



## Executive Summary for Walker 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?

Location: Walker Elementary Magnet School of Performing Arts is located in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. We are a part of the Broward County School District. Student Population: Our current student enrollment is 510 students. Specific Demographic information includes the following: 96% African American, 2% White 2% Hispanic. 3% of students are English Language Learners (ELL) and 12% receive Special Education services (ESE). We are a Title 1 school. This year 100% of our students qualify for free lunch due to the Community Eligibility Provision. Staff Information: We have 21 classroom teachers in PreK- 5. Additional staff include 1 ESE teacher, 1 ESE Specialist, 3 Curriculum coaches, 1 media clerk, 7 paraprofessionals, 5 Performing and Related Arts Teachers, 2 Resource teachers, 1 Guidance Teacher, and 2 administrators (Principal and Assistant Principal) Challenges we are facing include a decline in student enrollment and academic challenges. Students becoming acclimated to the new standardized tests (Star K-2) and FAST (Grades 3-5). We design quality instructional programs and provide professional development to our teachers to overcome these challenges.

### 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.

Walker Elementary School of Visual and Performing Arts is committed to providing a safe and positive learning

environment for all students. Mission: Students will be provided with high-quality educational experience designed to assist them in developing social skills, excel academically, and display their unique talents in the Performing Arts Program. Our vision is to promote academic excellence in all students, by establishing a nurturing and supportive school culture of high expectations. We set high expectations and inspire our students to reach or exceed their highest potential. We achieve this in a variety of ways. Students use our new Math Series -Envision and use manipulatives on a consistent basis. They are also provided with supplemental instruction using the iReady program. This program is used to support reading and math standards based instruction. Student laptops allow our students to use technology daily to support math and reading skills. All grade levels use small group instruction and strategies to differentiate instruction. Teachers also integrate technology through the use of a Recordex or Promethean board. Grades K and 1 utilize Innovations for Learning to support reading skills. Walker Elementary School offers an extended day (extra half hour) for all students K-5 to provide intensive reading instruction. The Performing Arts integration program allows students to participate in Band, Visual Arts, Drama, Dance, and Chorus. Struggling students are referred to RTI/MTSS. Walker Elementary also has incorporated Camp Wildcat, a free tutoring program in Reading, Math and Science, offered to our students in grade 3-5.

### **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.

Walker Elementary is a National Turnaround Arts School. This indicates that we use arts education as a tool to enhance academics and increase student proficiency. We are proud that our Band Program has been recognized through the district for excellence and has had had the opportunity to perform at many Community Events. We've seen notable improvements during the past few years as it relates to student attendance and discipline. During the 2024-2025 Walker Elementary students in Grades 3-5 increased ELA and Math Proficiency from the previous 2023-2024 school year and became a "B" rated school for the first time in school history.

### **Additional Information**

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

We are pleased that our school will participate in 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project. This is a mentoring program designed to motivate Grade 4th and 5th male students. It is a project that will provide the students with role models and support in their academic and social journey in their lives. We are also in the process of building a Parent Resource Room to provide training to our parents.