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ABOUT TEKESTA STUDY CENTER

Tekesta Study Center is dedicated to the academic and character development of young men. It is owned and operated by the Kingsland Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The Christian orientation of its activities is the responsibility of Opus Dei, a personal prelature of the Catholic Church (www.opusdei.org).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, visit us at www.tekesta.org, write to tekesta@earthlink.net or contact Carlos Alejano at (305) 710-2167.

"...it is a great way to learn about what the real business world is about. Amazing experience for high school students to learn about professionalism. Gives us the edge over others. Very good program"

LOCATION

Tekesta Study Center
4415 SW 88th Avenue, Miami, FL 33165

DATES (2025-2026)

All sessions will be held on the third Saturday of the month (see dates inside). No session will be held in December.

TIME

3:00 pm – 5:30 pm

REGISTRATION

Apply online at www.tekesta.org
Application deadline: September 10

PAYMENT

The cost of the Seminar is \$300 (for applications received after September 1st) or \$225 (for applications received before September 1st).

Checks payable to Kingsland Foundation, Inc.
ZELLE payments also accepted to
305-710-2167 / tekesta@earthlink.net

(Financial considerations should not prevent anyone from attending. A scholarship may be requested)



THE PROGRAM

High school matters. Your decisions and achievements in these years determine your college choices. More importantly, they determine the type of person you will be.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Edge is a four-year program that gives you the practical, intellectual, and moral foundation to be a man of character. Through a combination of seminars, one-on-one mentoring, interactive sessions, and career presentations by successful professionals, it helps you develop the skills and attitudes necessary to be effective in college and later on as a father, a professional, and a citizen.

The Edge is also an opportunity for personal development through the interaction with teachers, staff, and other motivated students who seek to make the most of their lives. From these dealings will come quality friendships that many times extend well beyond the high school years.

MENTORING

Each student is assigned a mentor who will meet individually with him each month. The mentor will help a student find practical and useful applications of the material presented at the seminars.

BIG DECISIONS

(Freshmen and Sophomores)

The Edge will challenge you to take responsibility for shaping your own life. Facing this responsibility in high school is the key for success both in college and in the larger commitments that come afterwards.

The sessions will consist of:

- A presentation (see topics below)
- An interactive activity aimed at building critical thinking, communication skills and teamwork.
- Monthly one-on-one mentoring that focuses on setting goals and tracking progress will take place in between sessions, by appointment. Mentoring will take place at Tekesta or other convenient locations.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAM

The curriculum is organized in a two-year cycle that alternates from year to year between Big Decisions (2024-2025) and Making the Most of High School (2025-2026)

DATE	TOPIC COVERED
Sept 20	Aiming high for college
Oct 18	Academic Achievement
Nov 15	Extracurricular Activities
DECEMBER	NO EDGE
Jan 17	Reading and Intellectual Life
Feb 21	Productive Use of Summer
Mar 21	Life of Service
Apr 18	Character and Maturity
May 16	Leadership

"The program was very good. The mentoring helped a lot. It helped me organize myself better"

THE EDGE PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR

(Juniors and Seniors)

The Edge Professional Seminar prepares Juniors and Seniors for the practical choices they will need to make in college and in professional life. It also helps students develop the character traits needed to make wise choices and carry them out effectively. The Seminar is also an opportunity to develop the habits of effective speaking and critical thinking essential for success in college and the workplace.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAM

- Big Ideas Seminar
- Professional Career Presentation
- Mentoring

DATE	TOPIC COVERED
Sept 20	Humility
Oct 18	Prudence
Nov 15	Magnanimity
DECEMBER	NO EDGE
Jan 17	Sincerity
Feb 21	Loyalty
Mar 21	Justice
Apr 18	Fortitude
May 16	Friendship

