




Memorandum



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To: The Honorable Mari Tere Rojas, Chairwoman
and Members, Miami-Dade County School Board

Dr. Jose L. Dotres, Superintendent, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

From: Felix Jimenez, Inspector General 

Date: November 30, 2022

Subject: Receipt of 3rd and Final Status Report Pertaining to the Implementation of the
OIG's Driver Education Program Recommendations; Ref. IG-17-0001-SI

As you may recall, on September 2, 2021, the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) issued a final report on the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Driver Education Program.¹ In that report, the OIG found that M-DCPS knowingly submitted over \$6.2 million of ineligible expenses for reimbursement from the Miami-Dade County *Drivers Education Safety Trust Fund (Trust Fund)*. The OIG report contained eight recommendations, to which the M-DCPS Administration embraced its full commitment to their implementation.

Since issuing the final report, the OIG has requested, and received, three progress reports from the Superintendent's Office. The first two status reports were received in December 2021 and in April 2022 and are posted on the OIG's website.²

On May 24, 2022, the OIG requested a third and final progress report to be provided on or before November 15, 2022. The OIG requested updates in four specific areas:

- Enrollment numbers for the summer Driver Education Program
- Teachers having the specific endorsement courses to teach Driver Education
- Status of Adaptive Driver Education vehicles and student eligibility to partake in Adaptive Driver Education Program
- Status of all driving range improvements and vehicle storage cages by school site

The Superintendent's Office submitted its last progress report on November 15, 2022. (Attachment 1). We have reviewed the status report and are pleased that M-DCPS has made

¹ [OIG Final Report of Investigation – Miami-Dade County Public Schools Driver Education Program, IG-17-0001-SI](#)

² [Receipt of 1st Status Report and OIG Request for a 2nd Update; Receipt of 2nd Status Report and OIG Request for a 3rd Update](#)

progress on the recommendations, especially in holding the Driver Education summer course at three locations servicing 99 students. The OIG conducted unannounced site visits at each school location during the summer months and were impressed with the enthusiasm exhibited by both students and teachers participating in the Driver Education Program. It is encouraging to see the implementation of endorsement courses to certify an additional group of twenty (20) teachers to teach Driver Education and augment the current group of eleven (11) fully endorsed Driver Education teachers.

Regarding the \$6.2 million financial liability owed to the *Trust Fund*, the OIG is aware that M-DCPS officials continue to engage with the Miami-Dade County's Office of Management and Budget (OMB). However, to our knowledge, there has been no acceptable corrective action plan or agreement on how to resolve the liability. Accounting for the ineligible reimbursements is a threshold matter for M-DCPS to receive future disbursements from the *Trust Fund*. The OIG, in our final report, acknowledged that this would not be an easy task and that full reconciliation could take several years. We also provided suggestions on restructuring *Trust Fund* payments prospectively to include advances subject to annual reconciliation. The OIG will continue monitoring this ongoing dialogue between M-DCPS and OMB, and the adoption of any new procedures to draw down future reimbursements and/or advancements from the Trust Fund.

The OIG is fully committed to ensuring that the M-DCPS Driver Education Program provides meaningful behind-the-wheel instruction to the students of Miami-Dade County and that disbursements from the County's *Drivers Education Safety Trust Fund* adhere to all applicable statutory requirements. While the OIG intends to fully monitor this program going forward, especially the resolution of the \$6.2 million liability, the OIG is closing this investigation and will not be requiring another written report from the Administration.

Attachment

cc: Miami-Dade County School Officials

Walter Harvey, School Board Attorney

Jon Goodman, Chief Auditor, Office of Management and Compliance Audits

Jose Bueno, Chief of Staff, Office of the Superintendent

Ron Y. Steiger, Chief Financial Officer

Lourdes Diaz, Chief Academic Officer

Martha M. Diaz, Chief Budget Officer

Tabitha G. Fazzino, Chief Intergovt. Affairs, Family, and Cmty. Engagement Officer

Zachary Garvin, Executive Director, Curriculum Support, Division of Life Skills

cc: Miami Dade County Officials

Jimmy Morales, Chief Operations Officer

Edward Marquez, Chief Financial Officer

David Clodfelter, Director, Office of Management and Budget

Dan Wall, Assistant Director, Officer of Management and Budget

Cathy Jackson, Director, Audit and Management Services Department

Yinka Majekodunmi, Commission Auditor

Jennifer Moon, Chief, Office of Policy and Budgetary Affairs



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November 15, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC EMAIL

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Re: OIG's Driver Education Program Recommendations and Request for 3rd and Final Update in November 2022: Ref. IG-17-0001-SI.

Dear Mr. Jimenez:

On May 24, 2022, the Miami-Dade Office of the Inspector General (OIG) requested a third and final update on Miami-Dade County Publics' (M-DCPS) as it relates to summer and fall programming on or before November 15, 2022, to provide information regarding the following:

- 1. Enrollment numbers for the summer driver education program (June 14- July 21, 2022) by each of the three school locations with a breakdown of how many of those students were from non-public schools (Private Schools), Charter Schools, and M-DCPS students whose schools do not offer behind-the-wheel driving experience.**

Update

A Driver Education course with behind-the wheel experience was offered at the school sites below during the summer of 2022. Marketing and registration for this program started on May 2, 2022. Emails providing information about the availability of the summer driver education program were sent to both charter and private schools in the county (Attachment 1). Information regarding the program was presented at the School Board meeting of April 13, 2022 and heavily promoted via

social media in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole. As you know, School Board meetings are televised and streamed via several platforms. Further, a section of the summer programming website (summer305.dadeschools.net) was dedicated to the promotion of this program.

Location	M-DCPS	Charter	Private	TOTAL
South Dade Senior High School	26	9	0	35
Hialeah Miami Lakes	27	9	0	36
Miami Northwestern	25	3	0	28
TOTAL number of students				99

There were 65 M-DCPS students of the 78 whose schools do not offer behind-the-wheel training.

2. **A list identifying those teachers who participated and successfully completed the specific endorsement courses to teach Driver Education.**

Update

M-DCPS currently has 11 fully endorsed Driver Education teachers.

The driver education endorsement course consists of three modules:

- **Module 1** – *Basic Driver Education and Traffic Safety* (from June 14, 2022 to September 8, 2022)
- **Module 2** – *Advanced Basic Driver Education and Traffic Safety* (from September 20, 2022 to December 15th, 2022).
- **Module 3** – *Administration and Supervision of Driver Education and Traffic Safety* (from January 7, 2023 to May 20, 2023).

Below are the names and employee numbers of the 20 teachers participating in the driver education endorsement course:

Teacher Name	School	Employee Number
Barnard, Daniel	Ruth Owens Kruse Educational Center	285705
Barrial, Antonio	Coral Park Senior High School	237042
Bogan, Kimberly	Dante B. Fascell Elementary School	196210
Bonilla, Edwin	Miami Senior High School	296958
Chapman, Jennifer	Coral Gables Senior High School	260080

Teacher Name	School	Employee Number
Dominguez, Robert	John A. Ferguson Senior High School	213763
Ferrer, Ana	Miami Springs Senior High School	229767
Fotso, Michel	Coral Gables Senior High School	233353
Fumer, Jessica	Coral Gables Senior High School	276297
Jara, Bianca	Miami Beach Fienberg/Fisher K-8	316302
Jay, Craig	Miami Springs Senior High School	202259
Jimenez, Rafael	Coral Park Senior High School	257660
King, Frederica	West Miami Middle	285346
Macon, Stacy	Homestead Senior High School	129014
Malvestuto, George	Homestead Senior High School	216206
Marshall, Zakiya	Arvida Middle School	263544
Marti, Richard	Richmond Heights Middle School	196179
Rodriguez, Alejandro	North Miami Beach Senior High School	285881
Scanlon, Michael	William H. Turner Technical Arts High School	258242
Wright, Sharon	North Miami Beach Senior High School	215875

3. Status of retrofitting the two Adaptive Driver Education vehicles and the number of eligible students surveyed by the Department of Exceptional Student Education (ESE) to partake in Adaptive Driver Education for the fall semester.

Update

- a. The District has identified the vendor who can adapt two driver education vehicles and has created the purchase orders to retrofit the cars. These two retrofitted vehicles will be available by the beginning of the second semester (January 24, 2023).
- b. The Department of Exceptional Student Education (ESE) and the Department of Life Skills sent out Weekly Briefing #34020 (Attachment 2) on September 8, 2022, to all high school principals and assistant principals to complete a survey identifying any students who are interested in taking Adaptive Driver Education. Another weekly briefing to inform school-site staff about the availability of Adaptive Driver Education for the second semester will be sent on December 1, 2022.
- c. After weekly briefing #34020 on availability of the Adaptive Driver Education program was released, one student at Hialeah Miami-Lakes Senior High School was identified. The Department of Exceptional Student Education (ESE) and the Department of Life Skills have worked with the Driver Education Curriculum Support Specialist to provide adaptive driver education to this student at the school site this semester. The instructor added a spinner knob (a steering wheel adaptation) that has allowed the student access to behind-the-wheel instruction.
- d. Information regarding the Adaptive Driver Education program in our District has been provided through weekly briefings, presentations, a parent flyer (Attachment 3), to agencies and staff, including school-site administrators, school-site LEAs (Local Education Agency representative. This person is responsible for the ESE compliance activities at each school. There is one LEA representative at every school), school-site ESE program specialists, counselors, and region directors. The communication has included:
 - The above-referenced Weekly Briefing #34020 (Attachment 2)
 - Weekly Briefing #32027 (Attachment 4) which was sent to schools via the Weekly Briefing system on February 10, 2022, and shared on the ESE Empowers Microsoft Teams Group, consisting of 487 members, on February 11, 2022
 - Information regarding Adaptive Driver Education availability provided via the following:
 - Scaled Leadership Meeting for Principals – South Region Office (October 11, 2022)
 - Scaled Leadership Meeting for Principals – Central Region Office (October 12, 2022)

- Scaled Leadership Meeting for Principals – North Region Office (October 13, 2022)
 - E-mail to Exceptional Student Education Region Directors (October 13, 2022)
 - Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee (October 17, 2022)
 - Educast Presentation to Principals and Assistant Principals (October 21, 2022)
 - Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for Exceptional Student Education: Secondary Transition Subcommittee Meeting (October 28, 2022)
 - M-DCPS Department of ESE and University of Miami-Nova Southeastern University Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (UM-NSU CARD) Meeting (November 1, 2022)
 - Department of ESE and Region Directors Collaboration Meeting (November 2, 2022)
 - Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for ESE (November 3, 2022)
 - Parent to Parent of Miami and M-DCPS Department of ESE Meeting (November 7, 2022)
 - Student Services Mini-Conference (November 8, 2022)
- e. The ESE department identified 115 students in grades 9-12 with orthopedic impairments as either a primary or secondary exceptionality. We have reached out to staffing specialists and other staff from these schools to ensure they are familiar with the availability of Adaptive Driver Education during the second semester of the 2022-2023 school year and the procedures for enrolling students in the program.

4. Status of all driving range improvements and vehicle storage cages by school site. Please also include any planned improvements to add behind-the-wheel instruction to additional school sites.

Update

- a. South Dade Senior High School currently has a driving range, security cages, cars, and is offering behind-the-wheel instruction to students during the 2022-2023 school year.
- b. The chart below shows the original eight senior high schools listed in the September 2, 2021, OIG Final Report of Investigation and the status of the driving range improvements and vehicle storage cages for each.

High School Name	Status of Range (Active or Inactive)	Security Cage (Yes or No)	Current Status
Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School	Active	No	Auxiliary parking lot that is locked at the end of the day and is monitored by security cameras is being used as a temporary security cage until the new security cages are installed. Security cages currently in contracting phase. Work expected Q1-2023. Developing scope of additional work expected Q2-2023
Miami Senior High School	Inactive Range	No	There is no driving range on campus and no space to build one. The cars allocated to this school were moved to South Dade SHS (see a. above)
North Miami Beach Senior High School	Active	Yes	Project currently in design phase (sealing and striping). Contracting phase expected for Q1-2023
Miami Northwestern Senior High School	Active	Yes	Additional asphalt complete. Sealing and striping work expected by January 2023
William H. Turner Technical Arts High School	Active	Yes	Lines and markers to Department of Transportation standards, mill & resurface asphalt, repair fencing, shelter improvements, repairs at car parking, and PA system. Estimated completion date: August 2023

High School Name	Status of Range (Active or Inactive)	Security Cage (Yes or No)	Current Status
Miami Beach Senior High School	Active	Yes	Cages/fences repairs. Sealing pavement and striping contracting expected Q1-2023 with work expected Q2-2023
John A. Ferguson Senior High School	Active	Yes	Sealing, striping contracting expected Q1-2023 with work in Q2-2023
Miami Killian Senior High School	Inactive	No	Project scoping currently in development phase. Contracting expected Q2-2023

c. Below is a list of additional senior high schools that will receive improvements in order to add a behind-the-wheel program:

High School	Planned Improvement	Estimated Completion Date
Hialeah Senior High School	Sealing asphalt, bollards, striping.	Q2-2023
Barbara Goleman Senior High School	Sealing asphalt, striping, miscellaneous repairs	Q2-2023
Miami Edison Senior High School	New gates for vehicles and pedestrians, striping for parking, DOT markings on range, mill & resurface asphalt, new fencing replacement, additional bollards, parking cage, site lighting, PA system, and drainage	August 2023
Felix Varela Senior High School	Sealing asphalt, striping, miscellaneous repairs	Q3-2023

High School	Planned Improvement	Estimated Completion Date
Miami Springs Senior High School	New fencing and gates, line and markers to DOT standards, mill & resurface asphalt, improvements to shelter, parking for 12 cars and cage, lighting, PA system, and drainage	August 2023
Homestead Senior High School	Provide new driver's education range including shelter	December 2023
South Miami Senior High School	Sealing asphalt, striping, miscellaneous repairs	Q3-2023

Miami-Dade County Public Schools remains committed to providing quality Driver Education for the benefit of our community. As part of our efforts, we will maintain our collaboration with the County to ensure the appropriate use of funds allocated for this purpose. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 305 995-1206.

Sincerely,



Tabitha G. Fazzino
 Chief Intergovernmental Affairs, Family, and
 Community Engagement Officer

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Attachments

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 School Board Attorney and General Counsel
 Chief Auditor
 Superintendent's Cabinet

ATTACHMENT 1

From: [Pauline, Tiffanie A.](mailto:TPauline@dadeschools.net)
To: Gonzalez, Ernesto E.
Subject: FW: Driver Education Information for Charter Schools
Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 2:24:09 PM

From: Cooper, Susan J. <sjcooper@dadeschools.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 1:48 PM
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Subject: Driver Education Information for Charter Schools

**THIS MESSAGE IS BEING DELIVERED ON BEHALF OF
MS. TIFFANIE A. PAULINE, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
COMPLIANCE AND SUPPORT**

Good afternoon Charter Principals,

Miami-Dade County Public Schools is offering Driver Education this summer. Students must be at least 15 years of age. Charter and private school students will have the opportunity to earn up to one elective credit. This course includes behind-the-wheel instruction and students will be placed at one of three school locations based on their home address.

The application deadline is Friday, June 3, 2022, at 12 noon. Parents

will be notified of acceptance via the email address they provide and will be given details on how to officially register at that time.

Program dates: June 14, 2022, through July 21, 2022 (7:20 am to 1:05 pm daily)

Program Sites:

- Miami Northwestern Senior High School
- Hialeah Miami Lakes Senior High School
- South Dade Senior High School

Please go to summer305.dadeschools.net to apply. Once there, click on 9-12 Programs and scroll down to select Driver Education.

Dr. Dwight A. Bernard

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From: [Gonzalez, Ernesto E.](#)
To: [Gonzalez, Ernesto E.](#)
Subject: FW: Summer Driver Education
Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 2:18:00 PM
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From: Palmer, Cheryl A.
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2022 8:16 AM
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Subject: Summer Driver Education

Dear Educators

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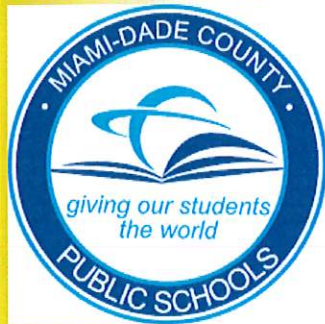
Please go to summer305.dadeschools.net to apply. Once there, click on 9-12 Programs and scroll down to select Driver Education

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**"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those
who prepare for it today."**

Malcolm X



ATTACHMENT 2

From: [M-DCPS Weekly Briefings](#)
To: [Salmasi, Patrick J.](#)
Subject: ALL PRINCIPALS/APs: Adaptive Driver Education for Students with Physical Impairments
Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 1:13:41 PM

Briefing ID #: 34020

ALL PRINCIPALS/APs: Adaptive Driver Education for Students with Physical Impairments

Category:

Audience: All Principals/APs

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

To inform school administrators and staff regarding procedures and availability for students with physical impairments to receive driver education and access to adaptive vehicles for course purposes.

- Miami-Dade County Public Schools Division of Life Skills has purchased vehicles to provide access to students with physical impairments to the Driver Education Program.

- For students who need adapted vehicles to access Driver Education courses, school-site administrators must submit a support request via the request form below. The following steps must be followed to access the request:
 - Access the form: <https://forms.office.com/r/UmMpnNHfJs>
 - Input the pertinent information
 - Click "submit"

- Once this request has been completed, an ESE team member will contact the individual submitting the request for further steps.

- Any questions regarding Adaptive Driver Education should be forwarded to ESE@dadeschools.net

Contact: Patrick Salmasi, District Director (3059952037)
Department: Exceptional Student Education



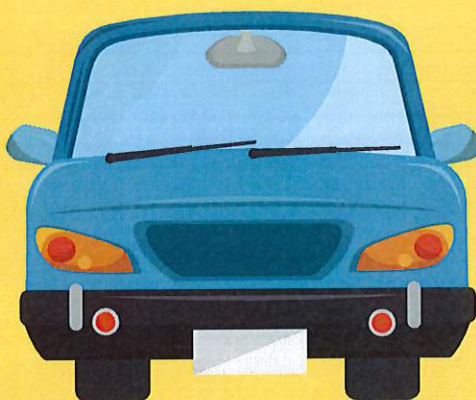
ATTENTION PARENTS!

Miami-Dade County Public Schools provides Adaptive Driver Education for Students with Physical Impairments

Miami-Dade County Public Schools provides access to students with physical impairments to the Driver Education Program.

For students who need adapted vehicles to access Driver Education courses, school-site administrators must submit a support request to the Department of Exceptional Student Education.

If your child has a need for Adaptive Driver Education, please contact your school site.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS,
PLEASE CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF
EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION BY
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ATTACHMENT 4

From: [M-DCPS Weekly Briefings](#)
To: [Torres, Angie](#)
Subject: ALL HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS/APs: Adaptive Driver Education Program for Students with Physical Impairments
Date: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 2:18:16 PM

Briefing ID #: 32027

ALL HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS/APs: Adaptive Driver Education Program for Students with Physical Impairments

Category:

Audience: Principals/APs (Senior High)

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

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- For students who need adapted vehicles to access Driver Education courses, school-site administrators must submit a support request with the Assistive Technology Program. The following steps must be followed to access the request:
 - Visit atech.dadeschools.net
 - Click on the orange “AT Help Desk” button that is available at the top of the page.
 - For question 1, select “Individual Student/Device” and complete the Assistive Technology Support Request.
 - Select “Adaptive Driver’s Education Referral” and complete the pertinent fields.

- Once this request has been completed, a member of the Assistive Technology Team will contact the individual submitting the request for further steps.

- Any questions regarding the Adaptive Driver Education Program should be forwarded to Ms. Martha Berman at mberman@dadeschools.net or Ms. Rachele Dodard at rdodard@dadeschools.net.

Contact: Patrick Salmasi (305-995-1606)
Department: Exceptional Student Education