Jewish Education for a New Generation

SCHECK HILLEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

STRATEGIC PLAN
2020-2023
Ever-committed to our students’ academic success, social-emotional well-being and Jewish identity, we are pleased to present Scheck Hillel Community School’s 2020-2023 Strategic Plan. This set of priorities will determine how we deploy resources and focus effort to build upon our strong foundation of success, 50 years in the making.

This plan calls upon each and every one of us to participate constructively to elevate Scheck Hillel in thought and action, tradition and innovation. We are ready, we are energized and we thank you for your partnership.

Thanks to our students, our faculty and our generations of family and alumni, we are poised for an exciting new era built upon meaningful history, a vibrant present and a strategic focus on the future.

VANESSA DONAHER
HEAD OF SCHOOL
OUR MISSION AND VALUES

From early childhood through Grade 12, Scheck Hillel educates and inspires students to become exemplary global citizens with enduring Jewish identity, values and a commitment to the State of Israel, through a college preparatory curriculum and meaningful co-curricular experiences guided by Orthodox teachings and set within a nurturing, diverse community.

“One thing that I think is unique to Scheck Hillel Community School is the focus placed on teaching us to be good people. Our teachers try to focus on how we can be moral, kind and giving people. Therefore, I acquired the skill of self-reflection, as there is always room to grow.”

-Nathalie Fuhrman, ’18
Valedictorian
Now attending Northwestern University
EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

Scheck Hillel builds our Jewish future through your child’s success by tailoring education to the individual child for a personalized, rigorous college preparatory experience. Students develop identity, nurture talent, discover passion and find purpose as our rising generation of creators, innovators and leaders. Scheck Hillel sets the standard for educational excellence by inspiring students to ask, “Who do I want to be?” rather than, “What do I want to do?” This shift empowers students to become reflective global citizens with enduring Jewish identity and values, ready and eager to write the next chapter through their own definitions of success, happiness and fulfillment.
"My family has nothing but trust and appreciation for all at Hillel. Thank you so much for caring for our children with such devotion."

-Scheck Hillel Parent
COLLEGE PLACEMENT
Scheck Hillel provides comprehensive, individualized college counseling for students and families, beginning in Grade 8 and progressing through Grade 12. Our students graduate to the finest universities, colleges and Israel programs, as shown in this sample of recent acceptances.

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HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

- College Board Advanced Placement® (AP) Scholar Awards
- National Merit® Scholarship Program
- National Hispanic Recognition Program
- Jaime and Raquel Gilinski Hillel Ambassador Program
- College Book Awards
- Miami Herald Silver Knight Awards
- Independent Schools of South Florida (ISSF) Star Awards
- CADENA Foundation - Innovation for Disaster Aid Award
- CIJE (Center for Initiatives in Jewish Education) Young Engineers Conference, First Place
- Zionist Organization of America Fellowship and Diller Teen Fellows Program
- State Soccer Champions
- State-Recognized Performing Arts Students
- Miami Herald All-Dade Athletic Awards
- District-Recognized Student Athletes
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

HIP/PTA
HIP/PTA is our parent-teacher volunteer body, whose members come together to enhance the overall student experience at Scheck Hillel. HIP/PTA opens the door to all families through special events and programs, infusing the educational journey with warmth and meaning.

Advisory Committee
The Advisory Committee is dedicated to advancing and enhancing the quality of students' educational experience. The committee is a vital link between school leadership and the larger school community, including parents, students, alumni families, grandparents, faculty, staff and administrators.

Family Education Programs
A robust calendar of classes and celebrations brings families to campus for vibrant multigenerational learning throughout the year.

“Thank you, Scheck Hillel, for the values that helped us educate our son and our family.”
-Scheck Hillel Parent
Strategic Priorities

• EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE
• RECRUITMENT & RETENTION OF FACULTY & STAFF
• OPERATIONAL VITALITY
• FACILITIES
• CULTURE
Deliver rigorous, diverse, cutting-edge and personalized learning experiences to prepare and empower Jewish students to innovate, contribute to, lead and change the world.

OBJECTIVES

Strengthen academic excellence throughout all divisions.

Nurture students’ future-ready and entrepreneurial thinking through a comprehensive, integrated curriculum, including rich co-curricular offerings.

Intentionally balance academic, character and social-emotional education while partnering with families to maximize students’ academic and personal growth.

Reinforce Jewish lessons from the past by engaging with the present through creative experiential learning and vibrant sensory education beyond the traditional classroom.

Expand accelerated learning opportunities and course offerings schoolwide.
Attract, develop and retain exceptional professionals who deliver excellence in education and embody Scheck Hillel’s core values.

OBJECTIVES

Identify the standards of excellence that guide compensation structure and evaluation process.

Communicate the value of the Scheck Hillel experience to a broader base of prospective employees.

Create a competitive benefit structure that provides equal opportunities for all employees.

Build upon rich professional development opportunities to increase faculty leadership, mentorship and growth.
OPERATIONAL VITALITY

Sustain Scheck Hillel through fiscal responsibility, efficient operations, accessibility and a culture of philanthropy.

OBJECTIVES

Develop a multi-year financial plan that ensures long-term sustainability, while allowing for investment and flexibility.

Create new sources of income through programming and strategic partnerships.

Diversify opportunities for philanthropic giving.

Establish enrollment management strategy that focuses on reputation management and communicates the value of the Scheck Hillel experience to a broader base of prospective families to diversify student body.
FACILITIES

Elevate the student experience through environments intentionally designed to enhance learning, foster collaboration, spark creativity and nurture community.

OBJECTIVES

Optimize campus master plan and construct new facilities to maximize excellent programming and open new doors and opportunities.

Renovate existing buildings, grounds and technological infrastructure.

Invest in campus as a commitment to sustainability and legacy.
CULTURE

Build a community that lives by core values where pride, support, respect, authenticity and kindness unite the school.

OBJECTIVES

Cultivate a caring, diverse community where everyone feels included.

Build trusting school-family partnerships through communication and action.

Instill in our community the value of a Scheck Hillel education.

Enrich school pride through family engagement.
Planning for the future enriches the student experience so that our children become mensches and faithful, proud, globally minded, compassionate Jews.
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Accreditation: Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/AdvanceEd, Association of Independent Schools of Florida (AISF), National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPSA).

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