

## Miami-Dade County Public Schools

# Cultural Passport

### Program Overview

Now entering its fifth year, Miami-Dade County Public Schools' *Cultural Passport* program is an innovative educational initiative designed to provide M-DCPS students in grades K-12 with a different cultural field experience each school year. In partnership with South Florida's finest cultural organizations and venues, this sequential program ensures equal access to arts and culture for every child, many of whom would not otherwise have this breadth of opportunities.

Since its inception, *Cultural Passport* has provided more than 300,000 opportunities for students to engage in experiential learning with forty-three different cultural institutions throughout the community. Partners include the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, Miami Children's Museum, Fantasy Theatre Factory, Perez Art Museum Miami, Barnacle Historic State Park, Miami International Film Festival, the Holocaust Memorial, GableStage, and many more.

Cultural experiences are far more meaningful when students see a strong link between the field experience and the instruction they are receiving in the classroom. Through cultural field experience, professional development for teachers, and interdisciplinary classroom instruction, students make connections between the arts and non-arts disciplines while developing literacy skills, critical thinking and problem-solving skills. By the time of graduation, students will have had high-quality learning experiences in and through a wide variety of art forms. No doubt, many of these young adults will become lifelong patrons of, and contributors to, the vibrant arts community in South Florida.

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## ***Cultural Passport Experiences and Partners***

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Experience</b>	<b>Cultural Partners</b>
K	Early Learning Institution	Jungle Island, Miami Children’s Museum, Miami Science Museum, Zoo Miami
1	Theatre Arts	Arts Power Touring Company, City Theatre, Fantasy Theater Factory, Kids’ Entertainment, Miami Theater Center, Page Turner Adventures
2	Music	Amernet String Quartet, Cleveland Orchestra, New World Symphony, Sunday Afternoons of Music for Children
3	Visual Arts	Bass Museum of Art, Frost Art Museum, Haitian Heritage Museum, Lowe Art Museum, MDC Museum of Art + Design, Museum of Contemporary Art, Urban Tour Host, The Wolfsonian-FIU
4	Historical	Barnacle Historic State Park, Coral Gables Museum, HistoryMiami, Vizcaya Museum and Gardens
5	Theatre Arts	Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts
Secondary	Dance	Alvin Ailey Dance Theater, Brazz Dance Company, Dance Now! Ensemble
Secondary	Film	DocMiami International Film Festival, Miami International Film Festival
Secondary	History	Florida Renaissance Festival, HistoryMiami, Holocaust Memorial, Jewish Museum of Florida, Jay I. Kislak Gallery
Secondary	Music	Jazz at Wolfson Presents (MDC), Japan Arts
Secondary	Science	Bill Baggs State Park, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, HistoryMiami, Matheson Hammock, Miami Science Museum, Pinecrest Gardens, Urban Parks of Greater Miami
Secondary	Theatre Arts	Actors’ Playhouse, Arts Power Touring Company, GableStage
Secondary	Visual Arts	Bass Museum of Art, Frost Art Museum, Haitian Heritage Museum, Lowe Art Museum, MDC Museum of Art + Design, Museum of Contemporary Art, Urban Tour Host, The Wolfsonian-FIU