

## Achieve Summer 2025 – Parent FAQ

Welcome to Achieve Summer! Below are answers to commonly asked questions about our program.

### How do I register my child(ren) for Achieve Summer?

- Parents must complete this official registration form before their child can attend our Summer program.
  - <https://www.cognitoforms.com/AchieveMiami/AchieveSummer>

### Are there any fees to register or participate?

No, Achieve Summer is a **free** program for registered students.

### I registered my child online – now what?

After registering your child, you should receive a confirmation via text and email. Additional communication, including next steps and important updates, will be sent via email and text at the beginning of May.

### Waitlist

If you applied for a school and grade that is at capacity, your child will be placed on a waitlist. After registering, you will receive an email confirming your child's waitlist placement. If a spot becomes available, you will be notified via email and text with further instructions on how to secure the enrollment.

In the meantime, we encourage you to stay updated by checking your email for any changes or additional information.

### What are the dates/times of Achieve Summer?

- **Dates:** June 10 – July 18, 2025, excluding holidays (June 19 and July 4)
- **Time:** 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
- **Extended Time:** Available at Caribbean K-8 until 6:00 PM (at no cost)

## **Absences**

If your child has an unexcused absence on the first day of our program, we will assume they are no longer attending, and their spot will be given to the next student on our waitlist. *Exceptions will apply if absence is communicated with Achieve Miami ahead of time.*

## **How does drop-off/pick-up work?**

- **Drop-off:** Parents must bring their child to the designated drop-off area. depending on their school site. This will be communicated via email the week before summer starts.
- **Pick-up:** If picking up early, parents must come to the front door and present ID to the security guard. They will need to sign out their child for the day.

## **What should my child bring to Achieve Summer each day?**

- Backpack (optional)
- Close-toed shoes (required for safety). Please avoid wearing crocs or sandals.
- Comfortable clothes (they will be outside for recess but light sweater for indoors)
- Meals are provided, but students are welcome to bring their own lunch or snacks (if preferred)
- **Fridays only:** Blue Achieve Miami Field trip shirt (provided by Achieve Miami)

## **Can my child bring their electronic devices?**

Yes, students are allowed to bring electronic devices such as cell phones, tablets, or smartwatches. However, all devices must remain turned off and stored in their backpacks during school hours unless a teacher grants permission for educational purposes. The school is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices. We encourage families to discuss responsible use with their children before bringing electronics to school.

## **What should my child wear/bring on field trip days?**

Blue Achieve Miami t-shirt; Close-toed shoes; Hat; Water bottle.

**When/Where are the field trips?**

- Field trips take place on Fridays (except for the first and last Fridays, which are reserved for Field Day and Showcase Day). This year because 4th of July falls on a Friday, we will be taking that week's field trip on Thursday instead.
- The schedule and places we will be going to will be shared with parents before the start of the program.

**What is my child doing all day?**

- Morning: Breakfast, literacy activities, project-based learning (PBL)
- Afternoon: Lunch, enrichment activities (art, STEM, cooking, engineering), recess, and dismissal
- Fridays: Field trips or special events

**Can I volunteer at the school or be a chaperone for field trips?**

- Yes! Parents and community members can register as volunteers online through the MDCPS parent or community portal. Volunteers must complete Level 1 clearance for a background check. Learn more by clicking [here](#).

**What is the behavior policy?**

- Students are expected to follow instructions and rules at all times, respect others, and engage positively.
- If a student is considered a safety risk, they might not be able to participate in fieldtrips unless their parent attends as a chaperone.
- Repeated or severe misbehavior may result in consequences, including removal from the program.

**What is the attendance policy?**

- Students must attend daily.
- Attendance is recorded daily.
- If a child has **multiple unexcused absences**, their spot may be given to a student on the waitlist.
- The program is designed for **full attendance** for the duration of 6 weeks.

**Can I pick my child up early?**

Our program runs until 3 PM, and early departures mean students miss important activities and learning experiences. For security reasons, parents must sign their child out at the front desk if an early pickup is necessary.

**In case of an emergency, who do I contact?**

In case of emergency, parents should contact the Site Director or Operations Manager at their school site. Their contact information will be provided on the first day of programming. Emergency drills are conducted the first week of the program, and all staff follow MDCPS safety protocols.

**My child has to take daily medication, can you accommodate them?**

Yes, accommodations can be made for students who require medication. Parents must provide detailed medical instructions.

**For any additional questions, please contact the Achieve Summer staff. We look forward to an amazing summer!**