



MIAMI- DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Department of School-To-Career Initiatives
HIGH SCHOOLS THAT WORK – HSTW
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

High Schools That Work is the nation's first large scale effort to engage state, district, school leaders' and teachers in partnerships with students parents and the community to improve the way ALL high school students are prepared for work and further education. *HSTW* is a total school reform model.

It provides a framework of goals, key practices and key conditions for accelerating learning and setting higher standards. It recommends actions that provide direction to schools as they work to improve academic and vocational-technical instruction at schools and the work sites. *HSTW* gives schools a forum and a framework to structure their school reform efforts by utilizing 10 "successfully proven" key practices. (See attached.) Studies have shown that schools that have incorporated these key practices have increased test scores and raised the number of students applying to college.

The *HSTW* curriculum is based on teaching non-vocational courses through a functional, "hands-on" method. Applied learning helps students see the usefulness of academic courses and prepares them to meet the escalating requirements of the workplace.

There are currently 11 high schools in Miami-Dade County implementing the *HSTW* school reform model as follows:

G. Holmes Braddock Senior High
John A. Ferguson Senior High
Miami Beach Senior High
Miami Edison Senior High
Miami Southridge Senior High
Hialeah Senior High
Miami Norland Senior High
Miami Senior High
Robert Morgan Educational Center
South Dade Senior High
William Turner Technical Arts Senior High

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