

Miami-Dade County Public Schools

# Pace Center For Girls



## 2020-21 Schoolwide Improvement Plan

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## Pace Center For Girls

1400 NW 36TH ST STE 200, Miami, FL 33142

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### Demographics

**Principal: Alberto Iber**

Start Date for this Principal: 8/24/2018

<b>2019-20 Status</b> (per MSID File)	Active
<b>School Type and Grades Served</b> (per MSID File)	High School 6-12
<b>Primary Service Type</b> (per MSID File)	Alternative Education
<b>2019-20 Title I School</b>	No
<b>2019-20 Economically Disadvantaged (FRL) Rate</b> (as reported on Survey 3)	71%
<b>2019-20 ESSA Subgroups Represented</b> (subgroups with 10 or more students) (subgroups below the federal threshold are identified with an asterisk)	
<b>School Grades History</b>	2018-19: No Grade 2017-18: No Grade 2016-17: No Grade 2015-16: No Grade
<b>2019-20 School Improvement (SI) Information*</b>	
<b>SI Region</b>	Southeast
<b>Regional Executive Director</b>	<a href="#">LaShawn Russ-Porterfield</a>
<b>Turnaround Option/Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Year</b>	
<b>Support Tier</b>	
<b>ESSA Status</b>	CS&I
* As defined under Rule 6A-1.099811, Florida Administrative Code. For more information, <a href="#">click here</a> .	

### School Board Approval

This plan is pending approval by the Dade County School Board.

## SIP Authority

Section 1001.42(18), Florida Statutes, requires district school boards to annually approve and require implementation of a Schoolwide Improvement Plan (SIP) for each school in the district that has a school grade of D or F. This plan is also a requirement for Targeted Support and Improvement (TS&I) and Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CS&I) schools pursuant to 1008.33 F.S. and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

To be designated as TS&I, a school must have one or more ESSA subgroup(s) with a Federal Index below 41%. This plan shall be approved by the district. There are three ways a school can be designated as CS&I:

1. have a school grade of D or F
2. have a graduation rate of 67% or lower
3. have an overall Federal Index below 41%.

For these schools, the SIP shall be approved by the district as well as the Bureau of School Improvement.

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) SIP template meets all statutory and rule requirements for traditional public schools and incorporates all components required for schools receiving Title I funds. This template is required by State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.099811, Florida Administrative Code, for all non-charter schools with a current grade of D or F, or a graduation rate 67% or less. Districts may opt to require a SIP using a template of its choosing for schools that do not fit the aforementioned conditions. This document was prepared by school and district leadership using the FDOE's school improvement planning web application located at [www.floridacims.org](http://www.floridacims.org).

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High School 6-12	No	%
Primary Service Type (per MSID File)	Charter School	2018-19 Minority Rate (Reported as Non-white on Survey 2)
Alternative Education	No	%

### School Grades History

Year  
Grade

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## Part I: School Information

### School Mission and Vision

#### Provide the school's mission statement.

Pace provides girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training and advocacy.

#### Provide the school's vision statement.

Pace values all girls and young women, believing each one deserves an opportunity to find her voice, achieve her potential and celebrate a life defined by responsibility, dignity, serenity and grace.

### School Leadership Team

#### Membership

Identify the name, email address, position title, and job duties/responsibilities for each member of the school leadership team.:

Name	Title	Job Duties and Responsibilities
McCann, Jamie	Assistant Principal	
Thompson-Giordano, Sherry		
Iber, Alberto	Principal	
Wynne, Dan	Administrative Support	
Antonini, Enrique	Instructional Coach	
Nortelus, Joella	Instructional Coach	
Lafaille, Eddy	Administrative Support	Support

### Demographic Information

#### Principal start date

Friday 8/24/2018, Alberto Iber

**Number of teachers with a 2019 3-year aggregate or a 1-year Algebra state VAM rating of Highly Effective.** *Note: For UniSIG Supplemental Teacher Allocation, teachers must have at least 10 student assessments.*

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**Number of teachers with a 2019 3-year aggregate or a 1-year Algebra state VAM rating of Effective.** *Note: For UniSIG Supplemental Teacher Allocation, teachers must have at least 10 student assessments.*

**Total number of teacher positions allocated to the school**

6

#### Demographic Data

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## Early Warning Systems

### Current Year

The number of students by grade level that exhibit each early warning indicator listed:

Indicator	Grade Level														Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Number of students enrolled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	14	7	5	5	6	40	
Attendance below 90 percent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10	6	4	3	3	28	
One or more suspensions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Course failure in ELA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	4	1	0	11	
Course failure in Math	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
Level 1 on 2019 statewide ELA assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Level 1 on 2019 statewide Math assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

**The number of students with two or more early warning indicators:**

Indicator	Grade Level														Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Students with two or more indicators	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	4	1	0	12	

**The number of students identified as retainees:**

Indicator	Grade Level														Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Retained Students: Current Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
Students retained two or more times	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

**Date this data was collected or last updated**

Monday 8/24/2020

**Prior Year - As Reported**
**The number of students by grade level that exhibit each early warning indicator:**

Indicator	Grade Level														Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Number of students enrolled	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	13	11	4	6	7	49	
Attendance below 90 percent	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	13	10	4	5	6	46	
One or more suspensions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Course failure in ELA or Math	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Level 1 on statewide assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

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Students with two or more indicators	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

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Indicator	Grade Level													Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Retained Students: Current Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Students retained two or more times	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

**Prior Year - Updated****The number of students by grade level that exhibit each early warning indicator:**

Indicator	Grade Level													Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Number of students enrolled	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	13	11	4	6	7	49
Attendance below 90 percent	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	13	10	4	5	6	46
One or more suspensions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Course failure in ELA or Math	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Level 1 on statewide assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

**The number of students with two or more early warning indicators:**

Indicator	Grade Level													Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Students with two or more indicators	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Retained Students: Current Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Students retained two or more times	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

**Part II: Needs Assessment/Analysis****School Data**

Please note that the district and state averages shown here represent the averages for similar school types (elementary, middle, high school, or combination schools).

School Grade Component	2019			2018		
	School	District	State	School	District	State
ELA Achievement	0%	59%	56%	0%	56%	53%
ELA Learning Gains	0%	54%	51%	0%	51%	49%
ELA Lowest 25th Percentile	0%	48%	42%	0%	45%	41%
Math Achievement	0%	54%	51%	0%	47%	49%
Math Learning Gains	0%	52%	48%	0%	47%	44%
Math Lowest 25th Percentile	0%	51%	45%	0%	45%	39%
Science Achievement	0%	68%	68%	0%	63%	65%
Social Studies Achievement	0%	76%	73%	0%	71%	70%

**EWS Indicators as Input Earlier in the Survey**

Indicator	Grade Level (prior year reported)							Total
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	0 (0)

**Grade Level Data**

**NOTE:** This data is raw data and includes ALL students who tested at the school. This is not school grade data.

ELA						
Grade	Year	School	District	School-District Comparison	State	School-State Comparison
06	2019					
	2018					
Cohort Comparison						
07	2019					
	2018					
Cohort Comparison		0%				
08	2019					
	2018					
Cohort Comparison		0%				
09	2019					
	2018					
Cohort Comparison		0%				
10	2019					
	2018					
Cohort Comparison		0%				

MATH						
Grade	Year	School	District	School-District Comparison	State	School-State Comparison
06	2019					
	2018					
Cohort Comparison						
07	2019					
	2018					
Cohort Comparison		0%				
08	2019					
	2018					
Cohort Comparison		0%				

SCIENCE						
Grade	Year	School	District	School-District Comparison	State	School-State Comparison
08	2019					

SCIENCE						
Grade	Year	School	District	School-District Comparison	State	School-State Comparison
	2018					
Cohort Comparison						

BIOLOGY EOC					
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2019					
2018					
CIVICS EOC					
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2019					
2018					
HISTORY EOC					
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2019					
2018					
ALGEBRA EOC					
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2019					
2018					
GEOMETRY EOC					
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2019					
2018					

### Subgroup Data

2019 SCHOOL GRADE COMPONENTS BY SUBGROUPS											
Subgroups	ELA Ach.	ELA LG	ELA LG L25%	Math Ach.	Math LG	Math LG L25%	Sci Ach.	SS Ach.	MS Accel.	Grad Rate 2017-18	C & C Accel 2017-18
BLK		27									
HSP											
2018 SCHOOL GRADE COMPONENTS BY SUBGROUPS											
Subgroups	ELA Ach.	ELA LG	ELA LG L25%	Math Ach.	Math LG	Math LG L25%	Sci Ach.	SS Ach.	MS Accel.	Grad Rate 2016-17	C & C Accel 2016-17

2017 SCHOOL GRADE COMPONENTS BY SUBGROUPS											
Subgroups	ELA Ach.	ELA LG	ELA LG L25%	Math Ach.	Math LG	Math LG L25%	Sci Ach.	SS Ach.	MS Accel.	Grad Rate 2015-16	C & C Accel 2015-16

### ESSA Data

This data has been updated for the 2018-19 school year as of 7/16/2019.

ESSA Federal Index	
ESSA Category (TS&I or CS&I)	CS&I
OVERALL Federal Index – All Students	7
OVERALL Federal Index Below 41% All Students	YES
Total Number of Subgroups Missing the Target	2
Progress of English Language Learners in Achieving English Language Proficiency	
Total Points Earned for the Federal Index	40
Total Components for the Federal Index	6
Percent Tested	87%

Subgroup Data	
Students With Disabilities	
Federal Index - Students With Disabilities	
Students With Disabilities Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Students With Disabilities Subgroup Below 32%	0

English Language Learners	
Federal Index - English Language Learners	
English Language Learners Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years English Language Learners Subgroup Below 32%	0

Native American Students	
Federal Index - Native American Students	
Native American Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Native American Students Subgroup Below 32%	0

Asian Students	
Federal Index - Asian Students	
Asian Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Asian Students Subgroup Below 32%	0

Black/African American Students	
Federal Index - Black/African American Students	9
Black/African American Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	YES
Number of Consecutive Years Black/African American Students Subgroup Below 32%	2
Hispanic Students	
Federal Index - Hispanic Students	0
Hispanic Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	YES
Number of Consecutive Years Hispanic Students Subgroup Below 32%	2
Multiracial Students	
Federal Index - Multiracial Students	
Multiracial Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Multiracial Students Subgroup Below 32%	0
Pacific Islander Students	
Federal Index - Pacific Islander Students	
Pacific Islander Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Pacific Islander Students Subgroup Below 32%	0
White Students	
Federal Index - White Students	
White Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years White Students Subgroup Below 32%	0
Economically Disadvantaged Students	
Federal Index - Economically Disadvantaged Students	
Economically Disadvantaged Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Economically Disadvantaged Students Subgroup Below 32%	0

## Analysis

### Data Reflection

Answer the following reflection prompts after examining any/all relevant school data sources (see guide for examples for relevant data sources).

**Which data component showed the lowest performance? Explain the contributing factor(s) to last year's low performance and discuss any trends.**

The area of Attendance was the lowest area with 28 students having attendance lower than 90%. We serve an at-risk population and our students arrive using public transportation. We also moved from

face-to-face to remote instruction due to Covid-19; this change and the pandemic may have been a factor.

**Which data component showed the greatest decline from the prior year? Explain the factor(s) that contributed to this decline.**

Last Year was our base line SIP; it didn't provide a measurable account compared to this year. Next year will be the first year we can identify the greatest decline

**Which data component had the greatest gap when compared to the state average? Explain the factor(s) that contributed to this gap and any trends.**

The state-wide goal of 90% attendance shows the greatest gap as 50% of our students measured within the early warning indicators fall outside of this target.

**Which data component showed the most improvement? What new actions did your school take in this area?**

Last year was our base-line SIP; it didn't provide a measurable account compared to this year. Next year will be the first year we can identify the greatest improvement

**Reflecting on the EWS data from Part I (D), identify one or two potential areas of concern?**

Attendance is an area of concern because if students are not attending daily and to all courses then they are unable to close knowledge gaps and build skills toward proficiency.

**Rank your highest priorities (maximum of 5) for schoolwide improvement in the upcoming school year.**

1. Attendance
2. Learning gains in English
3. Learning gains in Math
4. Passing FSA Assessments

## Part III: Planning for Improvement

**Areas of Focus:**

**#1. Culture & Environment specifically relating to Student Attendance**

**Area of Focus Description and Rationale:** Based on the fact that we still have 28 students or over half of the students within the early warning indicators attending less than 90% of time.

**Measurable Outcome:** 60% of students enrolled will maintain or increase their monthly attendance to 80%

**Person responsible for monitoring outcome:** Jamie McCann (jamie.paradise@pacecenter.org)

**Evidence-based Strategy:** Attendance reports in Impacts and Information from the M-DCPS attendance system.  
Review girls' attendance monthly during care review  
Build relationships with girls and families.  
Create and implement events and incentives that promote daily attendance.

**Rationale for Evidence-based Strategy:** We individualize plans for students and implement school-wide activities, individual contracts, student incentives. We utilize these interventions to value each girl as an individual trying to meet her where she is.

**Action Steps to Implement**

Monthly Parent Contact-Counselor  
Discuss her attendance on during Care review Monthly-Direct Care Staff  
Attendance Progress monitoring Academic Advisor  
Review Monthly Attendance-Leadership Team

**Person Responsible** Jamie McCann (jamie.paradise@pacecenter.org)

**Additional Schoolwide Improvement Priorities**

After choosing your Area(s) of Focus, explain how you will address the remaining schoolwide improvement priorities.

**The leadership team will address the area of focus by increasing parent involvement; implementing a weekly newsletter to parents, assisting with parent portal access so parents can monitor student grades.**

**Leadership overseeing weekly attendance attendance and ensuring social service team and academic team support and provide incentives to students who maintain daily attendance and as well as support pans for students working on this area as a growth point.**

**Leadership team will monitor Monthly parent contact and progress monitoring between student and advisor this will allow the student to understand their academic goals and the specific areas of focus in the area of math and reading to promote learning gains.**

**Leadership team will ensure that small group and targeted support is provided during the school day to students who are not proficient in learning targets.**

**Part IV: Positive Culture & Environment**

A positive school culture and environment reflects: a supportive and fulfilling environment, learning conditions that meet the needs of all students, people who are sure of their roles and relationships in student learning, and a culture that values trust, respect and high expectations. Consulting with various stakeholder groups to employ school improvement strategies that impact the positive school culture and environment are critical. Stakeholder groups more proximal to the school include teachers, students, and families of students, volunteers, and school board members. Broad stakeholder groups include early childhood providers, community colleges and universities, social services, and business partners.

Stakeholders play a key role in school performance and addressing equity. Consulting various stakeholder groups is critical in formulating a statement of vision, mission, values, goals, and employing school improvement strategies.

Describe how the school addresses building a positive school culture and environment ensuring all stakeholders are involved.

Pace Miami provides girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training and advocacy. Our philosophy is to value all girls and young women, believing each one deserves an opportunity to find her voice, achieve her potential and celebrate a life defined by responsibility, dignity, serenity and grace. Pace Center for Girls Miami's programming goals are focused on providing academic improvement and reducing criminal justice involvement among girls age 11-17 through community-based gender-specific prevention and early intervention services including academics, evidence-based Spirited Girls! (Life Management Curriculum), counseling, case management, and transition planning focusing on career planning and exploration. The academics and social services components of our program work holistically and synergistically to benefit the girls. Pace's program is unique as it integrates academics, social services and life skill management into a methodology that is delivered in a strength-based, trauma informed and gender responsive manner. Pace is recognized nationally as a model for improving school success and reducing recidivism, resulting with employment and self-sufficiency amongst girls by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Children's Defense Fund, National Mental Health Association, National Council on Crime and Delinquency, and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The Edna McConnell Clark Foundation and the Social Innovation Fund recognizes Pace's model as the only one like it in the country. We offer our girls a three year after program. An ongoing relationship with our Pace Girls is key – once a Pace Girl always a Pace girl! Creating a lasting pathway to success is the ultimate goal for our Pace Girls!

Pace serves Girls who are failing in school, not going to school or have been involved with the Department of Juvenile Justice. The community must not lose these girls to disruptive behavior, academic failure or incarceration. All Pace Girls suffer from trauma. Through counseling, Pace works with our Girls so they realize they have a voice, confidence and the ability for achievement. With a clearer mind they are able to concentrate and begin to enjoy learning in school and exploring new experiences. Pace Miami's classrooms are small, 1 teacher to 12-14 students. The teaching style is based on Pace's strength-based, gender responsive and trauma informed methodology. All of our services to our enrolled Pace Girls are complementary. Our Girls are enrolled at our academic/counseling Center for 12-24 months. Our overarching outcomes are for our Girls to return to their home school as better students, graduate with Pace Miami or obtain their GED. 78% of our Girls enrolled were failing one or more classes prior to attending Pace. 91% improve academically and 98% of our Girls were in school, higher education or employed after completing Pace Miami. After leaving Pace Miami, Pace serves those transitioned Girls for up to 3 years to ensure their continued progress and success. Pace's culture is based on the values of caring, learning, purpose and results and very much mirrors MDCPS' culture of trust, respect and high expectations

#### **Parent Family and Engagement Plan (PFEP) Link**

The school completes a Parental Involvement Plan (PFEP), which is available at the school site.