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Aventura City of Excellence School

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ACES Special Events/Projects

ACES ACCOLADES

Aventura City of Excellence School, ACES

With nearly 100% re-enrollment and a waiting list of 1100, ACES demonstrates a stellar performance, accomplishing awards and accolades in all areas.

For the 3rd year in a row ACES achieved an A rating with the elite status of ranking among the highest top scoring combination schools in the county and state. The extraordinary ACES Middle School Garden project won first place in the annual Fairchild Botanical Garden Competition. The ACES Mind Lab Program, combining high interest games with unique educational learning strategies was selected as a top state performer to participate in the Innovation Fair. The impressive ACES Community Care Outreach Program has raised over \$42,000 for local, national and international charities, since its inception. ACES will receive its third National Promising Practices Character Education Award this fall for the "Community Care Outreach Program that Provides Students' with Opportunities for Moral Action."

Principal, Julie Alm states, "ACES success comes from focusing on meeting the needs of the "whole child." Our emphasis on child-centered learning encourages creativity, academic excellence and provides a strong, solid foundation for social responsibility and emotional growth. Our "whole child" approach of academic achievement and moral development has proven to yield maximum results while building our students confidence." Vice Principal, Daniel Sandberg said, "In addition to a rigorous curriculum, students learn to make choices that benefit themselves, the school and the community."

About ACES:

Aventura City of Excellence School (ACES), established in 2003, serves 900 students grades Kindergarten through Middle School as the first municipal-sponsored school in Miami-Dade County. ACES' brand new Middle School opened in August 2005 and filled to capacity in August 2007. ACES has achieved an A status for the past three years, 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; twenty-six "Special Interest Clubs", After School Sports, Art and Drama Programs, day and evening Parenting Workshops and a new Middle School Leadership Speaker Series designed for students and families to enhance the MS Career Curriculum provided by Entrepreneurs and authors. ACES has won three National Promising Practices Character Education Awards for the "Knock Your Socks Off" Parenting Workshops, Global Human Rights Curriculum and Community Care Outreach Program. ACES has been honored as one of the highest ranking combination schools (i.e. elementary and middle school) in the State of Florida, ranking near the top in both the state and the district. For more information, visit the school's Web site at www.aventuracharter.org or call 305-466-1499.