



Executive Summary for Larkdale 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?

Larkdale Elementary School is a PreK-5 Title 1 public school with approximately 420 students. It is located in Lauderdale, Florida. The demographics are as follows: 94% Black/African American, 5% Hispanic and 1% Multi-Racial or other. Larkdale has two Head Start, two PreK ESE, three ASD, three Kindergarten through 5th grade classes. Larkdale also has a Music, Science, and Physical Education Specialists. The faculty consists of Effective and Highly Effective teachers. Our faculty is committed to achieving optimum student success and school improvement. Data analysis is conducted regularly, and instructional shifts are made. Teachers participate in Professional Development and strategic collaborative planning based on data. One of our main challenges is student attendance and building and maintaining consistent, continual parent involvement.

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 Larkdale Elementary is to provide high-quality instruction, practice continuous improvement, and effectively communicate a standard of excellence in education for all scholars. Our theme this year is "Stepping Into Excellence: Unlocking the Power within us." Larkdale promotes the fundamentals of responsibility in each person for his or her own actions that will lead to self-reliance, self-esteem, and respect for the dignity of every individual. We have established at Larkdale a culture that motivates our scholars to show Self-control, be Owners of their actions, show Accountability for their choices, and be Respectful to others (S.O.A.R.). Our core business is teaching and learning. Continuous improvement is the cornerstone of the instructional focus at Larkdale. Our Afterschool programs (YMCA and 21st Century) work in collaboration with the school to promote academic success and accountability. Celebrating academic success is embedded throughout our practices through Honor Roll assemblies and other activities that motivate students to perform at their best.

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.

Larkdale Elementary works closely with the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated who has partnered with us to provide support to our first and second-grade students in reading every Friday through an initiative called Z-Hope. All of our classrooms have been equipped with one-to-one digital devices that are used to enrich students' strengths and remediate their weaknesses. Our areas of improvement include decreasing the number of students with chronic attendance problems and increasing parental involvement. Our goal is to provide more opportunities for students to showcase their talents, as well as increase the proficiency percentage of students at each grade level who are reading on or above grade level.

Additional Information

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

Our school is focused on student achievement and provides many opportunities for parents and students to be involved in academically rich activities. We host Family Nights focused around Reading, Math and Science. Parents and community members are strongly encouraged to attend our monthly School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings and Title 1 events where we provide refreshments and childcare.