

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
SCHOOLS CHOICE & PARENTAL OPTIONS  
**ACADEMY OF HOSPITALITY & TOURISM**  
*Magnet Program Fact Sheet*

**Miami Springs Senior High School**  
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Miami, Florida 33177



**Phone (305) 885-8127**  
**Grade Levels Served: 9-12**  
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**The Academy of Hospitality & Tourism** was established in 1987 through the support of the American Express Foundation to expose students to the wide variety of opportunities and career paths in one of the world's largest industries. The first academy was located at Miami Springs Senior High School.

**The Academy of Hospitality and Tourism represents** a collaborative local effort of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools and industry corporations to prepare students to enter the field of hospitality & tourism at the professional level. In addition to course work, students participate in field trips at the local, state and national levels, listen to expert guest speakers from the industry and participate in extracurricular and community service activities in the industry. Miami Springs Senior High School is a member program of the National Academy Foundation (NAF), a national network of career academies to support the development of America's youth toward personal and professional success in high school, higher education and throughout their careers.

In order to be accepted into the Academy, an interested student at the ninth grade level needs to do the following:

- A. Submit an application,**
- B. Write an essay,**
- C. Meet several admission requirements (academic, attendance, attitude)**
- D. Be interviewed, and**
- E. Have parental consent.**

Co-curricular student clubs help the students expand their knowledge and experience in the field of hospitality & tourism first hand. Students may also meet their high school graduation requirements in community service by participating in designated community activities: National College Fair, Magnet Recruitment Fairs, Greater Miami & the Beaches Hotel Association, Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau, Around the World Dinner, and school enhancement activities.

A minimum of 75 hours of community service is required for high school graduation from Miami-Dade County Public Schools for Hospitality & Tourism students. A minimum of 25 hours per year is required for an Academy Student to participate in special activities.



*Pictured Left.* – July, 2008. The Academy of Hospitality & Tourism career academy was selected by the National Academy Foundation in partnership with American Express as the Southeastern Regional winner of the annual Aldo Papone Award for Leadership in Academy Performance. The award recognizes excellence among NAF academies that are on the leading edge of high school reform.