

## **Requirements for an I-20 Student Visa M-1 Vocational**

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) guidelines require Miami-Dade County Public Schools to monitor and report students on I-20 Student Visa (M-1). Therefore, potential students requesting an I-20 to secure an (M-1) Student Visa or change of status should contact:

Ms. Margarita Casero (PDSO) Vocational Programs  
Attendance Services  
Foreign Records/Student Visa Department  
489 East Drive  
Miami Springs, Florida 33166  
305-883-1445

Requirements for processing an I-20 Student Visa M-1 to attend Miami-Dade County Public Schools vocational programs are as follows:

### **Step 1**

In order to become eligible for an I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility) for a Student Visa (M-1), the following documentation must be sent to the Student Visa Department:

- Formal application for admission obtained from and submitted to Attendance Services
- Evidence of prior education including diplomas
- Evidence of ability to financially maintain oneself in the United States for a period of one year
- Passport size photo

If the student meets requirements for admission then:

### **Step 2**

- Student will receive the form I-20 M-1 and supporting documents required to obtain the M-1 in student's home country  
or
- Apply for a change of status through the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Citizenship and register upon receiving approval from that department.

### **Step 3**

- Upon arrival in the United States or upon receiving approval from the Department of Homeland Security, student must report to the Student Visa Department with passport and other approved documents to begin the formal process of registration in the chosen vocational program.