

SOUTH DADE ADULT EDUCATION CENTER/COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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GRADE ORGANIZATION: Adult/Community School

South Dade Adult Education Center/Community School leads the county and state with over 50,000 student enrollments over a period of twenty years of operation. It is the first center in the state to have pioneered programming with the military, elderly, chemically dependent, migrant, refugee, snowbird, handicapped, and profoundly illiterate, as well as with those seeking basic skills, high school completion, or one of many vocational/career training opportunities. South Dade Adult Center and Community Education Center's Downtown Homestead Campus is the first free stand-alone adult center created to serve the adult learner. The center's hours of operating are 8:00 a.m. until 9:15 p.m. Its staff is reflected of the diverse multiethnic, socioeconomic, cultural, and rapidly growing population of the broad, southern geographic tip of Dade's Community.

Programs for the homeless, construction trades, child care, basic skills, ESOL, and high school completion classes have grown significantly. The high school completion program operating during day hours promotes the concept of a second-chance school for the youth of South Dade and it, too, has grown rapidly. In addition, South Dade has begun a vocational program to serve incarcerated youth at Bay Point Schools and Everglades Academy in conjunction with the Home Builders Institute. Other courses available include programs in computer repair, web page and networking installation. The center has become a designated Cisco Academy starting 2001-2002. A child care center offering child care training, operates and provides child care to the children of our faculty and students, ranging from infants to five years of age, a family literacy program involving neighboring elementary school children and their parents has been established in nearly 50 elementary schools K-3 and their parents received instruction four (4) days a week.

South Dade Adult and Community Education Center remains committed to addressing all people humanistically and holistically. To that end, South Dade Adult is now offering a literacy program for the entire family with child care and baby sitting services available day and evening for the children of our students. The center has integrated itself with a vast network of agency/organizational endeavors to serve people comprehensively. It aims to guide others to live, love, and learn optimally.

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SUMMARY OF THE 2001-2002 SCHOOL YEAR

Sex	Age Group	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black, non-Hispanic	Hispanic	American Indian or Alaskan Native	Multiracial	White, non-Hispanic	Grand Total
Female	< 16	-	16	38	1	1	8	64
	16 - 24	12	349	565	-	23	99	1,048
	25 - 44	7	134	438	-	1	27	607
	45 - 59	3	28	91	-	1	14	137
	60 +	1	4	19	-	-	81	105
Female Total		23	531	1,151	1	26	229	1,961
Male	< 16	-	18	30	-	2	11	61
	16 - 24	15	475	737	-	19	140	1,386
	25 - 44	5	115	328	1	2	30	481
	45 - 59	3	21	57	-	1	10	92
	60 +	-	4	12	-	-	30	46
Male Total		23	633	1,164	1	24	221	2,066