



STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

SCHOOL COUNSELOR

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Visit Counselors Corner for more information and Resources:
<https://www.academircharterschoolsouth.com/student-support/>

STUDENT SERVICES

AcadeMir Charter School Elementary South school counselors are vital members of the school's educational team. We help all students in the areas of academic achievement, social-emotional development and career development, ensuring today's students become the productive, well-adjusted citizens of tomorrow.

Our counselors are available to help students with any of the following issues:

- Communication, Problem-Solving, Decision-Making, and Conflict Resolution
- Peer Relationships and Social Skills
- Bullying Prevention
- Coping Strategies
- Self-esteem
- Organizational, Study and Test Taking Skills
- Student Behavior and Academic Support

ACADEMIR CHARTER SCHOOL ELEMENTARY SOUTH POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SYSTEM

To provide the best learning environment, AcadeMir Charter School Elementary South uses a Positive Behavior System. The goal is to create a social culture in our school building that will encourage positive behaviors and interactions, while discouraging problem behaviors. Students who display exceptional behavior, who are respectful, responsible, ready to learn and demonstrates integrity in everything they do, even when no one is looking each day are invited to join the 3R'S Plus Club. Our Focus is on positive recognition to reinforce appropriate behavior and choices. We also follow monthly PBS Character Values that help to cultivate a positive behavior school culture.

PBS VALUE OF THE MONTH

Month	Value of the Month
September	Respect
October	Responsibility
November	Citizenship
December	Fairness
January	Pursuit of excellence
February	Kindness
March	Cooperation
April	Honesty
May	Integrity

BULLYING AND HARRASMENT

AcadeMir Charter School Elementary South is committed to providing a safe learning environment for all students. To this end, the school is dedicated to eradicating bullying and harassment by providing awareness, prevention and education in promoting a school atmosphere in which bullying, harassment, and intimidation will not be tolerated by students, school employees, visitors, or volunteers. Students have the power to make their schools safer. If they become aware of violent or dangerous behavior at their school, they are encouraged to share that information with a trusted adult or they may also report this information to the Bullying/Harassment Reporting and Information Line at 305-995-CARE (2273).

[Click Here for M-DCPS Policy on Bullying and Harassment](#)

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT POLICY

All employees of AcadeMir Charter School Elementary South, as well as agents of AcadeMir Charter Schools, Inc., are legally required to report any suspected cases of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect. Additionally, any alleged misconduct by instructional personnel or school administrators that affects the health, safety, or welfare of a student must be reported.

It is the responsibility of every staff member to report suspected abuse to the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) by calling **1-800-96-ABUSE**. Staff members must also inform school administration to ensure appropriate follow-up. Any incident involving alleged abuse by a staff member must be reported both to the administration and to DCF.

All reports must be documented in the staff member's anecdotal records, and the phone call must be logged accordingly.

Possible indicators of abuse may include, but are not limited to:

- Unexplained bruises or welts
- Unexplained burns
- Unexplained fractures
- Unexplained cuts or abrasions

- Verbal abuse or threats

Failure to report suspected abuse or misconduct may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment and revocation of an educator's certificate.

MENTAL HELTH RESOURCES

[National Alliance of Mental Health](#)

The National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) is the leading organization in the country working to bring awareness and education to the various mental conditions that can afflict any person. As it pertains to the mental health of our students, it is important to understand that (as can be seen on their website) 1 in 6 U.S. youth ages 6-17 experience a mental health disorder. Thus, this resource is excellent as it provides specific information on mental illness, their signs and symptoms, treatment options, and various supports that can be offered.

[The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention](#)

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention provides very valuable insights on the topic of suicide prevention and awareness. On their website, AFSP provides important information, statistics, and key resources to support those experiencing suicidal ideation. They also outline some of the notable factors that place an individual at risk of suicide, as well as the warning signs that one should recognize to assist a person in need of support. The resource provided on the homepage (i.e., "Navigating a Mental Crisis") further enhances the dialogue recommended for best supporting a person experiencing suicidal ideation or planning.

If you or someone you know is currently thinking of suicide, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at (800) 273-8255 or text HOME to 741741 to receive support from the Crisis Text Line.

PARENT / STUDENT RESOURCES

Parent Resource Guide

[Supporting Families with Access, Safety, and Student Well-being](#)

Accessing the Family Portal

Need help accessing your Family Portal?

Please refer to the document titled **"MDCPS Parent Portal Brochure"** located at the bottom of this page.

- Available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
- This guide provides step-by-step instructions for accessing your student's **Florida Statewide Assessment results**.
- [FAST Forward Friday Webinars: Helping Third Grade Students Prepare for the FAST Assessment](#)

- [3rd Grade Promotion Opportunities Webinar \(English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole\)](#)
- [FDOE B.E.S.T. Assessment Resources](#)
- [2024-25 Florida Assessment of Student Thinking \(FAST\) Fact Sheets](#)
- [Understanding Florida Statewide Assessment Reports for Families](#)

Helping Children Cope with Traumatic Events

Access resources and guidance through **Student Services (dadeschools.net)** to support your child in times of stress or trauma.

Internet Safety Tips for Parents

Help protect your child online with these valuable resources:

- **Net Smartz 411:** Tools and information about online dangers and how to keep your child safe.
 - [NetSmartz411.org](https://www.net-smartz.com/)
- **Kids Health – Internet Safety:** Parent guides to fostering a safe online environment.
 - [KidsHealth Internet Safety](https://www.kidshealth.org/safety/)

Resources for Parents of Children with Disabilities

Explore helpful information and support services:

- [FDLRS Parent Resources](#)
- [FDLRS Professional Services](#)
- [Special Education Tips and Strategies](#)

Please Note: In addition to these resources, contact your child’s counselor for personalized support and guidance.

What Parents Need to Know About Bullying

What is Bullying?

A student is bullied when they are repeatedly subjected to negative actions by one or more peers. (*Olweus, 1993*)

What is Cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying involves using technology (internet, cell phones, digital platforms) to embarrass, threaten, or intimidate others in an attempt to gain power. (*Stutzky, 2005*)

How Does Bullying Affect Children?

- Disrupts learning
- Creates a climate of fear and disrespect
- Undermines emotional well-being
(*National Education Association, 2003*)
- If you suspect your child is being bullied, contact their counselor or school administrator immediately for support.

Bullying Prevention Resources:

<https://studentservices.dadeschools.net/#!/fullWidth/3709>