



Executive Summary for School Name

The Executive Summary (ES) provides the school an opportunity to describe in narrative form its vision as well as strengths and challenges within the context of continuous improvement. Use this template to complete the responses to the various questions below. The responses should be brief, descriptive, and appropriate for the specific section.

Description

Describe the school's size, community/communities, location, and changes it has experienced in the last three years. Include demographic information about the students, staff, and community at large. What unique features and challenges are associated with the community/communities the school serves?

Deerfield Beach Elementary serves students in grades Pre-K through 5 with a total enrollment of just over 500 students. The school is located in a historic building established in 1927 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and it continues to serve as a central hub for the surrounding community. This year marks a period of transition and renewal as the school welcomes a new administrative team and a new literacy coach. Guided by the schoolwide theme "Here We Grow," Deerfield Beach Elementary is focused on cultivating academic growth, strengthening instructional practices, and building a collaborative culture among students, staff, and families.

The student body reflects the rich diversity of the community. Approximately 89% of students qualify for free or reduced lunch, and the population includes a large number of English Language Learners (ELLs), with Portuguese, Haitian Creole, and Spanish as the primary languages spoken. In addition to general education, the school offers a Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) program and five Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) cluster classes, ensuring that early learners and exceptional students receive specialized support. Instructional staff bring a wide range of experience, with more than one-third having over 20 years in education and over one-quarter in their first five years, creating both a strong foundation of expertise and a need for intentional professional learning and coaching.

Purpose

Provide the school's purpose statement and ancillary content such as mission, vision, values, and/or beliefs. Describe how the school embodies its purpose through its program offerings and expectations for students.

The purpose of Deerfield Beach Elementary is to provide all students with a safe, inclusive, and academically rigorous learning environment where growth is celebrated, and every child is encouraged to reach their fullest potential. The school's mission and vision emphasize high expectations, equitable opportunities, and the development of both academic and social-emotional skills. With the "Here We Grow" theme as its foundation, Deerfield Beach Elementary is committed to continuous improvement, resilience, and collective responsibility for student achievement.

Notable Achievements and Areas of Improvement

Describe the school's notable achievements and areas of improvement in the last three years. Additionally, describe areas for improvement that the school is striving to achieve in the next three years.

Deerfield Beach Elementary has strengthened community engagement through monthly family events, which combine academic and recreational activities designed to support student learning while fostering connections between families and the school. These events have become a hallmark of the school and highlight its commitment to building meaningful partnerships with parents and the broader community.

Academic data shows notable growth in mathematics, with a 15-point increase in math learning gains and an 11-point increase for the lowest 25% of students from 2023 to 2025. These gains reflect the school's commitment to small group instruction, intervention support, and effective use of progress monitoring. At the same time, challenges remain in ELA proficiency, particularly in grade 3, and in science proficiency, which has remained flat at 36%. Addressing these areas is a central focus for the coming years.

Additional Information

Provide any additional information you would like to share with the public and community that were not prompted in the previous sections.

Deerfield Beach Elementary is committed to the success of every child and values strong partnerships with parents, staff, and community stakeholders. The school's vision of high-quality instruction emphasizes high expectations for all, engaging Tier 1 instruction, small group learning, authentic student discourse, and clarity of learning targets.

These practices are reinforced through coaching, modeling, and collaboration.

The new leadership team is dedicated to transparency, teamwork, and academic excellence. With the “Here We Grow” theme as a unifying vision, Deerfield Beach Elementary will continue to nurture academic, social, and emotional growth while working collectively toward the shared goal of moving from a C school to an A school.