



Brito Miami Private School Curriculum Overview - Elementary

Elementary Curriculum

Our elementary level is structured to challenge and stimulate students while meeting the state standards. We offer a creative learning environment taught by enthusiastic and qualified teachers who bring their classroom to life. Our elementary students benefit from small classroom sizes that engage the students with the most up-to-date curriculums and programs. Instruction for this level is geared towards preparing the students for the middle school level. Academically, students follow a weekly schedule, which ensures that they are exposed to all grade level subjects.

Topics include Language Arts, Mathematics, Sciences with STEAM components, Social Studies, World Languages (Spanish), Physical Education, Health, Fine Arts, Reading enrichment, and access to a variety of digital resources. This program follows the standards set by the Florida Department of Education which ensures that all benchmarks are met. The use of computers and technology is highly encouraged through electronic/digital curriculums, online reading, interactive programs and writing labs that are accessed from a school-issued electronic device which serves as an informative tool that promotes academic growth and enables students to work on homework as well. Topics such as those introduced in our Character Education classes also grant students the morals and values which are the cornerstone of our school's motto and philosophy. Learning is complemented by the various school activities through which students grow intellectually and physically. Performances and seasonal activities are integrated with purpose of enhancing school spirit thus increasing student motivation. For more information on course description and standards you may visit:

[Search Course | CPALMS.org](#).

CURRICULUM PROGRAM INFORMATION

- **Language Arts (2nd – 5th)**
[myView Literacy](#) (Savvas Realize) was built to help you reach those light bulb moments. It allows you to teach integrated literacy grounded in the science of learning and inspires creativity to teach from your heart and be yourself. A wealth of research-based print and digital resources provide unmatched support for building strong literacy foundations, accessing complex fiction and nonfiction texts, writing to sources, and building social emotional learning skills. At the same time, it empowers your students to learn from the world around them as their stories begin to unfold.
[McGraw Hill Reading Wonders](#) *Wonders*, a comprehensive PreK–6 literacy solution, used as our literacy library, it is designed to meet the challenges of today's classroom and reach all learners. Whether in the core classroom, an English language learner, or benefiting from intervention support, *Wonders* provides students equity of access to rich texts and rigorous instruction.

- **Math (2nd – 5th)**
[enVisionmath](#) (Savvas Realize) is a comprehensive mathematics curriculum. It offers our teachers the flexibility of print, digital, or blended instruction (hybrid) resources and tools and provides content that is standards-focused, coherent, and includes the rigor needed to meet grade level standards. Using this curriculum, our teachers can plan a variety of different lessons and employ a multitude of learning strategies and interventions to empower students and measure academic growth. Some strategies include planning for project-based learning, using visual learning tools, as well as customizing instructional and assessment options.
- **Science (2nd – 5th)**
[elevate Science](#) (Savvas Realize) is a phenomena-based science curriculum immersing students in the inquiry process. This is science elevated for problem solving, critical thinking, and the NGSS performance expectations. Teachers are provided with lessons, science experiment ideas and activities to engage students in science inquiry; STEM activities; and problem-based, hands-on learning. It provides teachers with all the necessary support and resources to produce high quality science experiences with suggested strategies and guidance. Students are exposed to numerous opportunities to explore real-life STEM issues through hands-on, investigative, and collaborative activities which promote higher-order critical-thinking skills.
- **Social Studies (2nd – 5th)**
[myWorld Social Studies™](#) (Savvas Realize) is a social studies curriculum that encourages active inquiry while introducing civics, economics, geography, and history concepts. Students develop critical thinking, problem solving, and communicating skills for engaged civic life. The program includes strong ELA instruction to support social studies inquiry and new literacy standards. Learning comes alive through storytelling, literacy instruction, and flexible resources. Stories from our world engage students and help develop thoughtful, literate citizens. Lessons apply inquiry processes, practice reading and writing, and involve collaboration and communication skills. Blended learning experiences include an interactive Student Worktext and digital courseware. Share the story of our democratic ideals, communities, and people.
- **Physical Education / Health (2nd – 5th)**
 Elementary students are provided with scheduled Physical Education classes a week and outdoor play to meet and or surpass the minimum of time set by the Florida requirements for physical education. Each grade's standards and benchmarks are available on the [CPALMS](#) website. The Health curriculum for K-5th Grade is integrated within Savvas Realize's Science program and reinforced throughout the Physical Education curriculum. The physical education teacher plans age-appropriate lessons on the four core "Strands" for Physical Education which are:

 - Movement Competency (i.e., rhythm and dance; striking an object with upper/lower body, etc.)
 - Cognitive Abilities (i.e., Identify safety rules and procedures for selected physical activities.)
 - Lifetime Fitness (i.e., recognize moderate/rigorous fitness activities; recognize healthful benefits that result from regular participation in physical activities.)
 - Responsible Behaviors and Values (i.e., Identify ways to cooperate with others regardless of personal differences during physical activity.)

- **World Language (Spanish 2nd – 5th)**

[Santillana USA](#) is the largest educational publisher in the Spanish-speaking world, and their mission is to make learning and teaching English and Spanish an experience that is motivating, enriching, and effective for both teachers and students. In a collaborative effort with authors, editors, teachers, and students, Santillana creates instructional materials that meet needs of modern-day students throughout the United States and strives to bring the best education to students in both languages.

- **Art (2nd – 5th)**

Elementary Art includes experimenting with a variety of concepts and ideas in art and digital media and processes while using materials correctly and safely to convey personal interests. Students use accurate art vocabulary, terms, and procedures during the creative process to describe and talk about their work. Brito Miami Private's [STEAM program](#) takes the benefit of STEM and integrates those principles through Art. STEAM takes STEM to the next level: it allows students to connect their learning in these critical areas together with arts practices, elements, design principles, and standards to provide the whole pallet of learning at their disposal. STEAM removes limitations and replaces them with wonder, critique, inquiry, and innovation.

- **Character Education (2nd – 5th)**

Brito Miami Private's Character Education follows the [CHARACTER COUNTS!](#) Curriculum which uses its Six Pillars of Character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship as a foundational strategy while using the TEAM approach and incorporating other character education best-practices. Besides promoting a focus on positive school climate, other defining elements of CHARACTER COUNTS is our intensive decision-making strategies, mindfulness, growth mindset and behavioral change theories. CHARACTER COUNTS! practical strategies produce positive results in the academic, social, emotional, and character development domains.

- **Supplemental Material**

[IXL](#): IXL's comprehensive curriculum is the foundation for the IXL Real-Time Diagnostic, a new kind of assessment. The Real-Time Diagnostic evaluates students' grade level proficiency in math and language arts at a deep level. With an understanding of students' knowledge, you can make informed decisions about how to meet each student's educational needs.

[Starfall](#): Starfall's emphasis on phonemic awareness, systematic sequential phonics, and common sight words in conjunction with audiovisual interactivity has proven effective in teaching emergent readers. Starfall activities are research-based and align with Individual and Common Core State Standards in English language arts and mathematics. The program emphasizes exploration, play, and positive reinforcement—encouraging children to become confident and intrinsically motivated. Starfall is an educational alternative to other entertainment choices for children and is especially effective for special education, homeschooling, and English language development (ELD, ELL, ESL). It is widely used in schools that serve children with special needs and learning difficulties.

[Story Place](#): StoryPlace provides children with the virtual experience of going to the Library and participating in the same types of activities the Library offers at its physical locations. First launched in 2000, StoryPlace has been newly redesigned to present favorite stories and activities in a format compatible with desktop and mobile devices. The site also now includes early literacy information for parents and caregivers.

[NASA Kids](#) is a website that stimulates children's interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics by incorporating five skill levels, national education standards and NASA content. Student games on NASA websites entertain as well as educate. They support national education standards in STEM for students in kindergarten through fifth grade.