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Aventura City of Excellence School, ACES

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ACES ACHIEVES "A" FOR EXCELLENCE

AVENTURA, FLORIDA — Aventura City of Excellence School, (ACES) students achieved an A Grade, ranking among the top high performing combination schools in the State of Florida, for the 4th year in a row.

The school slogan states, *"At ACES, Excellence is the Expectation, not the Exception,"* so it's not surprising that ACES students, teachers and administrators have taken academics very seriously.

ACES Principal, Julie Alm said, "Academic rigor combined with our commitment to Character Education has helped ACES achieve excellence. Our "whole child" focus ensures that our students are safe, engaged, supported, and challenged so that they become productive, caring and engaged citizens of our community and our world. ACES has won a State School of Character Award, ranked as a National Finalist for the prestigious National Schools of Character Award and has won five National Character Education Promising Practices Awards.

Our progressive and rigorous program targets students' individual needs by tracking and promoting their progress toward both academic and personal goals. We focus on helping students to think critically, problem solve and to learn to make responsible choices. In addition, our staff receives extensive professional development that empowers our teachers with current best practices."

City of Aventura Manager, Eric Soroka said, "We are very proud of ACES accomplishments. Students receive a well balanced education that connects the school and families to our broader community and prepares them for a successful future in a rapidly changing global society."

Aventura City of Excellence School (ACES) is the first municipal-sponsored school in Miami-Dade County. ACES was established in 2003 and serves 900 students grades Kindergarten through Eighth grade. ACES' Middle School Wing opened in August 2005 and filled to capacity in August 2007. ACES is considered a Leader in "Educational Best Practices," teaching the "whole child" and is known for its innovative programming.

ACES maintains a low student-teacher ratio, state of the art facilities, advanced technology, a safe environment for students to learn, a values-based Education and a progressive curriculum; including programs for Gifted Students, Exceptional Student Education (ESE), English as a Second Language (ESOL), and Before and After School Care. In addition, ACES offers many unique programs for students and families including; "Special Interest Clubs," After School Sports, Art and Drama Programs, Parenting Workshops, an Authors Series and a Middle School Leadership Career and Entrepreneurship Speaker Series for students and families featuring leading entrepreneurs and authors. ACES won first place for the "Best Garden" in the Fairchild Botanical Garden Exchange for two years in a row and a State Innovation Award. For more information, visit ACES school Web Site at www.aventuracharter.org or call 305-466-1499.