

South Prep Scholars Academy (SPSA) is a tuition-free public charter school committed to providing its students with an enriched curriculum for K-5 students in Miami-Dade County.

The mission of South Prep Scholars Academy is to develop and educate students through a whole child, multi-sensory approach that will provide them with the skills necessary for academic and social success. The school encourages parent and community involvement in the educational process as well as in the growth and development of the school. We provide an educational choice to parents creating an enhanced opportunity within the community for educating their children, through rigorous instruction with unique supports that affords parents increased access to high educational options. Families play a meaningful role in the educational process.

Our mission and vision are rooted in our core values, which are (S) Strength, (C) Compassion, (H) Honesty, (O) Optimism, (L) Leadership, (A) Accountability, (R) Resiliency, and (S) Service.

Parental involvement is crucial to a student's success, and parents will be kept informed of their child's progress through agenda notes, phone calls, teacher conferences, progress reports, report cards, Progress Monitoring Plans, IEP meetings and through electronic grade books and email formats. Additionally, parents are scheduled to participate in 2 parent teacher conferences each year (September and January), an Open House (once yearly), and 4 parent workshops which will be held once each quarter. This interactive relationship between parents, teachers, students and staff creates a positive environment that will promote student academic and socio-emotional success. The active participation and support of parents and guardians is central to the success of the school.

The Philosophy of Education of SPSA is to develop and educate students through a whole child, multi-sensory approach that will provide them with the skills necessary for academic and social success. According to the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD), the whole child approach is "an effort to transition from a focus on narrowly defined academic achievement to one that promotes the long-term development and success of all children" (<http://www.ascd.org/whole-child.aspx>). SPSA's educational program will reflect the five Whole Child Tenets as described by ASCD: healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged. The school culture at SPSA supports the health and well-being of all students. The Health Education Curriculum addresses physical, mental, emotional, and social dimensions of health. Character Education is interwoven throughout all classes and activities at SPSA to improve the emotional well-being of students and staff alike. SPSA provides a physically and emotionally safe learning environment for students.

The school will adopt district and state adopted textbooks, and a list of textbooks can be found below:

Reading: McGraw Hill Florida Wonders

Math: Engage Learning Florida's B.E.S.T. Standards for Math

Science: Saavas Elevate Science

Social Studies: McGraw Hill K-2 Networks Florida Social Studies Florida