Opening of School Assembly

ROBERT MORGAN EDUCATIONAL CENTER
2023 – 2024
Agenda

- Welcome – Principal Address – Mr. Williams
- Uniform/Discipline – Mr. Blanco
- Transportation/Lunch – Ms. Brill
- Student Parking – Mr. Justice
- Student Services – Ms. Radcliff and Ms. Plasencia
- Testing – Dr. Ferguson
- Activities – Ms. Ojeda
Principal’s Address
MR. WILLIAMS
### Dress Code

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<td><strong>Shirt/Tops</strong></td>
<td>Polo style shirt and school/college spirit shirt (limited days). A long or short sleeved solid color polo style with a collar. Acceptable colors are burgundy, gold, and black. In lieu of a collared polo shirt, college shirts can be worn on MONDAYS and school spirit shirts (club, academy, pirate, etc.) may be worn on FRIDAYS only. No midriff, see-through, or sheer shirts.</td>
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<td><strong>Pants/Bottoms</strong></td>
<td>Solid color fitted full length pants must be worn at the waist and may not drag on the floor. Pants may not have any embellishments, embroidery, patches, rips and/or holes of any size irrespective of leggings worn underneath. No leggings, tights and/or track pants are allowed. Acceptable colors are limited to black, khaki, and blue (for denim) only. No skirts or dresses unless Business attire on designated days. No skorts.</td>
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<td><strong>Undershirts</strong></td>
<td>Solid color t-shirts long sleeved undershirts may be worn underneath with the approved collared polo uniform short. Acceptable colors include burgundy, gold, black, and white.</td>
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<td><strong>Scrubs</strong></td>
<td>Teal and blue scrubs (tops &amp; bottoms) are permitted only for students enrolled in the Health Science Academy.</td>
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<td><strong>Outerwear</strong></td>
<td>Sweatshirts, sweaters, jackets, and hoodies may be worn over the approved school uniform. If this item has a hoodie, it is not allowed to be worn on the students’ head during school. All outerwear is subject to school approval and must refrain from disrupting the learning environment with inappropriate or vulgar expressions.</td>
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<td><strong>ID Badge</strong></td>
<td>School Issued ID badge. MDCPS School ID badges must be clearly visible at all times.</td>
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Leggings, shorts, skirts are not part of the RMEC dress code.
**Uniform/Dress Code**

**DO'S**

- **POLO SHIRTS** with Collar, Gold, Black or Burgundy
- **PANTS** Acceptable colors are black, khaki, and blue (for denim) only. Approved RMEC joggers - PTSA
- Approved RMEC Merchandise - PTSA
- Closed Toe Shoes
- RMEC Student Issued ID

**College Shirt** - (Monday’s ONLY)
**Spirit Days** - (Friday’s ONLY)
RMEC Club Shirts

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**DONT'S**

- **NO RIPPED JEANS**
- **NO LEGGINGS, NO ATHLETIC PANTS, SWEATS**
- **NO CROCS, NO SANDALS OR SLIDES**
- **NO SHORTS**
- **NO MIDRIFF SEE-THROUGH, CUT OFF, OR SHEER SHIRTS**
- **NO SKORTS**
DRESS LIKE A RMEC PIRATE

Avast Ye!

Ship Shirts

$15

ORDER TODAY

Spirit Shirts

$15

Hoodies

$25

Sweatpants

$25

Long Sleeve Shirts

$25
Attendance

- A student who has ten (10) or more cumulative absences (excused/unexcused) will not be allowed to participate in interscholastic competitions or performances for the remainder of the school year. (outdoor suspension is counted as an absence)
- You may not be signed out early more than 10 times in a school year to participate in activities
- A student who has twenty (20) or more cumulative tardies (excused/unexcused) will not be allowed to participate in interscholastic competitions or performances for the remainder of the school year.
ITS has configured resource mailboxes for all locations. The attendance email address for RMEC is 7371attendance@dadeschools.net

Absences shall be reported to the student’s school by the parent no later than three (3) days from the date of the absence.

To report an absence, parents may do so electronically by emailing a statement of the cause for such absence directly to the school’s attendance email address.

The email should include:

- SUBJECT LINE (ADMIT)
- BODY: the Student’s Full Name, Identification Number, Date of Absence, and the Reason for the absence. (Evidence Attached as Appropriate)
- Email is report absences (Admit), not for attendance corrections or anything else...
- Parent needs only to email once.
Tardy Procedures

- UNEXCUSED TARDY 7:16 AM - 8:00 AM (Report to Cafeteria)
- After 8:00 AM Report to Attendance Office
- If student needs to excuse a tardy @ anytime they need to report to attendance office with parent/guardian.
- Students may not report tardy to class without a pass, regardless excuse or unexcused

# OF TARDIES OUTCOMES

- 1 Verbal Warning
- 2 Verbal Warning/Parent Contact (Phone)
- 3 - 5 Detention (for every tardy) 6 Parent Conference / Attendance Contract
- 7-10 Indoor Suspension 1 day (for every Tardy)
- 10+ 1 day Student Success Center/Counselor Intervention
Tardy Procedures Cont'd...

Reasons for excused tardies are:

- Doctor’s Appointment
- Court Appearance
- Car Accident
- Parent/Guardian must accompany student to the Attendance office.
Student RMEC ID’s

- Student RMEC IDs must be worn at all times.
- New IDs Distributed Sept. 1 and 2
- Replacement IDs are $2, replacement lanyards are $5 can be purchased via OSP.
Safety and Security

- In each classroom, be aware of the HARD CORNERS
- Do not leave a classroom without an official yellow pass
- Do not leave class early for lunch or at dismissal
- During PE secure all items inside your locker
- We are not responsible for cell phones, you need to secure them
- Vaping – if you are caught with a vaping device its considered a controlled substance and you will be suspended
- Zero tolerance for harassment and bullying
- Zero tolerance for fighting = suspension & possible withdrawal from RMEC
Transportation and Lunch

MS. JENNIFER BRILL
Transportation

- School Bus
  - Transportation is a privilege NOT a right.
  - It is an extension of the school.
  - ‘Space’ Available Passes are limited.
  - Three primary routes, 3###, 5###, 7###
  - 3### is located on the South Campus
  - 5###, 7### on the North Campus
  - Find Your Bus
Cafeteria

- No skipping or reserving spaces for friends.
- No skipping the line for a la carte (cookies, chips, etc.)
- Eat in the designated areas.
- Clean up after yourself... no maid service!
- Line closes before the bell.
- No outside food delivery *(breaching campus security)* i.e., Uber Eats, Pizza, soda (glass) bottles, etc.
- Parental drop off must be checked in to student services and released during lunch.
Student Parking – Mr. Justice

- Student parking is behind Automotive
- No parking in central receiving (Honda PACT)
- No Parking in welding and automotive.
- No parking behind the gym, across from the PE field, or teaching parking
- One line for exiting the parking lot via South Campus.
- **STUDENT DECALS ARE REQUIRED - $10.00 for Decals**

Decals will be enforced beginning October 1st
Robert Morgan Educational Center

The following items can be purchased on OSP:
Replacement ID’s, lanyards, and student parking decals.
All items are non-refundable.

Before purchasing a decal you must have the following:
A completed parking application
(check your email for the link)
Copy of vehicle registration
Copy of current insurance (must list the vehicle)
Copy of Florida driver’s license (not a learner’s permit)

Items can be picked up from the security office.
(Bring your paid receipt)
Between 2nd and 4th period even days and
Between 1st and 3rd on odd days.
If you have any questions, please email
Ms. Ojeda at nojeda@daleschools.net
Student Services
MS. RADCLIFF AND MS. PLASENCIA
Know Your Counselor

- Ms. Radcliff - Engineering
- Ms. Santerre - Visual & Performing Arts, Health Science (grades 9-11)
- Ms. Almeida - Digital Media Technology
- Ms. Marshall - Entrepreneurship
- Ms. Plasencia - Health Science (grade 12), CAP Advisor (College Assistance)

See your counselor:
- Before or after school
- During lunch
- Contact via email
Mental Health Support Services

- Ms. Duarte, Trust Counselor
- Ms. Diaz, MHC
- Ms. Duggan, Social Worker

If you are in need, please seek assistance for mental health support by meeting with your counselor or Ms. Duarte.
Graduation Requirements

Grad Track

Resources

- FLDOE Graduation Requirements for Statewide Assessments
- Standard Diploma Requirements
### Graduation Requirements

- 4 credits of English
- 4 credits of Math (must include Algebra 1 & Geometry)
- 3 credits of Science (must include Biology)
- 3 credits of Social Studies (World History, US History & Government/Economics)
- 1 full credit of PE
- 1 full credit of a Fine Art
- 1 online credit (FLVS)
- 8 Electives to fulfill a total of 24 credits
- 2.0 minimum unweighted GPA
- Pass the FSA ELA & Algebra 1 EOC
- 100 hours of community service due by December 16th
Scholar & Merit Diploma Options

Scholar Diploma Designation
- In addition to meeting the 24-credit standard high school diploma requirements, a student must
  - Earn 1 credit in Algebra II;
  - Earn 1 credit in Statistics or an equally rigorous mathematics course;
  - Pass the Biology I EOC;
  - Earn 1 credit in Chemistry or Physics;
  - Earn 1 credit in a course equally rigorous to Chemistry or Physics;
  - Pass the U.S. History EOC;
  - Earn 2 credits in the same World Language;
  - Earn at least 1 credit in AP, IB, AICE or a dual enrollment course.
- A student is exempt from the Biology I or U.S. History assessment if the student is enrolled in an AP, IB or AICE Biology I or U.S. History course and the student
  - Takes the respective AP, IB or AICE assessment; and
  - Earns the minimum score to earn college credit.

Merit Diploma Designation
- Meet the standard high school diploma requirements
- Attain one or more industry certifications from the list established (per s. 1003.492, F.S.)
If you have failed a core course, you need to recover the course through 2H fall term.

Fall term begins next week!!
Dual Enrollment

- 3.0 minimum unweighted GPA
- College Readiness Scores
- Will start your permanent college transcript

FIU

http://www.fiu.edu/

Miami-Dade College

http://www.mdc.edu/
Seniors
Class of 2024!

- Unfinished graduation requirements
  - Online Course (FLVS)
  - Fine Art
  - PE
  - Community Service

- Testing
  - SAT/ACT
  - Bright Futures Qualification
  - Concordant scores if needed

- Senior class visits — First Week of October
COLLEGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- SCOIR (Every Student must have an account)
- Senior College Assistance Presentations
  - Completed through US Government Classes
- Financial Aide Night
  - Parent/Student FAFSA Orientation (Via Zoom – November 15 @ 6pm)
- FAFSA Nights (Media Center @ 6pm)
  - December 12
  - January 11th
  - February 15th
- College Application Workshops (In the month of October) - Sign up on SCOIR or see me for registration.
- Individual College Presentations from various schools, i.e., UM, FIU, MDC. See SCOIR Calendar to sign up!
CAP ACTIVITIES

Ice Cream Social on National Decision Day — May 1st!

- **RMEC College FAIR** – October 6th 12:00pm – 2:00pm with your teachers.
- **Local College Trips** – Sign up on SCOIR
  - Regional College Fair - October 3rd
  - Technical College Fair – October 4th
  - MDC – October 26th
  - FIU – October 24th

Follow us on Instagram: *RMEC_CAP_OFFICIAL*

**Academic Signing Night**
Honors students who have earned an academic scholarship.
Testing
DR. FERGUSON
To Graduate:

- **NEED TO PASS**
  - ALGEBRA 1 EOC
  - 10TH GRADE FSA ELA

- **NEED TO SIT FOR**
  - Florida Civics Literacy Exam (FCLE)
Did not pass the FSA Algebra 1 EOC?
Did not pass the 10th grade FSA ELA?

- Retake testing will begin the week of 9/12
  Students are automatically enrolled
- Testing is mandatory!
  - Exact dates will be posted and emailed to you via dadeschools.net. Teachers will have a list of testing students.
- Don’t miss your testing date!
Testing

- Be PRESENT and on time on your assigned testing date(s). Students who do not attend their designated testing date will be placed on an ACTIVITIES STOP List.

- Testing Locations are posted around campus.

- All teachers receive an email with testing dates and locations.
How NOT to get invalidated

► Follow proctor instructions
► Don’t look at another student’s computer
► Don’t let someone look at your computer
► DO NOT KEEP YOUR PHONES OR SMARTWATCHES ON YOU DURING A TEST!
► EVEN IF THEY ARE TURNED OFF
## Concordant Scores

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Who: 12th graders needing Concordant Algebra 1 score

When: October 12, 2022

Cost: $14

(The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) is an assessment given to students to help prepare them for the SAT, college, and careers. Historically, students who take the PSAT/NMSQT score higher on the SAT, on average, than those who don’t take the test.

- Connections to Scholarships: Students who take the PSAT/NMSQT in 11th grade may enter the National Merit® Scholarship Program, an academic competition for recognition and scholarships. Our other scholarship partners also use the PSAT/NMSQT to find students qualified to apply for their programs. These organizations give out nearly $160 million in combined awards every year.
SAT/ACT Dates

- **Saturday SAT Testing Dates for 2019-2020**
  - [https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register)
  - August 24
  - October 5
  - November 2
  - December 7
  - March 14
  - May 2
  - June 6

- **Saturday ACT Testing Dates for 2019-2020**
  - [https://www.act.org/](https://www.act.org/)
  - September 14
  - October 26
  - December 14
  - February 8
  - April 4
  - June 13
  - July 18

More info on Fee Waivers is forthcoming
Activities
MS. OJEDA
Mrs. Ojeda
Student Activities Director
The Activities Office is located next to the attendance office.

Email: nojeda@dadeschools.net
Mrs. Ojeda
Class Sponsor

Class of 2024

Stay connected:
ojeda@dadeschools.net
https://robertmorganeducenter.com
@rmec.24

Schoology
RMEC Class of 2024
Access Code - CQ3F-P4ZZ-WSTFZ

"Make it Happen"
HOW TO ACCESS YOUR STUDENT EMAIL

1. Log into your Dadeschools Student Portal

2. Scroll down and click on Office 365

3. Click on Outlook
Purchasing Tickets/ID’s/Spirit items will be sold online using the Online School Payment System.

**HOW TO USE OSP**

**ONLINE SCHOOL PAYMENT**

1. LOG IN TO THE MDCPS PORTAL.
2. CLICK ON APPS/SITES/SERVICES TAB.
3. CLICK ON PARENT LINK.
4. CLICK ON YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL LEVEL.
5. CLICK ON THE NAME OF YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL.
6. THIS WILL DISPLAY THE ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.
7. PAY USING A CREDIT/DEBIT CARD.
Events

Please pay attention to MORNING AND AFTERNOON announcements, check your emails and social media.

All deadlines are final.
SPIRIT WEEK GUIDELINES/PEP RALLY GUIDELINES
Senior Portraits and Quotes

- Senior Portraits and Senior Quote forms must be taken and filled out by October 31st to be included in the yearbook.

- Those students who have taken their senior portraits AND have chosen their yearbook pose will be receiving a new ID. Anyone who has not done BOTH things by this FRIDAY will NOT be receiving a new ID, and will need to pay for a replacement if needed.

- Yearbooks are on sale starting now at www.yearbookordercenter.com, code 1631.
  - Yearbooks are $75 now, but will go up to $85 after December.
  - We will not sell extra books, and we ran out last year, so please order soon to ensure you have your book.
  - There are many ways to get your photos in the yearbook. A survey will be going out to every senior through their school email of ways to get involved and submit their senior quote.

- You can also buy your own entire page, half page, or quarter page in the yearbook. Please see Mrs. Ortiz in T077 during 1st and 6th for additional details. Space is limited.
CLUB RUSH DAY

Wednesday, September 6th during LUNCH in the GYM.

- Join some clubs!!!!!!
- They look great on college apps
- You make friends
- You get community service opportunities
- You have fun!
RMEC Clubs

Over 30 clubs to join

RMEC Clubs – Robert Morgan (robertmorganeducenter.com)

Inter-scholastic activities:
• Students must maintain a minimum 2.0, unweighted, cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)
• Adhere to the Attendance Policy.

Service Clubs/ Interest Clubs
• Must be active in the school.
• Must maintain positive behavior.

Honor Societies
• Based on outstanding grades in specific subject areas or high overall academic and conduct grades.

Student Government/ Class Boards
• Elected organizations which represent each individual as the student body and each grade level.
Senior CLEAR List

Stay on track to graduate check the “Senior CLEAR List”

- Fulfilling all testing requirements
- Completing all required course credits (passing grade)
- Virtual school
- Community Services hours
- Debts/Obligations
- Library books/tablets
- Suspension/disciplinary issues will also affect your eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities.
- Attendance
# SENIOR EVENTS – Tentative Dates

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<td>TBA – HERFF JONES</td>
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<td><strong>Grad Bash</strong></td>
<td>APRIL 13</td>
<td>FEBRUARY</td>
<td>$250 (EST.)</td>
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<td>MAY 4</td>
<td>MARCH</td>
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GRAD BASH EXPERIENCE OR DAY TRIP TO UNIVERSAL

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Graduation

► All details pertaining to graduation are planned and released by the school district, not the school site.
► Date, time, location TBD
► Set by MDCPS
► Range: May 28 – June 6
► We usually get a date by the end of March
► Tickets are FREE; but limited
Ways to EARN extra TICKETS! (should they be available)

Attendance/Academics
Should extra tickets be available students in excellent academic standing and students who have excellent attendance will be considered first.

Senior Class Fundraiser
SENIOR EVENTS ARE EXPENSIVE! Students who participate in the upcoming senior class fundraiser (taking place during the second half of the year) will also receive preference.
ROBERT MORGAN EDUCATIONAL CENTER

JOIN US
SENIOR
PARENT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
6:00 PM TO 7:00 PM
AUDITORIUM

PLEASE COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE.
SCAN QR CODE
Alma Mater

Pirates gather, lift your voice!
Robert Morgan, School of Choice.
Alma Mater,
Alma Mater,
Gold and Burgundy!
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Robert Morgan, School of Choice,
Alma Mater,
Alma Mater,
Gold and Burgundy!
Memories and friendships true:
To our school, we sing to you.
Quest for knowledge,
Career or college,
Sailing to prosperity!