

**Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Department of School-To-Career Initiatives**

The link between Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and Miami Dade College (MDC) for teachers, counselors, parents, students, and postsecondary personnel was established to assure the proper transfer of credits from senior high school to postsecondary programs. All interested participants should review the Miami Dade College General Provisions and the required course selection for each articulated program.

The Department supports 15 major initiatives through the District, PreK-12. This number includes TECH Prep senior high schools and *High Schools That Work (HSTW)* schools. Additionally, the District has entered into articulated agreements with both two and four-year postsecondary institutions in order that career programs, beginning in senior high school will continue. M-DCPS and MDC have forged this collaboration to ensure that students will be provided with a seamless postsecondary transition.

Additionally, in support of Goal I of the District Strategic Plan 2001-2005, The Department of School-To-Career Initiatives (STC), under the Division of Student/Career Services supports programs throughout the District, PreK-12. These programs are designed to impact student achievement as well as enhance awareness of career opportunities for postsecondary success. Students, parents, and educators, working in collaboration with the business community, are afforded opportunities to meet the District's Strategic Goal I – School-To-Career, through curriculum initiatives, internships, job shadowing, career academies, informational meetings, and professional development training.

The Department supports STC initiatives through a variety of strategies including:

- providing “real-world” experiences for students and teachers;
- establishing links and partnerships between business and community entities and schools;
- establishing links with postsecondary institutions;
- providing informational services to students and parents to enhance student choices;
- infusing core curriculum with applied technology components to enhance career preparedness;
- developing curriculum materials; and
- providing professional development training.

Through the collaboration of MDC and M-DCPS, all participants will be provided with continued updates of articulation agreements between the secondary and postsecondary institutions. All students will be provided the opportunity to develop the skills needed to meet their career goals.