

8TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT

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WELCOME

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DR. ROLANDO ESPINOSA K-8 CENTER

UNIFORM POLICY



LOWER ACADEMY (PK – GRADE 5)

BOYS	COLOR
FORMAL MONDAYS	
Shirt	Oxford White (<i>with logo</i>) Hunter Green Necktie
Shorts/Pants	Navy Blue
TUESDAYS – FRIDAYS	
Shorts/Pants	Navy Blue
Polo Shirts <i>Long or Short Sleeve</i>	Hunter Green (<i>with logo</i>)
School Spirit Shirt <i>(Only Fridays)</i>	Sold by PTA
Winter Wear	DRE Jacket/Solid Navy Blue <i>Sold by PTA</i>

GIRLS	COLOR
FORMAL MONDAYS	
Shirt	Oxford White (<i>with logo</i>) Hunter Green Crosstie
Shorts/Skirts/Pants	Navy Blue
TUESDAYS – FRIDAYS	
Shorts/Skirts/Pants	Navy Blue
Polo Shirts <i>Long or Short Sleeve</i>	Hunter Green (<i>with logo</i>)
School Spirit Shirt <i>(Only Fridays)</i>	Sold by PTA
Winter Wear	DRE Jacket/Solid Navy Blue <i>Sold by PTA</i>

UPPER ACADEMY (GRADES 6 – 8)

BOYS	COLOR
FORMAL MONDAYS	
Shirt	Oxford White (<i>with logo</i>) Navy Blue Necktie
Pants	Khaki
TUESDAYS – FRIDAYS	
Pants	Khaki
Polo Shirts <i>Long or Short Sleeve</i>	Navy Blue (<i>with logo</i>)
School Spirit Shirt <i>(Only Fridays)</i>	Black Sold by PTA
Winter Wear	DRE Jacket/Solid Navy Blue <i>Sold by PTA</i>

GIRLS	COLOR
FORMAL MONDAYS	
Shirt	Oxford White (<i>with logo</i>)
Pants	Khaki
TUESDAYS – FRIDAYS	
Pants	Khaki
Polo Shirts <i>Long or Short Sleeve</i>	Navy Blue (<i>with logo</i>)
School Spirit Shirt <i>(Only Fridays)</i>	Black Sold by PTA
Winter Wear	DRE Jacket/Solid Navy Blue <i>Sold by PTA</i>

ALL STUDENTS

SHOES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any closed style shoes. No sandals or open toed shoes. No crocs.
BELT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any solid color must be worn.
SOCKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Socks must be worn.
PANTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeans are not part of the uniform and are not permitted. All of the clothing permitted must be uniform quality. No stretch pants or skinny pants will be permitted.
SWEATSHIRT, JACKETS AND SWEATERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sold by the PTA with DRE jacket with logo (no hoodies). Solid navy-blue jackets will also be allowed (no hoodies).
SHIRTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shirts must be tucked in all the times.

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REMINDER!!
Formal Uniform Mondays

DRE

LOWER ACADEMY
PK - GRADE 5

UPPER ACADEMY
GRADES 6-8

			
LA GIRLS	LA BOYS	UA GIRLS	UA BOYS



SPIRIT SHIRTS &
UA PE SHIRT/SHORTS
GRADES 6-8

DRE

UA PE SHIRT/SHORTS

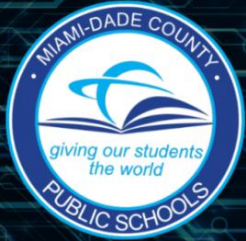
		
PE SHIRT (FRONT)	PE SHIRT (BACK)	PE SHORTS

LOWER ACADEMY



UPPER ACADEMY





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- 2025-2026 School Year Calendar
- Bell Schedule (UA)
- Student Activities Calendar
- MDCPS Testing Calendar

MASTER CALENDAR

<https://drek8.NET>



UPPER ACADEMY REQUIREMENTS

Promotion to senior high school requires that the student successfully completes the following academic courses:

- Three Upper Academy annual courses in English.
- Three Upper Academy annual courses in Mathematics.
- Three Upper Academy annual courses in Science.
- Three Upper Academy annual courses in Social Science.



MUST PASS CORE CLASSES ALL 3 YEARS

6TH GRADE

Language Arts 1
Math 1
Comprehensive Science 1
United States History

7TH GRADE

Language Arts 2
Math 2
Algebra 1 Honors –Advanced/Gifted
Comprehensive Science 2
Physical Science Honors- Advanced/Gifted
Civics and Careers

8TH GRADE

Language Arts 3
Math 3, Algebra 1 H., or Geometry H.
Comprehensive Science 3, Physical Science H., or Biology H.
World History

BEHAVIOR CONTRACT

Contracts were sent home at the start of the school year, if your child has not returned it, they may still do so to their homeroom teacher.

If contract is NOT returned, the student will not be eligible to participate in grade level and end-of-year activities.



DR. ROLANDO ESPINOSA K-8 CENTER UPPER ACADEMY (Grades 6-8) BEHAVIOR CONTRACT



Dear Parent/Guardian,

The DRE team is planning many exciting activities for the 2022-2023 school year. In order for your child to participate in these activities, the following guidelines have been established for all students. The guidelines will be effective on November 7, 2022.

STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN GRADE LEVEL AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES IF THEY RECEIVE FROM THIS DATE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING:

1. Five (5) or more unexcused absences
2. Three (3) or more unexcused tardies to school/class for the nine-week period
3. D or F in conduct in any class
4. Any Student Referral in reference to Bullying, Harassment, Disruptive Behavior, or other violation of Student Code Conduct
5. Three (3) or more days of indoor or outdoor suspension
6. Three (3) or more detentions for any reason
7. Repeated unruly cafeteria behavior or repeated cafeteria offenses

FROM NOVEMBER 7, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 7, 2023, the following will apply:

Any student who violates any of the above rules will NOT be allowed to participate in grade level/school-sponsored activities as listed below:

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| ✓ Chill-Out Social (Grades 6-8) | ✓ PTA Activities |
| ✓ 8 th Grade Formal Dance | ✓ 8 th Grade Grad/Venture |
| ✓ 8 th Grade Spirit Week | ✓ Panthers Bash/Dance |

Many of these activities incur a fee and there are NO REFUNDS for any activity in which a student is ineligible due to misbehavior or lack of attendance. These guidelines are designed to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all eligible students. Any contract that is breached will be reviewed by the administration on a case-by-case basis.

Please discuss this with your child and sign the bottom portion of this letter acknowledging receipt of this Behavior Contract. Have your child return this contract to your homeroom teacher as soon as possible. If the contract is not returned, your child will not participate in any of the activities.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation,
The Upper Academy DRE Team

Homeroom Teacher: _____ Date: _____

Name of Student (Print) _____ Signature: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian (Print) _____ Signature: _____

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO HOMEROOM TEACHER BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2022.

8TH GRADE ACTIVITIES & EXPENSES

Due Dates to Remember

Prices are based on estimates and are subject to change

Monday, 4/13, PTA Movie \$5.00 (Snacks available for purchase)

Tuesday, 4/14, Presentation, “Consequences Aren’t Minor” (Form due by 4/13)

Thursday, 4/23, Take Your Child to Work Day and Beyond (Form due by 4/21)

Friday, 5/15 Gradventure to Universal/Islands of Adventure \$131 (Account closed)

Friday, 5/22 Dave & Busters \$37

Friday, 5/29 Prom at Intercontinental Hotel \$63

Monday, 6/01 Promotional Ceremony at Reagan/Doral Senior High

PLUS, other PTA activities



GRADVENTURE

UNIVERSAL ORLANDO

Friday, May 15, 2026

Depart from school at 10:30 a.m. /return to school at 4:00 a.m.

Price includes:

- Bus
- Park admission ticket
- Meal ticket
- Students will have full access to BOTH parks: Universal Studios AND Islands of Adventure!

Electronic devices are allowed for the bus ride

- **STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF THEIR BELONGINGS!**
- **DRE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS!**

Students must wear appropriate jeans (no rips or holes) and 8th grade GRADVENTURE t-shirt

Cost of admission and transportation per student \$142 Payments are NON-REFUNDABLE

GRADVENTURE

UNIVERSAL ORLANDO



Payment is non-refundable.



Students must have returned their behavior contracts in order to participate.



2 buses have been reserved



Teachers, students, and chaperones must depart and return with the bus on the field trip. Universal is on a lockdown mode while event is going on and it is impossible to leave on your own from the park.

ITINERARY



Departure and Arrival Times:

Departure from DRE
5/15 • 10:45 AM

Rest stop (Ft. Pierce)
5/15 • 12:45 PM

Arrival time at Island of Adventures
5/15 • 3:45 PM

Departure from Island of Adventures
5/16 • 12:30 AM

Rest stop (Ft. Pierce)
5/16 • 2:30 AM

Arrival time at DRE*
5/16 • 4:30 AM

- Parents MUST pick-up their child promptly at the of arrival.

- Any student being picked up by another parent MUST provide authorization using the QR code at the end of this presentation.

- Students CAN NOT walk home

GRADVENTURE

- Gradventure begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends at 12:00 a.m.
- Students will have access to Universal Studios beginning at 4:00 p.m.
- At 6:00 p.m. the park closes to the public in order to prepare for the event.
- Only students and school staff wearing a wristband will be allowed inside the park.
- During the event, both parks are in a “lockdown” mode.



FOOD & BEVERAGES



On the way up to Orlando, we will be making a stop on Ft. Pierce to eat. Students are to purchase lunch on their own.



Upon arriving to the park, students will receive a meal ticket to eat dinner at one of the park's restaurants.



Students must bring money to purchase additional food and drinks. Be sure to provide your child with money beforehand.



Food and beverages will NOT be allowed on the bus!



ONLY a clear **CLOSED** water bottle will be accepted it! We will have extra bottles on hand for them.

DRESS CODE

- Universal Studios enforces a strict dress code.
- Students **MUST** wear:
 - 8th grade Gradventure t-shirt
 - Sneakers or comfortable shoes (no flip flops or sandals)
- Student **CAN** wear either:
 - Jeans (no holes)
 - Joggers
 - Leggings
 - Bermuda (knee length) shorts or basketball shorts
 - Hat
- Students are **NOT** allowed to change clothes during the event.
- Any student that is found out of compliance will be excluded from the event and will receive a consequence upon returning to school.



WHAT TO BRING



A sweater for the bus (it gets chilly); not a blanket

A small pillow for the bus

Spending money

Cell phone

Chargers / Portable Battery

A small purse/bag (8.5" X 5")(the only one permitted to take it inside of Universal Studios)

We are not responsible for any items that are lost or stolen.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

NO blankets

NO bookbags

NO food or drinks

NO selfie sticks

NO cologne or body sprays

NO Bluetooth speakers

NO Medicine



DEPARTURE MEETING LOCATIONS MAP



GRADVENTURE
UNIVERSAL ORLANDO™



- Navigation Key**
- ◆ Gradventure Meeting Location
 - PFL Exit - FEAR FACTOR LIVE EXIT
World Expo
 - CW Exit - CityWalk™ Exit
Star Walkboards
 - IOA Exit - Universal's Islands of Adventure™ Exit
Star Walkboards



DRE
K-8 CENTER

ISLAND OF AVENTURE MAP (EXIT)

**Meeting Point
at Toon Lagoon
11:40 PM**



STUDENT BEHAVIORS & CONSEQUENCES

- Students must follow the Code of Student Conduct during the trip.
- Students are to be seated boy - boy and girl – girl while on the bus.
- Students are to follow the instructions of teachers, staff, and park personnel at all times.
- Any student that exhibits inappropriate will receive the appropriate consequences when they return to school on Monday.
- Security is visibly present throughout the park during the event.
- This is a school-sponsored field trip and any student that interferes with the well-being of others and/or breaks the Code of Student Conduct will receive a referral and corresponding consequence depending on the violation, in addition to any potential park/city procedure.
 - Example: A student caught with a vaping device is considered a Level III violation and will be held by police at security until parents arrive on scene.
- Parents will need to drive to Orlando to pick up their child from the security holding area of Universal Orlando.



PROM

MASQUERADE

Prom

Unmask the Night

FRIDAY, MAY 29TH
7PM - 11 PM

- LOG ON TO THE "PARENT PORTAL"
- CLICK ON APPS | SERVICE SCROLL TO OSP (ONLINE SCHOOL PAYMENTS)
- CHOOSE "K-8 AND K-12 SCHOOLS"
- SCROLL DOWN TO DR. ROLANDO ESPINOSA K-8 CENTER
- ADD "8TH GRADE PROM" TO CART - \$63

INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL

2505 NW 87 AVENUE • DORAL

PROM



INTERCONTINENTAL®
AT DORAL MIAMI

Friday, May 29, 2026, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Intercontinental Hotel

This event is for students only! Please stay in your cars for drop-off and pick up.

Please arrive by 11:00 p.m. the latest to ensure a smooth dismissal.

Parent letters and forms will be sent home on early March.

\$63 per student payment is open on OSP

Payment Window 3/01/26 to 5/11/2026

Payments are NON-REFUNDABLE!

DRESS CODE

PROM- Dance

LADIES:

Party dress

OR

A blouse with skirt

Heels: Use proper judgment

***Strapless and spaghetti straps ARE permitted with a cardigan or shawl!**

NO jeans or sneakers are permitted!

GENTLEMEN:

Suit

OR

long-sleeved dress shirt, slacks, tie, belt, and dress shoes

NO jeans are permitted!

Sneakers are permitted!



PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY

Monday, 6/01

- Held at Ronald Reagan/Doral SHS
- Monday, June 01, 2026- approximate start time 9 a.m.
- This is a school-sponsored field trip – students are required to ride the bus TO the high school from DRE.
- If parents would like to take their children from Reagan, they must sign them out with their homeroom teacher at the conclusion of the event.
- Each student will receive TWO (2) tickets for family members to attend this event.

***EXTRA TICKETS CANNOT BE GIVEN FOR ADDITIONAL RELATIVES!**

- DRESS CODE:
 - **GIRLS:** Dress OR skirt and blouse
 - Skirts must reach the knee
 - NO bare shoulders, spaghetti straps, or mini-skirts
 - **BOYS:** Suit OR dress pants, dress shirt, tie, belt and dress shoes
 - NO jeans or sneakers



DRESS CODE

Promotional Ceremony

- PROMOTION CEREMONY
 - LADIES:
 - Dress
 - (length must be at or below knee)
 - OR
 - A blouse with dress pants or skirt
 - (length at or below the knee)
 - Heels: Use proper judgment
 - ***Strapless and spaghetti straps ARE NOT permitted!**
 - GENTLEMEN:
 - Suit
 - OR
 - long-sleeved dress shirt, slacks, tie, belt, and dress shoes
 - **Jeans or sneakers ARE NOT permitted!**

MEMORY BOOK

ORDER 2025-2026 MEMORY BOOKS

PREORDER YOUR 2025-2026 MEMORY BOOK THROUGH OSP (ONLINE SCHOOL PAYMENT) ON THE PARENT PORTAL FOR ONLY \$25!

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Connections
2025-2026

*PLEASE USE THIS QR
CODE TO SIGN IN
ELECTRONICALLY &
CONFIRM
PARENT PICK-UP FOR
GRADVENTURE*



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REVIEW!



Support Our School!
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Click on "Review"





THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!