



Executive Summary for Riverland Elementary 0151

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?

Riverland Elementary School is located at 2600 SW 11th Ct. in the southwestern section of Fort Lauderdale, Eastern Broward County. It is a World Languages Magnet School that serves 465 students from Early Head Start through fifth grade, employing around 28 full-time teachers and eight support staff. The school's magnet program, which offers Spanish and French instruction, sets it apart from other schools in the district.

The student population reflects the diversity of the surrounding community. For the 2025–2026 school year, the demographic profile is as follows: 51% female, 49% male; less than 1% Asian, 5% White, 46% Black, 2% Multi-Racial, and 49% Hispanic. Riverland has a 95% minority enrollment, and 86% of students are economically disadvantaged, qualifying for free or reduced-price meals. Additionally, 38% of students are English Language Learners, with Spanish and Haitian-Creole as the primary languages spoken at home. About 10% of students are identified as having a disability and are supported through both inclusive classroom instruction and targeted services. These demographics highlight the school's cultural and linguistic variety, as well as the economic challenges faced by many families. Riverland is designated as a Title I school, which allows it to offer additional academic and support services. The diversity of the faculty and staff closely matches that of the student body.

A distinguishing feature of Riverland Elementary is its World Languages Magnet Program, which emphasizes Spanish and French and supports a global communications focus. This draws students from a broad area and gives the school a unique identity.

Despite these strengths, Riverland faces persistent challenges. State assessment results in reading and math typically fall below district and state averages, with proficiency rates generally in the mid-30% range. The high prevalence of economic disadvantages and linguistic diversity among the students necessitates continued intervention, attendance support, and family engagement initiatives.

In summary, Riverland Elementary is a culturally diverse and community-oriented school with a strong language magnet program. While it faces ongoing academic and socioeconomic challenges, its commitment to diversity, language instruction, and inclusive practices remains a significant asset for its students and families.

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.

Riverland Elementary School is committed to ensuring that every student receives high-quality, individualized instruction that promotes academic growth and prepares them for future college and career success. The school's mission is to provide all students with instruction from highly qualified teachers who meet their current academic needs and collaborate with parents and guardians to support learning. The goal is for every student to demonstrate at least one year's worth of academic growth annually.

The vision of Riverland Elementary is to cultivate a student-centered learning environment where all learners are equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to thrive academically and beyond. The school maintains a strong focus on collaboration, rigorous instruction, and meaningful engagement with families to foster well-rounded, capable students.

Riverland's core values are grounded in equity, excellence, collaboration, innovation, and high expectations. Equity ensures that every child receives the support they need to succeed. A commitment to excellence drives the expectation that all students will achieve significant academic growth. Collaboration between school staff and families is seen as essential to student success. Innovation is embraced through the use of research-based instructional practices, and high expectations are consistently upheld by both teachers and administrators in every classroom.

These values are embodied through various programs and instructional strategies. The Science of Reading approach is used to build strong literacy skills, while a dedicated 90-minute math block incorporates individualized instruction and center-based performance tasks to develop fluency, automaticity, and critical thinking. The school's World Languages Program supports the vision of preparing globally competent students. Furthermore, each student works toward personalized, quarterly achievement goals, ensuring instruction remains targeted and growth focused. Through these efforts, Riverland Elementary remains steadfast in its purpose to support all students in reaching their full potential.

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.

Over the past three years, Riverland Elementary School has demonstrated significant progress aligned with its mission to prepare all students for college and career readiness. One of the most notable accomplishments includes the recognition of its magnet program, which was named the second-highest rated elementary magnet program in the district. This distinction reflects the school's commitment to excellence and innovative instruction. Further highlighting the success of the program, Riverland students earned gold medals in nearly all

categories at the district's annual World Languages Competition, hosted by the Innovative Programs Department. These achievements exemplify how the school's specialized offerings support its vision of global readiness and high student performance. Academically, Riverland has made measurable gains in key areas. In the 2024–2025 school year, 4th grade English Language Arts (ELA) proficiency increased by 7%, reaching a 62% proficiency rate. Similarly, mathematics proficiency rose by 7%, climbing to 60% proficiency. These improvements reflect the school's strategic use of individualized instruction, research-based programs like the Science of Reading, and data-driven goal setting for each student.

Despite this progress, Riverland Elementary acknowledges the need for continued growth in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science, especially across all student subgroups. Closing achievement gaps and ensuring equitable academic success remains a central focus. In the next three years, the school is striving to increase overall proficiency rates in these core content areas by implementing deeper academic interventions, enhancing professional development for teachers, and expanding differentiated instructional practices.

Riverland remains committed to its core mission by continuously refining its instructional programs, maintaining high expectations, and building strong partnerships with families and the community to ensure every student thrives.

Additional Information

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

Riverland Elementary School is proud to share that we have not been identified in any ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) subgroups for three consecutive years, reflecting consistent academic progress and positive student outcomes across all demographic groups. This achievement is a testament to our commitment to equity, excellence, and high expectations for all learners. We remain focused on maintaining this momentum while continuing to close achievement gaps and raise performance levels. Riverland values its partnership with families and the broader community and welcomes continued collaboration to support every student's academic and personal growth.