



## Executive Summary for Wilton Manors Elementary School

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?

Wilton Manors Elementary is the only public elementary school in the "Island City" of Wilton Manors and serves 526 students from over nineteen different countries. Wilton Manors Elementary is an International Baccalaureate School and offers the Primary Years Programme (PYP) as our magnet program. The PYP believes student learning is best done when it is authentic, relevant to the "real" world, and transdisciplinary, where the learning is not confined within the boundaries of traditional subject areas but is supported and enriched by them. All Wilton Manors' students have been actively involved in inquiry-based learning that supports student investigations with multimedia technology. The emphasis is on higher order thinking skills and outcome-based learning that promotes academic success and excellence. The socio-economic aspects of the community vary greatly from upper middle-class to low-income status. Our school is a Title I school with over 80% free and reduced lunch rate. The surrounding community primarily consists of American, Haitian, Hispanic, Caribbean, Ukrainian, and Asian cultures. Our school promotes high expectations of student achievement. Learning is facilitated by the school, community volunteers, and business partnerships. Being situated within a small city presents many opportunities for our school. We have developed strong relationships with the stakeholders within the school and local community. The school elicits and gathers input from the community to guide change efforts. We have relationships with municipalities, religious, civic, and community organizations. The Kiwanis Club works closely with our school and has created a K-Kids Club for servicelearning projects as well as support for our Student Council. Local businesses have contributed over \$5,000 over the past few years to support the initiatives of the school. The local library provides a place for students to go after school to receive homework help for those who are unable to receive assistance at home or financially afford tutoring. A local eye doctor even provides glasses for those students who could not afford them. Wilton Manors Elementary is committed to ensuring that the needs of all the students are met and the surrounding community is right there with us providing the resources we need

## **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.

**Mission:** The mission of Wilton Manors Elementary IB World School is to provide a rigorous curriculum where all students work collaboratively in a student-centered learning environment. Our community of lifelong learners will develop real-world knowledge and effective communication skills while embracing cultural diversity. **Vision:** Wilton Manors Elementary will advocate for student success by providing a safe, supportive, and collaborative learning environment that empowers, enlightens, and inspires our students to reach their highest potential. We have shown growth in the areas of the students becoming “actively responsible for their own learning” and “teaching and learning addresses human commonality, diversity and multiple perspectives.” The integration of the Primary Years Programme (PYP) as part of the International Baccalaureate (IB) program has engaged the students in becoming active, impactful learners through the demonstrations of the attributes of the active learner profile as well as our focus on Accountable Talk, have all been instrumental in this growth. Students demonstrate independence as they move through classroom centers and complete assignments. They can articulate their reading levels, and their skills in need of improvement. They are taking more active roles as group members. Teaching students to ask appropriate questions, listen to, and be respectful of, other perspectives, has impacted student learning. Resources that have been purchased to support our units, address human commonality, diversity, and multiple perspectives. Learning engagements, reflections, and journaling address these as well

## **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.

- Wilton Manors IB World School earned Silver Level Everglades Champion School Program recognition in 2024 for our student’s inquiry and engagement to understand and actively sustain the Everglades ecosystem.

- The Broward P3 Eco-Challenge engages and rewards traditional and charter BCPS schools, teachers, students, administrators, non-instructional and custodial staff in learning about and implementing environmentally sustainable measures and green initiatives within their schools and communities. In 2023 Wilton Manors won the award for non-instructional staff.
- Wilton Manors IB World School was designated a No Place for Hate school in 2020-2021. The school community demonstrates a holistic approach to improving school climate. We were recognized again during the 2023-2024 school year.
- In 2021 Wilton Manors Elementary was the recipient of the Office Depot Start Proud, Back to School program. Every student received a backpack with school supplies and a \$20 Office Depot gift card, one of our teachers was honored with a classroom makeover, and the school received supplies and resources for teachers and students.
- Every classroom has been equipped with a Promethean Interactive Board, a document camera, and an LCD Projector, and several Recordex.
- Helping Hands provides support to families in need with food and gifts for the holidays.

### **Additional Information**

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