



# Somerset Gables Academy Executive Summary



*Mission:* Our mission is to provide a loving, caring, and supportive educational environment that furthers a philosophy of respect and high expectations for all students, parents, faculty, and staff.

*Purpose:* Empowering students to explore global learning opportunities to promote and enrich their communities we serve.

## **Description**

Somerset Gables Academy is a high-performing two-campus elementary-middle school in South Florida comprised of approximately 490 students. CJC and West Campus locations are within three mile of each other, in the cities Coral Gables and West Miami. Both campuses are located in communities comprised of varied socio-economic families. Our student make up is 84% Hispanic, 13% White, and approximately 1% Asian and African American.

## **Purpose**

Somerset Gables Academy provides a high quality education that empowers students to strive towards their maximum potential. By embedding STEM into our curriculum, students acquire necessary strategies and skills for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Through everyday rigorous activities that involve critical thinking, higher-order connections, and real-life applications our students continuously engage in lessons that will help produce life-long learners. In addition to high rigor, our school has also adopted the 7 Mindsets, based on the book written by Scott Shickler and Jeff Waller, to provide our students socio-emotional learning and continuous growth in emotional intelligence. By incorporating the 7 Mindsets and STEM into our school culture we are providing a high quality comprehensive program that is aimed at teaching the whole child.



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Students experience daily socio-emotional mindset lessons in their homerooms and in their social studies blocks that later become infused in our daily language and view. We start the school year with our first Mindset *Everything is Possible* and set the tone for the entire school reminding the entire school community that we are capable of anything we put our minds to. Grade levels and students are empowered and encouraged to complete philanthropic work by joining or establishing their own charities. STEM lessons are infused into all lessons in all content areas and electives. Opportunities to create, analyze, expand, build, redesign, and find solutions to everyday problems are given to all grade level students across multiple curriculum areas. Students frequently compete in events such as SECME, math bowls, battle of the books, spelling bees, Dream in Green and Fairchild Challenges.

Teachers provide differentiated instruction and collaborative work in all subject areas. Students are offered opportunities to complete activities that are self-driven and performance-based. Many activities are cross-curricular to develop critical thinking in all curriculum areas, including special areas and electives. Our school promotes the extension of our STEM learning beyond the classroom by incorporating field trips and family events, such as STEM family night and Expo.

Our partners are an essential of our school. Our school is fortunate to have the support of our community. The city of West Miami is one of greatest supporters for STEM. They continue to provide our students opportunities to bring those real-world connections to what the students are doing in their classrooms. Additionally, the city will also contribute experiences, time, and donations for our students at school. Another partner we have recently connected with is Deering Estates Park with the NESTT (Nurturing Environmental Stewards of Today and Tomorrow).



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This program will support of science and STEM program to bring hands-on experiences and science to life.

## Notable Achievements

Somerset Gables Academy is privileged to say that it has been an “A” school since its inception in 2010. Our hard working staff and students strive to achieve their fullest potential. On average, our students outperform Miami Dade County Public Schools in English language arts, math, and science and we are one of the top performing schools in the district. Our school initiated our STEM journey in /2015 through the STEM designation process in our local school district. We began as a Bronze designated school in 2015 and by 2018 we were awarded Gold designated.

Somerset Gables attends competitive events. We are proud of our many awards and accomplishments.

- Somerset Math Bowl 2015: 1<sup>st</sup> place
- Spelling Bee 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade: 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Dream In Green: completion
- SECME 2015 FPL Generator Challenge: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Somerset Math Challenge: Individual 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Battle of the Books 2018: Group 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

We take pride in our teachers, staff, and school’s continual growth towards programs and data to target individual and our school as a whole. Our goal will continue to be to put our students first and provide them with all necessary tools for their future success.



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