



Executive Summary for **Attucks Middle School**

The Executive Summary (ES) provides the school an opportunity to describe in the 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?

Attucks Middle School was built in 1927 as a high school and officially became a middle school in 1970. It is located in the neighborhood of Liberia, in the city of Hollywood, Florida, in Broward County. Liberia is a close-knit, traditionally African-American community with a median household income of \$44,488.00 in 2025. There is a strong community surrounding the school, with many families having multiple generations who have graduated from Attucks. Since 1927, the school has been retrofitted to provide internet and technology access to 100% of the classrooms. In 1978, a two-story building was added to the campus and is now home to our eighth-grade students. Housing our eighth-grade students in their wing of the school allows us to better prepare them for the transition to high school. Our beautiful campus boasts a large theatre-style auditorium, various sports fields, a pool, tennis courts, and open outdoor community areas for our students.

Attucks Middle School's student population is diverse and consists of 498 students from a predominantly urban community. Current demographic information shows the student population is 41 percent Black, 10 percent White, 1 percent Native American, 2 percent

Multiracial, 1 percent Asian or Pacific Islander, whereas 39 percent are ethnically Hispanic. Economically disadvantaged students account for more than 75 percent of the population, as indicated by participation in the free or reduced lunch program, which gives the school a Title I designation. Additionally, 18 percent of students are Students with Disabilities (SWD), 20 percent are classified as English Language Learners (ELL), and 3 percent of students are gifted. Working with such a socioeconomically diverse population presents many challenges and opportunities. To best serve and support all our students, our staff and faculty work closely with support agencies, student services, and mentorship organizations.

Today, the school is home to the Cambridge Global Communications Academy, the first Cambridge Middle School in Broward County. The 2015-2016 school year was the initial year of the program. The school strives to promote Public School Choice and thereby improve the quality of education of its diverse population. All stakeholders supported the school's efforts to become the first Cambridge Global Communications Academy in the district. The magnet program draws students from the neighborhood, as well as from several target schools throughout the district, south of Sunrise Boulevard and as far west as Weston Road.

The vision of the Cambridge Global Communications Academy and Attucks Middle School is to engage students in proven active learning strategies and a rigorous curriculum. We want to become the heart of the City of Hollywood by developing our young Eagles to soar in their educational journey through a dynamic, rigorous, and innovative approach to teaching and learning. Our mission is to provide a quality and personalized education to all students in a supportive, innovative, and secure environment while providing unique educational opportunities in the study of Communications, Broadcasting Arts, and Digital Media as part of our Cambridge Global Communications Academy. The school is currently offering students opportunities in Video Production, Microsoft Certification, Foreign Language, Speech and Debate, Industry Certification, Culinary and Global Perspective, as well as our revived Band program. The school offers nine high school credits, with rigorous course work, including Algebra I Honors, Geometry I Honors, Biology I Honors, Spanish I, Spanish II, Debate I, Debate II, Television Production, Leadership 1, and Law Studies.

The thematic principles help our students acquire interpersonal skills and better work habits

and help shape their values and morals. Students are given a full range of opportunities to develop these principles and skills throughout their classes within the guidelines of the magnet program. The long-term goal is that the combination of ideals, principles, and skills will carry over into their high school years, ensuring students will be college and career-ready and into adulthood.

Our magnet program is the product of our efforts and commitment to excellence and diversity. Due to a declining technology magnet program, the opening of new schools in the area, and increased competition from charter and magnet schools, Attucks has seen a decline in enrollment. We actively market the Cambridge Global Communication Academy by working closely with our feeder elementary schools to increase awareness of the exciting things happening at Attucks Middle. However, our school's best attribute is our small population, which affords authentic connections between faculty, staff, students, and their families.

Purpose

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

Attucks Middle School consistently strives for excellence to meet or exceed expectations for our student's academic, social, and emotional growth and success. We create lifelong learners by providing opportunities for students to become innovative and develop creative and critical problem-solving skills to meet dynamic global demands and ensure that all students are on the path to college and career readiness. We maximize our resources through collaborative partnerships with our community, business, and education partners. We pursue excellence for every student every day!

Attucks Middle School's ultimate mission is to provide quality education to all students in a safe and secure environment while providing unique educational opportunities through the study of our Cambridge Global Communications Academy Magnet Program.

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.

Our most significant accomplishment is adding the Cambridge International Examination to our magnet program and maintaining the Magnet School of Distinction from 2020-2025. In addition, Magnet Schools America recognized Attucks Middle as a demonstration school at the MSA National Conference of 2023. This program, which offers cutting-edge teaching strategies, high rigor, and international recognition of its graduates, offers our students the best preparation for the next stage of their education, university and beyond. Becoming a Cambridge School shows our firm commitment to excellence in education. The program's Global Communication pathway is a perfect fit with our Video Production program and will give teachers the tools and training to truly engage and inspire our students.

As part of our transformation to the Attucks Cambridge Global Communications Academy, we are committed to actively recruiting students who are looking for a highly rigorous curriculum. We host an annual Magnet Open House and open the school for scheduled tours as well as shadowing experiences for interested students. The focus of the evening is to allow potential students and parents to interact with school personnel in a fun, family-friendly environment. Faculty and staff participate by showcasing what makes each department unique, and shared promising practices with potential parents and students.

Because our goal is to develop successful learners who are confident, responsible, innovative, engaged, and ready for college, career, and beyond, we are committed to providing students with engaging and interest-based courses. Attucks has added the Cambridge English, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science curriculum, which promotes an inquiry-based approach to learning to develop critical thinking skills and encourage the intellectual engagement of our students. We have redesigned our communication magnet and electives to offer multiple pathways for our students to explore the communications field. Our electives

engage students by having them tackle real-life communication issues, develop usable communication skills. Our certified teachers bring real-world lessons, experience, and best practices to the classroom. Pathways include our original Film and Television Production, Microsoft IT Academy, Digital Media and Graphic Design, Journalism, Yearbook Publishing, Speech and Debate, and building our Coding and Information Technology pathways to our offerings in the communications field.

Staff and faculty culture and development is another area where Attucks has made much progress in the past three years, beginning with a commitment to hire the best teachers and train them to meet our standards. Working with curriculum leaders, administration, and teachers, Attucks uses data to run classrooms more efficiently and develop a more rigorous curriculum. Optimizing our master schedule allows our teachers to have standard team planning time to work together and analyze student performance. AMS is in our eighth year of utilizing block scheduling to enable students to participate in as many magnet courses as they choose and prepare themselves to be acclimated for high school. Teachers' classrooms are strategically placed next to their subject area and grade-level partners for optimum collaboration. These efforts have borne much fruit. Collaboration is at an all-time high, and grade-level teams are like families working towards a common goal, our "A" rating.

However, to reach that goal, Attucks is always committed to continuing the progress made by using data to drive instruction and our effort to bring true collaboration to curriculum building and planning. We will continue to market the Cambridge Global Communications Magnet to attract a more diverse student population and increase enrollment to 600 students by 2026.

Attucks aims to enhance community and parent engagement in the next three years. Although our parent nights and community events have been successful, PTSA and SAC memberships still have room for improvement. Parent involvement is crucial to our academic success, especially as our enrollment declines. We are committed to engaging parents and the community to ensure our continued success.

Additional Information

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

Attucks Global Communications Academy is working to create a school organization that will be the heart of the city of Hollywood by developing our young Eagles to soar in their educational journey through a dynamic, rigorous, and innovative approach to teaching and learning. We are excited about the relationships we continue to build with our Hollywood elementary and high schools through vertical teaming, which allows for a seamless transition from elementary to middle and high school. We look forward to serving Hollywood families from all backgrounds for years to come!