



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Department of School-To-Career Initiatives**  
***HIGH SCHOOLS THAT WORK***  
**KEY PRACTICES**

1. Set **HIGHER EXPECTATIONS** and get all students to meet them.
2. Emphasize high-level mathematics, science, language arts, and problem-solving skills in the context of modern workplace practices in **CHALLENGING VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL STUDIES**.
3. Use **REAL-WORLD APPLICATIONS** to teach the essential concepts of the college preparatory curriculum.
4. Have all students complete a **CHALLENGING PROGRAM OF STUDY** with an upgraded academic core and a major.
5. Give students' access to a structured system of **SCHOOL-BASED AND WORK-BASED LEARNING** planned cooperatively by educators, employers, and workers and resulting in an industry-recognized credential and employment in a career pathway.
6. Provide a school structure and schedule enabling academic and vocational teachers to plan and teach **CHALLENGING INTEGRATED CONTENT**.
7. Engage all students in **ACTIVE LEARNING**.
8. Provide a **GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING SYSTEM** that involves parents and teachers in helping students plan and complete an accelerated program of study.
9. Provide **EXTRA HELP** to enable students to meet the higher expectations and standards of accelerated programs.
10. Participate in and use student **ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION** data to continuously improve the quality of student performance.