

*A tuition-free, nurturing K-8 school for all learners.*

## Miles Ahead Charter School Curriculum Atlas



# OUR MISSION & VISION

Miles Ahead Charter (MACS) is a tuition-free, K-8 school with a mission to grow whole, healthy, happy people for the 21st century. MACS is focused on student growth and academic achievement through a whole child approach to education.

Our vision is to provide all scholars with the social and academic successes necessary to help them realize their potential for local impact and global change.

## A COMMITTED CREW OF EDUCATORS.



"We, the Miles Ahead Charter Crew, are dedicated to providing an education that allows scholars to reach their full potential, apply their education to improving their local and global communities, and prepare them to be **miles ahead** of what they ever thought possible. Together, we are the crew to **#getschoolright!**"

– Kolt Bloxson Pitts  
Founder of Miles Ahead Charter School



## Elements of Student Success

When scholars have completed their academic career and entered adult life, they'll be judged not by performance on basic skills tests – but rather, by the quality of their work and quality of their character. This premise serves as the foundation for Miles Ahead Charter School's overarching vision of increasing student engagement and elevating student achievement.

To realize that vision, we focus on scholar excellence in three core areas:

**Character & Culture – High Quality Work – Mastery of Knowledge & Skills**

## The MACS Scholar Experience

MACS is dedicated to meeting the needs of our digital natives. This means rethinking the current practices in education and offering a curriculum that speaks to the world our scholars were born into.

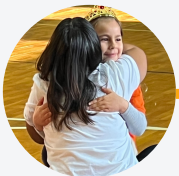
This includes offering coding as a language, social emotional, wellness and character education, real-world expeditions of learning, and other opportunities to synthesize and apply their learning.

## WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE:



← Expeditions

Field Experiences →



← CREW

Social Emotional  
& Wellness Education →



← Coding as a Language

Community Focused →



← Adaptive Learning

Innovation  
& Critical Thinking →



# The 4 Principles of Teaching & Learning at MACS

Miles Ahead is held up by four principles within it's instructional design.

## **Whole Child Approach:**

MACS believes that academic success is built on strong character qualities of respect, collaboration, perseverance, responsibility, and compassion. To lay the foundation for academic success, MACS will foster and celebrate scholars' character development by building a culture in which scholars and staff work together to become effective learners and ethical people who contribute to a better world.

## **Student Growth and Achievement:**

At MACS, we quantify mastery as both standards-based proficiency and individual growth across disciplines over time. No two scholars start the school year in the same place; thus, MACS prioritizes the need to ensure scholars are receiving academic content that is equitable for their individual pathway and prepares them for success at each level of their education. Supporting the balance of growth and achievement across disciplines are the scholar-engaged assessment practices that position scholars to be leaders of their own learning.

**A Purpose Driven Learning Environment:** A quality education can change the course of a young child's life. Knowing that, we take deliberate steps to ensure that the school, classroom and school climate promote both joy and rigor. The success of a school begins with the environment set within the walls of a classroom, hallways, common areas, and appearance of the entire facility and is manifested by the well-being of its community.

**Community:** Families and community members are key partners in the education of children. At MACS, staff members make families welcome, value their contributions and backgrounds, and engage them actively in the life of the school. Leaders and teachers explicitly recognize that families care about their children's education, bring strengths, and add value to the community.

## Our High 5 Habits



### **KINDNESS**

I can treat others how  
I want to be treated.



### **INTEGRITY**

I can honor myself and the  
wishes of others by being the  
best version of myself.



### **DETERMINATION**

I can persist in the face  
of obstacles and challenges.



### **COMPASSION**

I can demonstrate  
care for others.

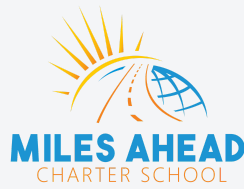


### **WONDER**

I can be curious while learning  
about the world around me.







# FAQS

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## **What grade levels will MACS offer for the 2024-2025 school year?**

- MACS will offer grades K-5 for the 2024-2025 school. We will grow an additional grade each year until we are a full capacity of K-8.

## **Even if I don't live in Cobb County, my child (ren) can still attend MACS?**

- Absolutely! We are a state-commission charter school (SCSC) this means that we have a statewide attendance zone.

## **Does MACS provide transportation?**

- MACS provides satellite bus transportation with limited seating. Please indicate on your application that you are interested in our Satellite bus transportation.

## **Does MACS provide meals?**

- Yes! MACS serves breakfast, lunch, and snacks at a cost. Scholars are also welcome to bring their own lunches as well as refillable water bottles – if they so choose.

## **Does my scholar have to wear uniforms?**

- Miles Ahead is a uniform school and observes uniform dress Mon-Thurs and spirit wear Fridays. Each scholar will receive a FREE polo and t-shirt from MACS in their "Welcome to the CREW" welcome package upon enrollment. Parents will be able to order additional uniform apparel directly from our vendor – Brand Evolution.

## **Does MACS offer before/after-care?**

- YES! MACS does offer before & after-care daily. Before care operates from 6:40am – 7:30am and aftercare operates from 3:15pm – 6:00pm. The weekly rate for before care is \$25/week and \$65/week for aftercare. We do observe a 10% sibling discount.





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## **What are some programs that MACS will offer my child (ren)?**

- MACS offers a curriculum focused on 21st century skills and digital citizenship to help our scholars be prepared for their futures. These programs include learning coding as a language, responsible social media usage curriculum, responsible internet usage, and integrated units on computer science. Our goal is to equip scholars with the skills they would need to be prepared for a digitally interconnected society

## **What is the “Whole Child Approach?”**

- Whole Child Approach is the belief that the needs of the scholar are at the center of all decisions driving MACS. The master schedule, routines, strategic goals, everything starts with the needs of our scholars, and then we build structures of support around those needs. For example, we start and end everyday with Crew time as a way for scholars to set goals, and reflect on how they day went. In other words, it is the belief that a school should give more than an academic foundation to kids, but that we should equip them to lead whole, healthy, happy lives.

## **How is “whole child approach” used at MACS?**

- Daily and through all decisions. While more than an hour per day is dedicated to focused social emotional learning through our morning and afternoon CREW meetings, a whole child perspective comes into focus as we consider all decisions ranging from academics to discipline to nutrition. We prioritize what is best for the growth of a scholar over a bottom line. At MACS, all faculty and staff are given more than 10 hours of annual training on whole child support, and leverage this training in their approach with students daily.

## **What is EL Education and how is it used at MACS?**

- EL Education has a specific school design model that has had success in diverse communities. EL Education was selected as the top curriculum model in 2018, has over 25 years of experience developing school design, and is currently in place at several successful metro Atlanta schools. Prior to the launching of MACS, founding team members shadowed and studied best practices at many local and nationally recognized EL schools to establish strong foundations of teaching and learning at MACS. MACS uses EL Education to support our Literacy instruction.

## **What other curriculum resources does MACS use to support instruction**

- HMH Math, StemScopes, Social Studies Weekly, & a number of digital platforms are used to support instruction at MACS.

## Enrollment Timeline

### Why choose Miles Ahead Charter School?

MACS is a charter school serving ALL scholars from kindergarten to 5th grade (2024-2025), with plans to expand to 8th grade.

We value exceptional and innovative academics that engage young minds in deeper learning, meet the unique needs of diverse learners, and ensure high grade-level achievement.

## >>>> Our Step-by-Step Process

### STEP 1



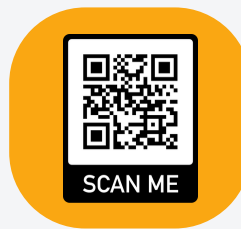
#### Complete an interest Form

Stay in the KNOW!

Complete an interest form to stay up to date on all things MACS. Access the QR code here to visit our admissions page to complete the interest form today!

*\*suggested but not required to apply*

### STEP 2



#### Book a Tour

Visit our campus by booking a school tour. Access the QR code below to visit our admissions page to schedule a school tour today.

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### STEP 3



#### Apply

Families must have the following documents ready to submit alongside their application; parent/guardian ID, birth certificate, social security card, and acceptable proof of residence

*\*window opens December 4, 2023*

### STEP 4



#### Accept Offer Within 3 Days

Seats are offered once documents are thoroughly reviewed. Applicants must accept offers within 3 days to avoid being waitlisted

### STEP 5



#### Register!

Complete your registration by June 30, 2024

- A completed registration includes the following:
  - Medical documents (Form 3300 & Form 3231)
  - Special Services Info (504, IEP's, etc.)
  - Student Health Form
- Technology Acceptable Use Form
- Media Release
- Home Language Survey
- Housing Questionnaire



#### MACS Enrollment Lottery!

Friday, January 26, 2024



## Stay Connected to the Crew!

Follow us on the following platforms to see just how we go the extra **miles ahead**.



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### Website



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