



Executive Summary for Blanche Ely High 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?

Blanche Ely High School (BEHS) is an urban high school located in the heart of Pompano Beach, Florida. Over the past years, the school has experienced a steady increase in population, with our current enrollment at 1772 students. The demographic breakdown of students is as follows: 1,230 Black, 401 Hispanic, 63 White, 3 Asian, and 21 multi-racial; 355 ELL learners, and 216 SWD. The grade level breakdown is as follows: 9th Grade with 451 students, 10th Grade with 440 students, 11th Grade with 466 students, and 12th Grade with 415 students. The school is comprised of 772 male and 952 female students. The graduation rate for 2024-2025 was 94%. BEHS currently has eighty-three (83) teachers, two (2) of whom are first-year educators. Four (4) teachers hold their doctoral degrees, and the school has approximately four (4) National Board-Certified teachers. We are proud to say BEHS has celebrated 70 years of service since its inception in 1951 and was named Blanche Ely High School in 1954.

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.

The **mission** of BEHS is to provide opportunities that will meet the educational needs of all its students in a safe learning environment. BEHS embodies its purpose through its program offerings. We offer Advanced Placement (AP) college-level and honors-level courses that challenge students to prepare for life after high school. BEHS is also the home to the National Academy Foundation (NAF) program that graduates students with Career and Adult Professional Education (CAPE) industry certification in information technology, nursing medical sciences, hospitality and tourism, and finance. These programs incorporate project-based learning, paid internships, and entrepreneurship. Also, BEHS offers Magnet programs in Medical Sciences and STEM/Science

Engineering, providing real-life experience and certification to high school students. At BEHS, we are committed to educating the whole individual through various academic means to include Hospitality, Culinary, Nursing, Engineering, Aviation, Firefighter Academy, Computer Programming, and other traditional core subjects. Our school's Culinary, Medical (Nursing, Engineering, Hospitality, and Computer Programming programs are expanding each year, providing alternate career paths for many of our students. BEHS also offers extracurricular activities encompassing Band and Athletic programs. Our school's Marching Band and Basketball programs are among the best in the district and state, having won numerous 1st place awards over the past years. Additionally, our school offers a JROTC program that builds character while promoting discipline and pride in our youth. **Vision** Blanche Ely High School's vision is to provide opportunities for students to be College Career Ready to discover their interests and be equipped for life-long learning and innovative thinkers.

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.

BEHS has seen ongoing growth in the Magnet and National Academy Foundation (NAF) program over the past years. Additionally, BEHS Hospitality and Tourism Management program, in partnership with the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association and the Pompano Beach Marriott, created the Marriott Future-Ready Lab hotel space. The lab functions like a hotel space complete with a front desk, bedroom, and bathroom to help students receive hands-on experience in customer service and hotel management. Marriott offered work-based learning activities for students within the Marriott Future-Ready Lab to prepare students for hotel internships and careers throughout the school year. In the 2024-2025 school year, Blanche Ely High School earned a Magnet of Distinction Award, for the first time. The NAF Academy of Hospitality and Tourism, The NAF Academy of Health Science, and The NAF Academy of Informational Technology earned the coveted status of distinguished! College, Career, & Life Readiness (CCLR) is also supported through industry certification paths incorporating vocational learning, a rigorous magnet program that supports STEM careers, numerous honors courses, Advanced Placement offerings, and on-site dual enrollment for students. The school boasts numerous award-winning extracurricular organizations, with the Boys Varsity Basketball Team, band, JROTC, STEM, and NAF academies recognitions. Moreover, BEHS students enjoy a graduation rate of 94%, where graduates at the top of their class consistently receive scholarships to colleges and universities. In 2019, we implemented the iCAN Program, which brings a unique opportunity to create a personalized learning environment that transforms the traditional school setting into a hub for student engagement and achievement.

We're in the third year of the firefighter academy, having 2 students graduated already. In this 2025-2026 school year, we are applying to become a model magnet school for the nation. Utilizing a project-based learning approach to integrating college, career, and life-ready competencies into academic content areas, teachers engage and empower students with the technical knowledge and skills needed for 21st century competitiveness. The Leadership Team and the Instructional Staff at BEHS are committed to providing a plethora of educational opportunities and emphasizing high expectations and academic excellence for all students. For this reason, BEHS High School maintains a focus on continuously improving literacy skills (Reading and Writing) and student achievement scores on the End-of-Course (EOC) exams in the areas of Biology, Algebra I Geometry, and American History. Our school supports its efforts for continuous improvement by offering Extended Learning Opportunities (ELOs) in the subjects mentioned above through EOC and SAT/ACT camps, YMCA, and literacy push-ins. In the next three years, our school will strive to maintain the support of our sponsors for these programs to continue moving forward.

Additional Information

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

(Type responses using complete sentences, spellcheck, and grammar check. 6000-character limit.)