL SHIRTS MUST HAVE SLEEVES)**
- **School issued** athletic jerseys or club t-shirts (must have Southridge/Spartans printed on it and must be in school colors).
- Pants worn at the waist; black, khaki, grey, red, or white and blue jeans. Capris must fall below the knees).
- Skirts (black, khaki, grey, red, or white and blue jeans). Skirts must fall below the knees.
- Shoes must have backs.
- Student ID must be in the possession of the student at all times.

**Note: Shirts exposing the midsection (naval area) are not allowed.**

### SPECIAL NOTE

The only articles of clothing that may be worn over your uniform shirt are:

- **Jackets** worn open in the front.
- Pull-over sweatshirts in black, grey, red, or white.
- **Regulation polo shirts must be worn underneath jackets and sweatshirts.**

### The following items **MAY NOT BE WORN:**

NO shorts, tights or leggings.

NO t-shirts (the only t-shirts allowed will be **school issued** club and athletic t-shirts in school colors & must have Southridge/Spartans on it).

**Undershirts or t-shirts worn underneath the uniform shirt cannot show.**

NO excessively long shirts; uniform shirts must not fall below the finger tips.

NO sagging pants. Pants must be worn at their original length and fitted at the waist with no visible undergarments (must have belt loops).

NO strapless shoes, flip flop type shoes, and make-shift/temporary straps.

NO **headwear of any kind**: hoods, hats, headbands, mesh head coverings, bandanas, handkerchiefs, do-rags, hair curlers, combs, and hair picks. These items MAY NOT be brought to school. Boys are not permitted to wear multi-colored rubber bands, beads or barrettes in their hair to accentuate dreads.

NO sleep wear, bedroom shoes, pajamas, or slippers.

NO dog collars, motorcycle chains, two or three finger rings, or spikes.

NO colors, symbols, national pendants or items associated with gangs (this includes bandanas and flags made with beads).

NO trench coats.

NO sunglasses may be worn in the building.

### **DRESS CODE POLICY ENFORCEMENT**

If a student is not in the appropriate dress, they will be sent to the activities office and will be given one of three choices:

1. Call home to have the parent/guardian bring the appropriate clothing to school so that the issue can be corrected. The student will be required to wait in CSI until the parent arrives. (Calling home may only be done during first block; after first block the student will immediately be sent to CSI).
2. Purchase a regulation polo shirt from the activities office and be sent back to class.
3. If the issue cannot be corrected by calling home or purchasing a shirt, the student will be sent to CSI for the remainder of the day.

### **EQUIPMENT AND FIXTURES**

Each student is expected to assume responsibility for the care of all school property. Students who damage property accidentally are responsible for paying the damage. Damage of a malicious nature will be considered a very serious matter and dealt with administratively.

### **EMERGENCY CONTACT CARDS**

It is imperative that all students have an up-to-date emergency contact card on file in the attendance office. If at any time throughout the school year a student's parent contact information changes, the parent/guardian must come to the Attendance Office to update the card.

### **FIELD TRIPS**

When a student is participating in a school approved field trip, he/she must present a field trip form or pass in advance to his/her teachers. It is the student's responsibility to make up all missed work. When the student is representing the school in any approved activity (sports, music, debate, etc.), the same conditions will prevail as above with field trips. **STUDENTS MUST DISPLAY THEIR SPARTAN ID BADGE AT ALL TIMES DURING FIELD TRIPS.**

## FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

All financial obligations incurred by school fees, textbook loss or damage, and for overdue or lost library books must be paid in the school's Treasurer's office, which is located inside the main office.

## FIRE DRILLS

Fire drills, at regular intervals, are required by law and are an important safety precaution. It is essential that when the first signal is given, everyone exits promptly and clears the building by the prescribed route in an orderly fashion. Students are not permitted to talk during a drill and are to remain outside the building until a signal is given to return.

## FOOD AND DRINKS

Students are to eat and drink only in the school cafeteria or outside the building. No food or drinks are to be consumed or contained anywhere else inside the building. Students may **not purchase food or drink in the teachers lounge.** Ice cream/ices must be eaten either in the cafeteria or on the rear patios. Students who violate this rule will receive appropriate penalties. The school is not responsible for money that may be lost in the vending machines. Students who use the machines do so at their own risk.

## HELP KEEP YOUR SCHOOL CLEAN!

## GRADING SCALE

### MDCPS Grading Scale:

90 – 100 = A	Excellent
80 – 89 = B	Above Average
70 – 79 = C	Average
60 – 69 = D	Minimum
0 – 59 = F	No Credit Earned
I	Has not yet met course requirements
NC	No Credit; Credit withheld due to attendance issues

## HALL PASSES

At no time is a student allowed to be out of the classroom during class time without an official hall pass. **No exception can be made.**

## HOME LEARNING POLICY

School Board Rule: 6Gx13- 6A1.23

Home Learning is essential in fostering student academic achievement. The purpose of Home Learning is to reinforce and extend class instruction while providing the student with further study and preparation of future assignments. Students in academic classes should, at a minimum, receive two home learning assignments each week in each class.

## HONOR ROLL REQUIREMENTS

<b>Spartan**</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>Conduct</b>
Academic grade point average: <b>4.0</b>	Academic grade point average: <b>3.5</b> or higher	Academic grade point average: <b>3.0</b> or higher	
<b>Effort:</b> All 1's or at most two 2's	<b>Effort:</b> All 1's or at most two 2's	<b>Effort:</b> All 1's or at most two 2's	
<b>Conduct</b> grade point average: <b>4.0</b>	<b>Conduct</b> grade point average: <b>4.0</b>	<b>Conduct</b> grade point average: <b>4.0</b>	<b>Conduct</b> grade point average: <b>3.0</b>

\*\*Assurant Solutions sponsors a breakfast and provides a Spartan Honor Roll jacket for each student that has obtained the distinction of Spartan Honor Roll for three (3) consecutive grading periods.

## IDENTIFICATION BADGE POLICY

- **STUDENT ID BADGES MUST IN THE POSSESSION OF ALL STUDENTS AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON THE SOUTHRIDGE CAMPUS.**
- Students must NOT deface, change or alter the ID badge in any way.
- Students must NOT give their ID badge to any other student for any reason.
- The first ID badge and lanyard are issued free of charge. If either one is lost or stolen, the student must pay \$5.00 for a replacement.
- ID badges must be surrendered to School personnel upon request.
- Students are NOT allowed to attend class without an ID badge.
- Students that do not have an ID badge at any time throughout the day – must report to the activities office.
- Students that do not have an ID badge will be given 3 options:
  - \* Call a parent/guardian to bring the ID badge to school,
  - \* Purchase a new ID badge, or Suspension
  - \* Assigned to CSI for remainder of the day

## LIBRARY

The library is open from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Friday. Passes are required for admission to the center. Your I.D. card is also your borrower's card and will be needed to check out books. The **ELECTRONIC SECURITY SYSTEM** is in full operation and will set off an alarm if books are taken through the exit doors without having them checked out at the curriculum desk.

## LOCKERS

Physical Education lockers may be purchased from the physical education teachers and are used in the locker room. Hall lockers may be purchased from the Activities Office. Locks found on the hall lockers other than the official hall locks will be removed by the administration.

Please note that all lockers are the property of the school, and, therefore, subject to periodic, routine inspection or searches when warranted by reasonable suspicion. Students should not share lockers.

### LOST AND FOUND

A lost and found is maintained in the Activities Office. Students who find articles that have been lost or misplaced are urged to turn them in to the Activities Office daily.

### LUNCH PROCEDURES

A student's lunch period is determined by the location of his/her fifth & 6<sup>th</sup> period class.

FIRST LUNCH = 10:50 am – 11:25 pm

SECOND LUNCH = 12:20 pm – 12:55 pm

Miami Southridge has a **CLOSED CAMPUS**. Students are **NOT** allowed to leave campus for lunch. All students are to eat their lunch in the cafeteria, on the student patio located by the VT building, or in the dining shelter.

### PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

The north parking lot is to be used for student automobile parking. Students driving to school will enter and exit the north or west gate. Students may not park in the south lot, immediately adjacent to the school. This lot is reserved for faculty parking. Non-faculty members are not to use the faculty parking lot to deliver or to pick up students. Loitering in and around the parked automobiles will be treated as a serious breach of discipline. Students must understand that parking is at their own risk. Special areas, Driver's Ed Compound, etc. will be designated for bicycles, motorcycles and motorbikes. Valuable items should not be left in the automobile. The school assumes NO responsibility for students' vehicles. All losses are to be reported to the school resource officer and an assistant principal.

### PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT ASSOCIATION (PTSA)

The PTSA will meet the first Monday of each month in the school auditorium at 7:00 pm. Parent involvement is essential to a successful school. If you are interested in becoming a member, please call and ask to speak with Mr. Adolfo Costa at extension 2220 or e-mail the PTSA president at [PTSA@miamisouthridge.com](mailto:PTSA@miamisouthridge.com).

### PERSONAL PROPERTY

Students are requested not to bring expensive personal items or large amounts of money to school. Personal property should not be left unattended. The school will not be responsible for any lost or stolen property. This includes cell phones and CD players, Ipods, MP3 players, Sidekicks, PSPs, cameras, laptops, etc.. At no time should personal phones or other electronic devices be loaned to anyone.

## PROCEDURES FOR ADDRESSING CONCERNS

There is a logical progression for dealing with student and parent concerns. The first level of contact is always at the school site and takes the form of either a call or an appointment with the student's teacher or his/her counselor. If, after several contacts, the concern is not resolved, parents may make an appointment to see an assistant principal. The assistant principal will meet with the parent, student, teacher and/or counselor. Parents should allow the assistant principal sufficient time to work towards an amicable solution. Usually most concerns are resolved at this point. Those who feel no true resolution has been reached, may make an appointment to see the principal who is the ultimate level of authority at the school site. If all attempts towards reaching a solution at the school site level produce no satisfactory results, parents may appeal to the Advocacy Director for Region Center 6.

## REPORTS OF STUDENT PROGRESS

Four report cards and four interim progress reports are issued throughout the school year. The individual teachers issue progress reports and report cards to the students. The reports will not be mailed home. It is the student's responsibility to give the reports to his/her parent/guardian. If a parent would like a copy of his/her child's report card, he/she should see his/her child's guidance counselor. Parents are asked to review the reports with the student and to consult with the teacher when necessary.

## SCHOOL & OFFICE HOURS

Classes are in session from 7:30 am – 2:30 pm  
Main Office & Attendance Office are open from 7:15 am – 3:00 pm

## STUDENT BEHAVIOR

A goal of Miami Southridge Senior High School's educational program is to encourage independence and responsibility, which are characteristics of the mature person. Since an orderly atmosphere is essential if learning is to take place, these guidelines are for the personal welfare of the students as well as for the common good of the entire school. The **Code of Student Conduct**, as developed by the Miami-Dade County Public Schools, will be strictly enforced.

The following kinds of behavior are **NOT** permitted and will result in administrative and possibly police action:

1. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages
2. Fighting/Use of violence
3. Vandalism and littering the premises
4. Lingering or loitering on campus, hanging out or standing across the street of the school (includes early release students)
5. Wandering aimlessly through the building
6. Continuous disruptive behavior (may result in expulsion)
7. Possession of any weapon including chemical defense spray I.E. mace, pepper spray (may result in expulsion)
8. Having or playing cards or dice and pitching coins/gambling

9. Electronic games, electronic remote control devices, radios, laser lights, CD players, headphones, MP3s, or I-Pods may not be turned on during class time or between classes
10. Having skateboards or push-scooters on campus
11. Use of cellular telephones when the usage creates a disruptive environment to the educational process (cell phones must **NOT BE TURNED ON** during school hours – 7:25 a.m. through 2:30 p.m.)
12. Shakedown, extortion, robbery or theft
13. Arson (may result in expulsion)
14. Foul, threatening or abusive language
15. Use, sale, or possession of drugs (may result in expulsion)
16. Lack of respect (by refusing to obey school personnel or to properly identify oneself)
17. Truancy/class cutting
18. Aggravated assault and/or battery (may result in expulsion)
19. Forging notes, passes, signatures etc...
20. Smoking in the building, on school property or across the street in front of the school
21. Gum chewing is discouraged! Students must abide by the policy set by the teacher with his/her individual classroom rules.
22. Driving carelessly or too fast on or around the school property, playing car radios too loud or blasting music from cars
23. Bullying and/or harassment of another individual.

## **STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

The Student Government plays a highly active role. Its purpose is not to govern the students but to serve as a liaison between the student body and the administration, so that the students can assume as much of the responsibility of organizing their high school activities, as they are able to handle. It is the place where questions or problems arising from the students, teachers, or the administration can be presented for discussion and consideration.

## **STUDENT INSURANCE**

The Student Protection Plan is designed to cover students for injuries received while participating in sports, while traveling to and from schools and when involved in accidents while engaged in supervised activities on the school premises. Participation in this program is voluntary. However, we urge each student to participate in the insurance program. All students taking vocational lab courses, trying out for an athletic team, cheerleading, marching band or taking part in an athletic contest must have insurance. Miami Southridge Senior High School will not be responsible for injuries sustained while participating in the above mentioned or in any other student activities. All cheerleaders must carry school insurance.

**NOTE:** All students participating in J.V. and Varsity Football must purchase special football insurance. Regular school insurance does not apply to football.

## STUDENT SERVICES / GUIDANCE

<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>COUNSELOR</u>	<u>EXTENSION</u>
A, B	BURNSIDE, FRED	2244
C, D, E	SARDON, ELOINA	2242
F, G, H, I	JEAN-LOUIS, HEATHER	2253
J, K, L, P	DUROSEL, FIDJI	2243
M, N, O	CORTES, JOSE	2241
Q, R, S	SLAWSON, JENNIFER	2247
T - Z	DOMINGUEZ, JENNY	2248
CAP ADVISOR	GILMAN, LOU	2216
CAREER SPECIALIST	RICHARDSON, D.	2341
TRUST SPECIALIST	DOUCHA, SUSAN	2287
SAFE SCHOOL	DAMES, PRISCILLA	2292
EH COUNSELOR	PEREZ, MIRIAM	2358
EH COUNSELOR	ASTIGARRAGA, JOAN	2284

### COUNSELING SERVICES & APPOINTMENTS

Counseling services are offered to all students in the school by trained counselors. You may arrange an appointment with your counselor by filling out one of the appointment forms, which you will find in the main office with the Student Services Secretary. **Students must report to the Main Office, not the Attendance Office**, when dealing with counselor requests and counselor appointments.

### COLLEGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP)

The CAP Advisor offers services to all students who need financial aid and scholarship information. Assistance is gladly given to individuals who may need help in understanding the various financial forms. See the CAP Advisor for more information.

### OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALIST

The primary purpose of the Occupational Specialist is to provide career guidance for students in the school and to provide free job placement and follow-up services to those students who leave school before and after graduation.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS - GRADE 10-12

At this time, students have two graduation options that they can choose from. The standard 24 credit option and the 18 credit option. The credits breakdown for the 24 credit option is as follows:

<u>SUBJECT AREA</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>
Language Arts	4
Mathematics	3
Science	3

Social Science	3
Fine & Performing Arts	0.5
Practical Arts	0.5
Health/Life Management	0.5
Personal Fitness	0.5
Physical Education	0.5
Computer Literacy	0.5
Electives	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>

In addition to the credits that a student is required to earn, there are also several other requirements for graduation. They are as follows:

- All students must pass the FCAT in order to graduate.
- All students must earn a 2.0 GPA in order to be eligible to receive a regular high school diploma.
- All students must complete a community service project before graduation. Ninth, Eleventh and Twelfth grade students must see their social studies teacher before starting their project. Tenth grade students should see Ms. Jean-Louis in the Guidance Office before starting their project. All projects need to be approved before the projects are begun.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS - 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS ONLY

Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, the revised requirements for a standard diploma will combine relevance and rigor into one seamless goal for high school students.

**Relevance:** A student will major in an area in which he/she has a particular strength or interest.

**Rigor** Each student can choose the level of challenge they want to attain in their major area.

OVERALL CREDIT REQUIREMENTS	CREDITS
<b>Core Courses</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Major Area of Interest</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Elective, Minor Requirements, of Second Major Area of Interest</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total credits for a High School Diploma</b>	<b>24</b>

CORE COURSES-ALL STUDENTS	16 Credits
<b>English</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Mathematics</b> (all students must take and pass Algebra I or a series of equivalent or high level courses)	<b>4</b>
<b>Science</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Fine Arts</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Physical Education including integration of health</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Major Areas of Interest-Students Choose One</b> (District school boards will submit proposed majors to the State Board of Education for approval, which will then be available to all)	<b>4 Credits</b>

school districts: <b>Note:</b> One credit can be obtained through a practicum as described in the Course Code Directory	
<b>Humanities</b> (courses such as English, humanities, music, fine and/or performing arts)	
<b>English</b> (courses in literature and writing)	
<b>Communications</b> (courses such as journalism, debate, speech, mass media)	
<b>Mathematics</b> (courses such as abstract algebra, math, analysis, applied mathematics, integrated math, advanced topics in mathematics, liberal arts math, probability and statistics, trigonometry, discrete mathematics, etc.)	
<b>Science</b> (courses such as botany, anatomy and physiology, ecology, limnology, zoology, biotechnology, genetics, astronomy, space technology/engineering, environmental, integrated, marine, solar energy, unclear radiation, agriscience, etc.)	
<b>Advanced Mathematics and Science</b>	
<b>History</b> (courses such as African American, Florida, Latin American, Eastern and Western heritage, American through 1920, Vietnam War, Civil War, etc.)	
<b>Entrepreneurship</b>	
<b>Reading</b>	
<b>The Arts</b> (performing and fine arts)	
<b>Health</b>	
<b>Foreign Language</b>	
<b>Career Specialization</b>	
<b>Combination of Four Courses from the above areas that are directly aligned to an area of interest</b>	

<b>Elective or Minor Options-Students' Choice</b> Students may (1) choose to concentrate three of these credits in one area to obtain a minor and have one additional credit in another area, (2) take four elective credits, (3) obtain elective credit through credit recovery, remedial mathematics, intensive reading, and other elective areas, or (3) earn a double major.	<b>4 Credits</b>
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**Notes:**

- A student may change their major and can transfer the credits to be elective credits or may apply them toward a minor.
- Admission to a Florida State University System institution requires 18 specific units two of which are in a foreign language. Students who plan to attend a University should include foreign language in the elective or major areas of interest options. Refer to the Florida Counseling for Future Education Handbook under Advisory Manuals at [www.FACTS.org](http://www.FACTS.org) for more information.

<b>TEXTBOOKS</b>
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Textbooks are the property of the State of Florida and are on loan to students. In the event a textbook is lost or damaged, a second textbook will not be issued until payment has been made. Teachers and students must understand that a lost text in "D" condition requires paying a **REPLACEMENT** fee at the current replacement price. Periodic book checks will be made to

evaluate the condition of books and to check for any lost books. A hard text audit (inventory) will occur during the first week of school, January (about the time of mid-terms) and the last week of school.

### TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts will be available on a semi-annual basis or on request. The “on request” transcript will not show rank in class or percentile. A transcript request form may be obtained in the Main Office.

### TELEPHONE USAGE

In case of an emergency, when a student must use the phone during class time, he/she must obtain an official hall pass from his/her teacher and then report to the main office.

### VISITORS

All visitors must report to the front desk upon entering the building to sign in. Unauthorized individuals are subject to arrest for trespassing. A “**Visitor Pass**” may be issued at the discretion of the administrator.

### WORK PERMITS / AGE CERTIFICATES

Work permits/age certificates are issued in the Main Office before school, during lunch and after school. They are required for all minors between the ages of 12 and 18 who wish to be employed.

### WEBSITE

For further information regarding Miami Southridge Senior High, please visit our website:

**[www.miamisouthridge.com](http://www.miamisouthridge.com)**

### WITHDRAWALS & TRANSFERS

All transfers/withdrawals will be handled by the registrar or assistant registrar in the Main Office during the hours of 7:30 am – 1:00 pm. The student must follow this procedure:

1. Students must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian for a withdrawal.
2. All students must pick up a withdrawal card from the Registrar in the main office.
3. Students are to complete the withdrawal card. The card is to be signed by:
  - A. Library Personnel
  - B. Treasurer
  - C. Occupational Specialist
  - D. All of the students teachers
4. Students are to return cards to the registrar in the Main Office.
5. All textbooks must be returned to the teachers who issued the books.
6. All students under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent to sign a release, in addition to providing proof of address change.

## 2007-2008 CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

### **ACADEMIC AWARENESS**

The purpose of this club is to assist the members in reaching their demonstrated potential as indicated by testing and evaluation from their teachers. This is accomplished by monitoring grades and attendance. Guidance and one to one help is provided by the sponsor and other responsible parties as needed. This club also participates in many school and community service projects.

**CATEGORY:** *Interest*

**ADVISOR:** *D. Martin*

### **AIR FORCE JROTC DRILL TEAM**

Membership in this organization requires you to be a member of one of the AFJROTC courses.

**CATEGORY:** *Special Skills*

**ADVISOR:** *Williams*

### **ANIME CLUB**

The purpose of the Anime Club is to provide a forum for the discussion and creation of the popular Japanese art form known as Anime.

**CATEGORY:** *Interest*

**ADVISOR:** *A. Boatswaine*

### **ART CLUB**

The purpose of the spARTan Club is to provide art experiences for all students, not just students in art classes. Members participate in various exhibits and presentations. They also participate in various fieldtrips to art museums throughout the state of Florida.

**CATEGORY:** *Interest*

**ADVISOR:** *M. Estevez*

### **ASIAN CULTURAL CLUB**

This organization is open to all students wishing to further their study in the Asian culture. Students have the opportunity of studying the various cultures and traditions within the Asian setting and will be able to develop a greater understanding of the past.

**CATEGORY:** *Interest*

**ADVISOR:** *O. Houstoun*

### **BIBLE GROUP**

This student lead group is open to all students wishing to share and discuss their experiences with one another. Students participate in prayer at the flag pole and other student lead activities.

**CATEGORY:** *Interest*

**EQUAL ACCESS ADVISOR:** *M. Bullard*

### **BEST BUDDIES**

Best Buddies is a nationally sponsored service club dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities. Members are paired with students with intellectual disabilities. The purpose of this organization is to help people with intellectual disabilities become a part of the mainstream society. This club is open to all Southridge students.

**CATEGORY:** *Service*

**ADVISOR:** *J. English*

### **BUSINESS COOPERATIVE EDUCATION (B.C.E)**

This club is a branch of Future Business Leaders of America. It is open only to students enrolled in the BCE program. The activities provide opportunities for students to develop leadership skills and prepare for business occupations. In addition to earning money, students also gain valuable experience from on-the-job training, enabling them to establish a firm career foundation.

**CATEGORY:** *Interest*

**ADVISOR:** *A. Carranza*

### **CHEERLEADERS**

The ideal cheerleader is an outgoing and enthusiastic student. They should be filled with untiring pep and totally dedicated to the best school in Florida. Cheerleading activities include cheerleading camp, community service projects, fund raisers; conducting training camps for the middle schools and of course, cheering at pep rallies and athletic events. Cheerleading is a special skills organization and tryouts are held in the spring.

**CATEGORY:** *Special Skills*

**ADVISOR:** *D. Dewitt*

### **CHESS CLUB**

The Chess Club is open to all students who have an interest in competing in chess with other Southridge students and students from other schools. Members are expected to take place in school and community activities.

**CATEGORY:** *Interest*

**ADVISOR:** *J. Bardunias*

### **CECF**

Cooperative Education Clubs of Florida's objectives are to activate local club efforts in citizenship, leadership, scholarship and work proficiency development by encouraging and recognizing individual and group effort. CECF will strive to improve the spirit of cooperation among students, parents and school personnel with their business community partners. They will also implement curricular activities which promote a better understanding of cooperative vocational education and assist in the development of club members through job related experiences and promoting in depth probes of occupational careers.

**CATEGORY:** *Interest*

**ADVISOR:** *L. Spires, Room 253*

### **DANCE CLUB**

The dance club is open to all students who have an interest in dance. Meetings will be announced via morning announcements. The dance club participates in two major shows a year and also participates in various cultural activities.

**CATEGORY:** *Special Skills*

**ADVISOR:** *V. Striker*

### **DANCE TEAM**

Membership to the dance team is through auditions only. This highly motivated and talented group performs at pep rallies, football games, basketball games, competitions and many other school sponsored events. This group of talented men and women is coached by a former dancer and choreographer of the Miami Heat.

**CATEGORY:** *Special Skills*

**ADVISOR:** *M. Ortiz*

### **DEBATE TEAM**

The Southridge Debate Team has a long history and great tradition that has made it one of the most respected programs in Florida. The team competes regularly with other schools under a wide range of areas and topics. Competition can lead to membership into the National Forensic League, one of the most noteworthy honor societies in America. Debate will enhance your abilities as a public speaker, give you greater confidence, and give you an opportunity to meet many students from around the country.

**CATEGORY:** *Special Skills*

**ADVISOR:** *P. Lobeck*

### **D.E.C.A (AN ASSOCIATION OF MARKETING STUDENTS)**

D.E.C.A. is an organization which provides leadership training in the field of marketing. Students must be currently enrolled in the Marketing and Distributive Education Program at Southridge. Activities include the Regional Leadership Conference, District, State and National Career Based Competition, school activities, community service projects and the Employer-Employee banquet.

**CATEGORY:** *Interest*

**ADVISOR:** *R. Gordon*

### **DIVERSIFIED CAREER TECHNOLOGY (DCT)**

DCT provides leadership and educational opportunities and activities for students by affording them the opportunity to seek an office of responsibility and leadership, to develop a sense of responsibility, and to demonstrate the importance of working with others. The club is designed to complement and supplement the regular cooperative education program by providing members the opportunity to expand their educational experiences through competitive events and social activities within and outside the classroom.

**CATEGORY:** *Interest*

**ADVISOR:** *R. Mann*

### **DRAMA CLUB**

Drama Club is for students who are interested in and dedicated to the art of live theater production. The Southridge Drama Club is a group of energetic young actors and actresses. The Drama Club performs and participates in many school performances and county and state wide competitions. Participation can lead to membership in the International Thespian Society.

**CATEGORY:** *Interest*

**ADVISOR:** *Carrey*

### **DRUG FREE YOUTH IN TOWN**

DFYIT is an organization that encourages a positive youth leadership stand on living a drug free lifestyle. This club provides substance abuse education to students and members of the community to help foster a drug free and safe school environment for all students. DFYIT encourages participation in community service projects and events that are beneficial to the school and or community.

**CATEGORY: Interest**

**ADVISOR: J. Astigarraga**

### **ECOLOGY CLUB**

This club is dedicated to promoting respect for our environment. We are working to preserve and protect our natural resources. Members of the club engage in a variety of activities including promoting environmental awareness, participating in bay clean-up projects planting trees and lending financial support to community and world-wide activities which promote ecological goals.

**CATEGORY: Interest**

**ADVISOR: C. Carranza**

### **ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY**

To be a member of the English Honor Society, a student must have an overall academic average of 3.0, express a genuine willingness to be active in the club's fund-raising projects, and give service to the community and school. The EHS's major project is "The Looking Glass", Southridge's own literary magazine. Although the magazine is composed of poems, short stories, and art work created by members of the student body, EHS members are responsible for the editing, coordinating, and distribution of the magazine.

**CATEGORY: Honors**

**ADVISOR: M. Seamans**

### **ESSENCE OF SISTERHOOD**

This is a support group for young women designed to help them become a viable part of society. It also provides role models for young women to help improve social skills and self-esteem as well as the completion of their education.

**CATEGORY: Interest**

**ADVISOR: R. Jenkins**

### **FAMILY, CAREER AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA**

This club is open to all students previously or presently enrolled in Family and Consumer Science classes. This is the only school organization with the family as its central focus.

**CATEGORY: Interest**

**ADVISOR: K. Labrie**

### **FRENCH CLUB**

This club is open to all students interested in the French language. Members are expected to support all school related activities. The club participates in fund-raising, educational and cultural programs and fieldtrips.

**CATEGORY: Interest**

**ADVISOR: M. Revilla**

### **FRESHMAN CLASS**

All ninth grade students are eligible to participate in the organization and planning of the activities for the Freshman Class. Meetings are held once a month to enable students to get involved in the school's activities and to begin developing their leadership qualities.

**CATEGORY:** *Interest*

**ADVISOR:** *B. Garcia & T. Gacusana*

### **FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA**

FBLA is a national organization open to all students enrolled in business education classes. The activities provide opportunities for students to prepare for business and office occupations. FBLA also services as an effective means of bringing students together to deal with vocational preparation, community involvement, and worthwhile relationships with local, state and national groups interested in the welfare of youth.

**CATEGORY:** *Interest*

**ADVISOR:** *A. Carranza*

### **FUTURE EDUCATORS OF AMERICA**

F.E.A. is a club concerned with supporting teaching as a career. It is designed to help interested students in getting hands on experience in teaching. To be eligible for membership a student must have a minimum of a 2.0 GPA, be interested in teaching, be willing to teach a class, and be willing and able to participate in club activities.

**CATEGORY:** *Interest*

**ADVISOR:** *R. Mann*

### **GOSPEL CHOIR**

This student lead club is open to all students with an interest in gospel music. The group meets several times a week to discuss and practice gospel music.

**CATEGORY:** *Interest*

**EQUAL ACCESS ADVISOR:** *S. Williams*

### **HIV/AIDS PEER EDUCATORS**

This club's primary purpose is to educate other students of the dangers of HIV and AIDS. This organization is open to all students who wish to take an active part in the prevention of HIV/AIDS. Many activities are organized during the year in hopes of bringing about a greater understanding of these diseases.

**CATEGORY:** *Interest*

**ADVISOR:** *L. Lee*

### **HEALTH OCCUPATION STUDENTS OF AMERICA (HOSA)**

Health Occupations Students of America's primary purpose is to serve the needs of its members and strengthen the HOE-HOSA Partnership by fostering programs and activities which will develop physical, mental and social well-being of the individual; it is also meant to develop leadership, character and citizenship and encourage ethical practices and respect for the dignity of work.

**CATEGORY:** *Interest*

**ADVISOR:** *L. Lee*

### **INTERACT CLUB**

This service club provides outstanding service to the school and community. The Interact Club's service to the community not only benefits your local environment but also provides a

personal satisfaction gained from helping those around you. The Interact club is sponsored by the local Rotary Club.

**CATEGORY: Service**

**ADVISOR: S. Eliot**

### **INTER-CLUB COUNCIL (ICC)**

The ICC is composed of all presidents of the clubs and organizations at Southridge. The purpose is to assist in the planning and operation of the many clubs of the school. Membership is granted to all appointed and elected organizational presidents.

**CATEGORY: Interest**

**ADVISOR: A. Beall**

### **INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY**

Thespians is an honor society for those who are interested in and dedicated to the art of live theater production. The Southridge Thespians are a group of energetic young actors and actresses. Their main objective is to share their love of the theater. The Thespians perform and participate in many school performances and county and state wide competitions.

**CATEGORY: Honors**

**ADVISOR: O. Quintana**

### **ITALIAN CLUB**

This organization is open to all students wishing to further their study in Italian. Students have the opportunity of studying the various cultures and traditions within the Italian setting and will be able to develop a greater understanding of the past.

**CATEGORY: Interest**

**ADVISOR: M. Revilla**

### **JUNIOR CIVITANS**

Junior Civitans is a service club open to all students. The main objectives are to aid the physically and mentally handicapped, help the under privileged, promote environmental awareness, and perform school and community service in needed areas. Junior Civitans is part of the Civitans International Program

**CATEGORY: Service**

**ADVISOR: J. English**

### **JUNIOR CLASS**

The Junior Class is considered a club to which all Juniors can belong for the purpose of socializing and providing service to their school and community. The Junior Class is responsible for the Ring Ceremony and for planning and hosting the Junior/Senior Prom.

**CATEGORY: Interest**

**ADVISOR: A. Beall & C. Underwood**

### **KITTY HAWK AIR SOCIETY**

This National Honor Society is open to Air Force Junior ROTC Cadets with a minimum of 2.5 GPA. Members may satisfy their community service requirement, attend the National Convention, receive distinctive insignia for their uniforms and derive the satisfaction of volunteerism through participation in the Kitty Hawk Air Society.

**CATEGORY: Honors**

**ADVISOR: Major Avellaneda**

### **MARCHING BAND**

Membership in this organization is open to all students of Southridge who are able to play a musical instrument. The marching band plays at all pep-rallies and football games. They also compete in numerous county and state competitions. Membership to this organization requires commitment, dedication and an abundance of school spirit.

**CATEGORY:** *Special Skills*

**ADVISOR:** *M. Zulueta*

### **MATH HONOR SOCIETY**

MAO is a national honor organization designed and dedicated to the further development of interest in mathematics, as well as to provide an environment that challenges and sharpens each member's skills in mathematics. Members meet weekly to prepare for math competitions that are held both in school and out of town. Requirements are a 3.5 GPA in math beginning ninth grade and a 3.0 GPA overall in current subjects.

**CATEGORY:** *Honors*

**ADVISOR:** *N. Poulin*

### **MODERN MUSIC MASTERS (Tri-M)**

Tri-M is an honor society for music students. This club fosters a greater and continued interest in solo, ensemble, band, keyboard, guitar and choral performances; encourages better and more discriminating habits in listening to and in the performance of musical literature; provides wider and more frequent opportunities for personal musical expression in the school, churches, civic organizations, and social service clubs in our community; increases and advances the spirit of good music and musical knowledge, and further enhances the reputation of our school as a music center. Requirements for membership in Tri-M are a 3.0 GPA in music, a 2.0 overall GPA, and a love of music.

**CATEGORY:** *Honors*

**ADVISOR:** *M. Zulueta*

### **NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY**

The purpose of the NAHS is to insure and recognize those students who have shown outstanding ability in art; foster excellence and a dedicated spirit to the pursuit of art; further creative abilities and talents of the Society's members, as well as the school's entire student art enrollment; aid members in working toward the attainment of their highest potential in an art area; bring art to the attention of the school and community and increase an awareness of art in relation to other areas of the school curriculum.

**CATEGORY:** *Honor*

**ADVISOR:** *M. Estevez*

### **NATIONAL FORENSIC LEAGUE**

To become a member of this prestigious national honor society you must participate and earn points in various Debate Team competitions. Participation in competitions can lead to many opportunities to travel the country and demonstrate your public speaking skills.

**CATEGORY:** *Honors*

**ADVISOR:** *P. Lobeck*

### **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

A member is selected because he/she demonstrates high standards of scholarship, leadership, service and character. A student with a 3.5 GPA in academic courses and A's and B's in conduct is encouraged to apply to NHS. Eligibility for membership will be determined by one's

grades, leadership qualities, service to others, and reputation of high integrity and responsibility. NHS participates in school and community service projects and conducts peer tutoring daily at lunch time.

**CATEGORY:** *Honors*

**ADVISOR:** *B. Garcia & T. Gacusana*

### **ODYSSEY (SCHOOL YEARBOOK)**

The school yearbook is produced by Southridge students. Students wishing to be a part of the development of this book should sign up for the Odyssey Yearbook class.

**CATEGORY:** *Special Skills*

**ADVISOR:** *Barbie Garcia*

### **ORACLE (SCHOOL NEWSPAPER)**

This journalism class, a four-year running elective, teaches all phases of newspaper production. Students are responsible for turning out the eight monthly issues. Participation in this class requires students to be involved in brainstorming, writing, rewriting, typing, proofing, laying out copy, delivering the paper within the building and sending it to other schools. The various phases of newspaper production give participants a limited overview of the journalism field.

**CATEGORY:** *Special Skills*

**ADVISOR:** *F. Ginsberg*

### **PEP SQUAD**

Membership in this club is limited to 35 members and requires teacher recommendations. The sole purpose of this club is to promote school spirit and pride. Members of this club will attend various sporting and school events to cheer for the home team and boost crowd participation at various events.

**CATEGORY:** *Interest*

**ADVISOR:** *M. Ruiz-Legg*

### **QUILL AND SCROLL**

Quill and Scroll is a national journalism honor society for all students who have participated in a form of journalism for at least one semester. Members participate in both school and community service projects.

**CATEGORY:** *Honors*

**ADVISOR:** *M. Seamans*

### **ROBO-PAC**

The objective of this organization is to learn about electricity and mechanical science as applied to robotics. Participation in "Battlebots IQ" a national competition for student made robots is one of the main activities of this club.

**CATEGORY:** *Interest*

**ADVISOR:** *TBA*

### **ROLE MODELS 5000**

This is a Miami-Dade County Public Schools initiated club designed to provide incentives for students to remain in school. Students also participate in community service projects. Opportunities are given to attend fieldtrips that focus on leadership and individual achievement.

**CATEGORY:** *Interest*

**ADVISOR:** *C. Brown*

### **SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY**

The Science Honor Society is a National Honor Society for the top science students in high school. Membership requirements exist. Applications for membership will be announced through the Science Department at various times of the year. Applicants meeting all entrance requirements will be invited to join this prestigious organization.

**CATEGORY:** *Honors*

**ADVISOR:** *A. Bouza-Kaufman*

### **SENIOR CLASS**

This organization is open to all seniors. It offers the opportunity for seniors to be a part of their final year of school. The senior class is responsible for selecting the senior jerseys and planning the senior brunch.

**CATEGORY:** *Interest*

**ADVISOR:** *S. Schemer*

### **SOCIAL STUDIES HONOR SOCIETY**

This honor society is dedicated to providing service to both the school and the community. To be a member of this society you must have a 3.0 GPA in social studies and a 2.5 overall GPA. Membership opportunities will be announced through the social studies classes.

**CATEGORY:** *Honors*

**ADVISOR:** *TBA*

### **SOPHOMORE CLASS**

All tenth grade students are eligible to participate in this organization. Meetings are held once a month to enable students to become involved in the many activities of the school. This is an excellent opportunity to further develop individual leadership qualities within the school and community.

**CATEGORY:** *Interest*

**ADVISOR:** *A. Beall & C. Underwood*

### **SPANISH CLUB**

The objectives of the Spanish Club are to expand the Spanish language and its culture, endorse unity between all ethnic groups for a better understanding of each others background and help out in various school projects. Activities include candy sales, canned food drives and many cultural events. Tutoring is available for both Spanish and English. Membership is open to anyone who is interested; you do not have to know the Spanish language.

**CATEGORY:** *Interest*

**ADVISOR:** *Carias*

### **SPARTAN PATROL**

Spartan Patrol is an elite branch of Youth Crime Watch. The purpose of this organization is to promote the safety and well being of the student body. Members are selected based on grades, leadership ability, trustworthiness, and teacher recommendations.

**CATEGORY:** *Interest*

**ADVISOR:** *S. Cherry*

### **SPARTANETTES**

The Spartanettes are part of the Spirit of Southridge Marching Band. They are a talented group of spirited young women who perform at pep-rallies, football games and in contests throughout

the marching season. During the winter months, the Spartanettes perform in indoor winter guard competitions throughout South Florida. Tryouts take place in April.

**CATEGORY:** *Special Skills*

**ADVISOR:** *M. Zueleta*

### **STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

This organization assists in the operations and planning of school activities. Representatives are selected in homerooms and meetings are held the first Thursday of each month. This is an outstanding opportunity for individuals to develop their leadership qualities and become actively involved in all phases of high school.

**CATEGORY:** *Interest*

**ADVISOR:** *A. Beall & T. DaSilva*

### **STUDENTS AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE DECISIONS (SADD)**

This organization is open to all students who wish to take an active part in the prevention of drunken drivers and other destructive behaviors in our society. Many activities are organized during the year around the theme of drugs and alcohol in hopes of bringing about a greater understanding of the dangers involved in the use of these substances.

**CATEGORY:** *Interest*

**ADVISOR:** *B. Hammatt*

### **YOUTH CRIME WATCH**

The purpose of this club is to promote the security, safety and well being of the students. Membership shall be granted to any student of good character. Meetings will be held once a month. Projects will be determined by club members according to the urgency as the result of majority vote.

**CATEGORY:** *Interest*

**ADVISOR:** *TBA*

# MIAMI SOUTHRIDGE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

## FACT SHEET

### **What is the focus of the school?**

- Provide a challenging and relevant curriculum, enabling students to reach their maximum potential
- Create a learning environment that fosters equitable practices
- Implement teaching strategies that align with student learning styles.
- Foster an atmosphere that creates life-long learners
- Provide multiple opportunities to use technology to enhance learning
- Develop within each student a sense of responsibility and leadership
- Involve parents and businesses in the school community
- Foster a collegial climate that supports collaborative planning and sharing of successful practices

### **What are the special features of the school?**

- Miami Southridge Senior High School is the only College Board sponsored school in the nation.
- Miami Southridge has an Advanced Placement Academy
- Offer elective choices in the following Academies:
  - Performing & Fine Arts
  - Early Childhood Education
  - Academy of Computer Technology
  - Applied Technology – Health Care
- Provide liberal arts courses and a full spectrum of advanced placement courses
- Infuse technology in all content areas using a plethora of computer labs
- Foster growth of scholastic and behavioral discipline essential to the fulfillment of the intellectual, physical, emotional, aesthetic and social development of each member of the school community

### **What are some Non-Negotiable disciplinary actions?**

- Students who participate in a fight will receive a 10 day outdoor suspension
- Students who cut class will receive an indoor suspension
- Students who violate the dress code will be suspended.
- The use of any electrical devices not used for educational purposes will be confiscated
- The use of cellular phones during school hours (including lunch) is prohibited and the cellular phone will be confiscated
- Students who attend school without the basic educational materials - Pen, pencil, paper, notebook, textbook, ID badge – will be suspended.

