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To the Class of 2023:

Congratulations! Graduation from Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is a time to celebrate your achievements, anticipate new opportunities, and embrace the infinite possibilities ahead. Graduation also represents years of dedication and a sincere commitment to your future. I am certain that these accomplishments will inspire a tremendous sense of pride as they fortify your resolve to move forward with confidence to the next chapter in your life.

For this reason, M-DCPS is pleased to recognize your hard work and achievement in earning your diploma designation.

Graduates earn one of two diploma types:

- The **Standard Diploma** - Awarded to all students who fulfilled the State of Florida's graduation requirements.

- OR -

- The **Superintendent's Diploma of Distinction** - Awarded to students who fulfilled the State of Florida's graduation requirements, enrolled in at least four upper-level courses, completed 75 hours of community service, and earned a weighted grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or above by the end of the first semester of their Senior Year with no final grades lower than a "C" on their transcripts.

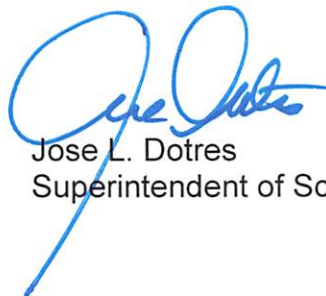
Students may also receive one or more graduation designations with their diplomas. The following criteria are taken into consideration when determining graduation designations:

- The **Scholar Designation**- Awarded to students who fulfilled the State of Florida's graduation requirements, pass the Geometry, Biology 1 and U.S. History End-of-Course Exams, and earned one credit in Algebra II or an equally rigorous course, one credit in statistics or an equally rigorous mathematics course, one credit in chemistry or physics, one credit in a course equally rigorous to chemistry or physics, two credits in the same world language, one credit in AP, IB, AICE or a dual enrollment course.

- The **Merit Designation** - Awarded to students who fulfilled the State of Florida's graduation requirements and attained one or more industry certifications.
- The **Florida Gold Seal of Biliteracy** - Awarded to students who attained a high level of competency in listening, speaking, reading and writing in one or more languages, in addition to English, earned four foreign language credits in the same language with a 3.0 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale and Level 4 or higher on the Grade 10 English Language Arts Florida Standards Assessment, or a score or performance level on any of the examinations approved by the state.
- The **Florida Silver Seal of Biliteracy** - Awarded to students who attained a high level of competency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages, in addition to English, and earned four foreign language credits in the same language with a 3.0 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale, or a score or performance level on any of the examinations approved by the state.

For more information on graduation requirements, diploma designations, and graduation awards, visit diplomapathways.dadeschools.net. Best of luck in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,



Jose L. Dotres
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