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South Florida's Quality Schools Boosting Real Estate Market

Most families with children decide on where to buy a home by the quality of local education, and South Florida boasts some of the nation's top schools. The strength of our local schools (pre-k through university) is one factor in today's robust local real estate market.

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Top-Performing Public and Private Schools

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) is the largest and arguably most acclaimed urban school district in the United States. MDCPS is home to 392 schools and 334,000 students. District students speak 56 different languages and represent 160 countries. MCPS has been named an A-rated school district for two consecutive years, has a 93% graduation rate, and offers the most-choice programs (1,061) in Florida.

In April 2021, Miami-Dade County Public Schools led Florida again with 92 traditional and magnet schools on U.S. News & World Report 2021 Best High Schools in America, including four high schools among the top 100 in the nation and nine in the top 20 for the state. Miami-Dade County had schools ranked in six of 10 top spots, including No. 1 best school in the state (Miami's School for Advanced Studies).

A look at private school rankings in Florida shows South Florida comprising the top-5 spots in the state, according to Niche's 2021 school rankings: 1. Ransom Everglades School (Miami); 2. Pine Crest School (Fort Lauderdale); 3. American Heritage Schools (Broward); 4. American Heritage Schools (Palm Beach); 5. Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart (Miami).

Robust Colleges, Universities

Greater Miami ranks as the eighth largest "college town" in the nation because of its 438,000 full-time and part-time students. In 2019, Miami Dade Collage was awarded the Aspen Prize for College Excellence, which recognizes high achievement and performance among state colleges. University of Miami ranked No. 49 in the nation but is also ranked among 2021 Green Colleges, or environmentally responsible schools, according to The Princeton Review.

More local college students are choosing to stay and work in South Florida, which is home to a fast-growing tech and financial hub.

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