

MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

LTC # 236-2025

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Honorable Mayor Steven Meiner and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager



DATE: June 9, 2025

SUBJECT: **STEAM Plus Program 2024-2025 Update**

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to update the Mayor and City Commission on the status of our STEAM Plus Program in Miami Beach public schools for the 2024-25 school year. The STEAM Plus initiative aims to inspire and prepare students in the areas of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics by integrating cultural enrichment from our community's artistic pillars. Through collaboration with theatre, visual arts, dance, and music professionals, the program expands and enhances traditional curricula, providing students with a dynamic and immersive learning experience. By fostering a connection to the arts, learners are equipped to develop critical skills such as creative problem-solving, visual representation of complex concepts, motor coordination, language and social skills, decision-making, risk-taking, and innovation.

The program, now in its seventh year, continues to expand and positively impact our Miami Beach youth. By April 2025, the program had achieved several notable accomplishments during the 2024-25 school year, including:

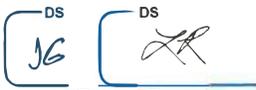
- 3,002 students participating
- 420 unique interactions through 116 classrooms
- 7 cultural partnerships and 7 Miami Beach public schools
- 31 partnerships between organizations and grade levels/subjects
- 46 teaching artists

Effective June 1, 2025, the STEAM Plus Program will be managed by the City's Education and Performance Initiatives Division. This transition aims to streamline operations, enhance program effectiveness and expand access across Miami Beach schools.

For the 2025-26 school year, we are excited to announce that access to the STEAM Plus Program will expand to include several Miami Beach private and charter schools. This initiative will significantly increase access for children across Miami Beach, providing more students with valuable STEAM Plus opportunities.

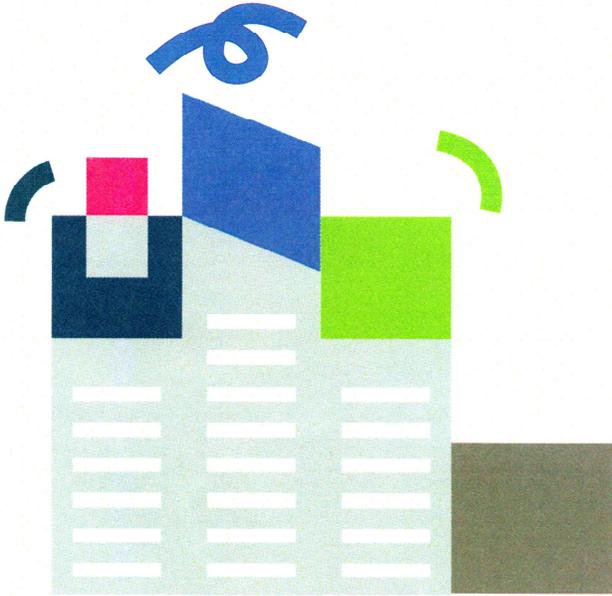
Please find attached the 2024-2025 STEAM Plus update for additional information. This initiative supports our strategic priority to be known for educational (PreK-12) excellence. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Leslie Rosenfeld, Chief Education and Performance Initiatives Officer.

Attachment: STEAM Plus 2024-2025 Update


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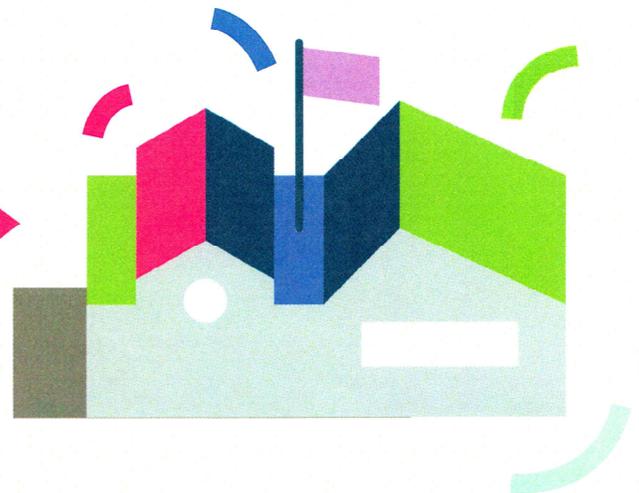


7 PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS :

- The Bass Museum of Art
- FIU Miami Beach Museums - Jewish Museum of Florida & Wolfsonian
- Miami City Ballet
- Miami New Drama
- Moonlighter FabLab
- We the Best Foundation
- Young Musicians Unite

7 MIAMI BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOLS :

- Biscayne Beach Elementary
- Miami Beach Fienberg Fisher K-8 Center
- Miami Beach Nautilus Middle
- Miami Beach Senior High
- Miami Beach South Pointe Elementary
- North Beach Elementary
- Treasure Island Elementary

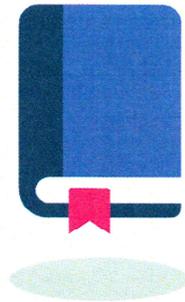


By engaging students around the subjects of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math, the STEAM Plus program aims to spark an interest and life-long appreciation of the arts and sciences in children from an early age.

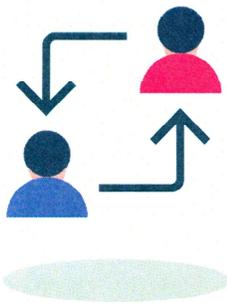


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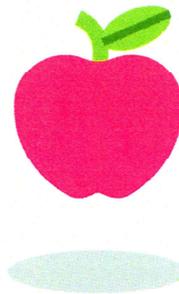
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