



## Executive Summary for North Side Elementary

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?

North Side Elementary is a historical site that was built in 1927 and is located in an urban lower-working class community in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The Principal of North Side Elementary School is Marilyn Guirand, and the Assistant Principal is Ava Smith. North Side strives to make a positive difference and has a strong commitment to students and their excellence academically, as well as socially to improve their quality of life. North Side's school-wide theme, "From A to Z, We Shine Consistently", provides an opportunity to launch ideas and activities to improve all subject areas in our diverse and global society. North Side Elementary is a Title 1 school with grades beginning at Pre-Kindergarten 3 to Grade 5. North Side Elementary provides education to a total of 293 students (154 boys and 139 girls) in grades pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. There are 7 White students, 238 African American students, 43 Hispanic students, 3 Multi-Racial student and 2 Asians student. 100% of the 300 students receive subsidized lunches. North Side has a total of 40 staff members (2 Administration, 13 Certified Teachers, 8 Educational Support Personnel (ESP), 3 Coaches, 1 Interventionist, 1 School Counselor, 1 Social Worker, 1 ESE Specialist, 1 Speech Language Pathologist, 4 Custodial Staff, 4 Clerical staff, and 1 Community Liaison). There are 4 teachers that have been teaching for 10 or more years at North Side Elementary. North Side is a relatively small public school, which allows low student-teacher ratio, as well as more student lead and hands on instruction. The focus on academic excellence never stops at North Side. North Side Elementary ensures that our students are Reaching for the Stars: "We Shine Brighter Together, as part of the school's theme for the 2024-2025 school year. North Side Elementary School's PTA is dedicated to making every child's potential a reality. They work closely with the community to provide resources for the entire family. At North Side, students are encouraged to express their creativity and explore leadership opportunities through after school clubs which include STEM Club, Debate Club, Literacy Leaders Club, Safety Patrols, Student Council, Percussion, and Chess Club. North Side has integrated technology into daily instruction with Distance Learning, a Recordex in every classroom, and 1:1

computers for Grades 1-5. North Side Elementary School has the support and participation from wonderful businesses and community partners. These businesses include United Way, Make A Miracle Foundation, City Church, YMCA, Nova Southeastern University, Home Depot, Fort Lauderdale Police Department, Kiwanis Club, Fraternal Order of Police, Moss Construction, Children's Aid Club, CMET, Office Depot, Reach Dem, Allen Dental, 5000 Role Model, and the City of Fort Lauderdale. At North Side, students are recognized for their hard work through quarterly award ceremonies, Character Education, and the Terrific Kids Program. North Side has established high standards and performance for academic rigor in the classroom, strong home-school relationships, and quality of instruction. The emphasis at North Side continues to be to develop the whole person through collaboration and teamwork for the utmost success.

## **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.

Our vision at North Side is, "Educating all Learners to Succeed in Tomorrow's World". North Side strives to make a positive difference and has a strong commitment to students and their excellence academically, as well as, socially to improve their quality of life. North Side's school-wide theme, "Reach for the Stars", provides opportunity to launch ideas and activities to improve literacy in our diverse and global society. At North Side Elementary our mission is, "NSE is committed to delivering a high-quality learning experience in a safe, equitable environment." Our priority is to ensure all students are learning to their maximum potential in a safe and secure learning environment, and continue to grow to be successful during their elementary years and beyond. At North Side, the focus on academic excellence never stops. We will ensure that our students are college and career bound. We encourage our students to become both critical and creative thinkers through the usages of iREADY, Thinking Maps, small group instruction, hands-on instruction and student-centered learning. Our staff receives PLC through the CARE cycle to ensure our students receive the best education. To help close the achievement gaps at North Side, we provide high-quality instruction, continuous improvement, and effective communication. At North Side, all our students are unique individuals, with equal potential to make a positive contribution to the school and society. While we have established high standards and performance for academic rigor in the classroom, strong home-school relationships, and quality of instruction, our emphasis continues to be to develop the whole person through collaboration and teamwork for the utmost success.

## **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.

North side is an "A" rated school based on the FAST PM3 2025 data. This is due to our dedicated teachers and staff. Additionally, we received the Florida Power Library Award and the Golden Library Award in the past year. North Side is a bronze level Everglades Champion school. Our RTI process has become more consistent through weekly RTI meetings in which students' weaknesses are identified, and a plan of action is put in place. Our teachers are better equipped to identify students that are not making adequate progress and need extra support beyond the regular classroom instruction. As a school, we have improved proficiency levels in all academic areas. We are striving to improve foundational skills in primary grades. We are also implementing specific comprehension strategies in differentiated learning groups and incorporating more informational texts and non-fiction reading. In math, computation fluency and problem solving will be improved through analysis of formative assessments and benchmarks. Our teachers meet weekly to analyze data, share best practices, and complete lesson plans. Whole day planning sessions are scheduled quarterly for teachers to have an extended amount of time to plan collaboratively. All teachers are able to monitor student progress through small group instruction in math and reading on a regular basis using UFLI, SIPPS, iREADY, TLAC Strategies, summative and formative assessments.

## **Additional Information**

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

Schools and families have essential roles to play in promoting children's positive development and academic performance. At North Side, we continue to work and build relationships with our parents as partners so we can better create opportunities for children to develop social, emotional, and academic competencies. There are a variety of partnerships that assist our students with academics and social emotional learning such as Reading Pals, Counseling Mediation Education Treatment (CMET), Nova Southeastern University (NSU), and Guidance Groups. We will continue to implement the current core curriculum through the use of professional development to improve the use of differentiation practices, assessments, comprehension strategies, writing, and problem solving. North Side Elementary will continue to be consistent in using Life Skills and wellness groups, Cool Down corners and evidence-based strategies to address identified student learning needs and content.