



## Executive Summary for Palmview Elementary

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?

Palmview Elementary, established in 1969, is a community-based Environmental Science Magnet School located at 2601 N.E. Pompano Beach, Florida 33064, within the Pompano/Ely Zone.

As a Title I school, it serves a diverse student body, with 100% of its 532 students qualifying for free and reduced lunch and a 98% minority rate. The demographics include 69.2% African American/Haitian Creole, 27.5% Hispanic, 3.3% Multi-Racial, with 19% of students having disabilities and 36% identified as English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). Among the ESOL students, 32% speak Haitian Creole, 24% speak Spanish, and 1% speak Portuguese. The school offers one Early Childhood class which includes one specialized Pre-K program, and employs 60 staff members, 78% of whom are African/Caribbean American, 7% Hispanic, 3% White, and 3% Pacific Islander. The socio-economic status of the Palmview community is predominantly lower middle class, with many parents being non-college graduates and blue-collar workers.

A significant challenge for the school is increasing parental involvement, as many parents, primarily immigrants from Hispanic and Haitian backgrounds, work long hours and find it difficult to volunteer or attend events. This limits their ability to support their children with homework, leading to lower completion rates; currently, only about 17% of families participate in regularly scheduled activities such as parent nights and teacher-parent conferences.

Palmview Elementary is dedicated to fostering a supportive educational environment but continues to seek ways to enhance parental engagement to better support student success.

## 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.

It is our mission to provide a meaningful, world class, quality education where each individual student will achieve his or her full potential. As role models, we provide a safe, orderly, respectful and nurturing learning environment. We create increasingly higher expectations, teach academics and model socially responsible behavior so our students will develop and succeed. Our core belief system is based on nine principles that form the foundation of Palmview's academic and operational structure. These principles are: "Student Achievement is our primary purpose; Education is a shared responsibility that requires the commitment and participation of staff, students, family and community; High expectations yield high results; All students can learn and succeed; Learning is a life- long process; All students have unique skills and talents; High self-esteem, enhances success - students develop best through sincere praise and validation; School climate contributes to achievement - learning occurs best in a safe, caring and positive learning environment of mutual respect and trust; Cooperation is Essential - learning experiences must encourage and teach skills which develop a cooperative attitude.

Palmview Elementary embodies its purpose through its environmental science magnet program and 21st century reading and math program. Our magnet program is a comprehensive and balanced academic program built around the integrating themes of land, water and air. The program exposes students to an environment that emphasizes discovery and exploration through collaborative study, scientific research and use of scientific tools and technology.

As an Environmental Science Magnet School, the goal is to educate students, so they become responsible citizens who take an active part in protecting and caring for the world around them. The magnet program mission is to provide a strong educational program through hands-on learning and critical thinking. Palmview Elementary's success is a team effort involving students, parents, teachers, staff members, and the community.

Like all Broward County Elementary Schools, teaching and learning at Palmview is built on a core curriculum that meets all Florida State Standards for learning. To embrace our parents as full partners in the education process of our students, Palmview hosts quarterly parent academic nights in each content area. The goal is to provide our parents with skills and strategies to assist their children at home. Our Academic Nights include Math Night, Literacy Night, and Science Night.

In addition to a curriculum designed around environmental science, students at Palmview receive differentiated, comprehensive, rigorous and relevant instruction that emphasizes critical thinking and problem solving in reading and writing, math, science, social studies, music, art, health and physical education.

## 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.

Palmview's notable achievements include the following:

Reaching and maintaining an "A" status for the 2024-2025 school year while demonstrating record learning gains for all subgroups.

The number of students achieving proficiency on the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) in the areas of English Language Arts and Math are academic priorities for Palmview in the next three years. Currently, 81% of students are proficient in math and 73% are proficient in literacy.

The second top performing elementary schools in the North Region of Broward County Public Schools.

Platinum level on BeanStack Read to Succeed Challenge.

A Socio-Economic Status (SES) Band rating is determined by the amount for students in a school who qualify for free and reduced lunch and are in a minorities group. SES Band # 1 is a group of schools that have an eligible student enrollment comprising of 95% or above who qualify for free or reduce lunch and are in a minority group.

In the past three years, we have been awarded approximately \$100,000 in staff written grant funding to provide resources to support our academic and magnet programs and initiatives.

Active SAC & PTA involved in supporting school-wide enrichment program and events for students and staff.

Well established home-school connection involving parents in Open House, Assemblies, Parent Literacy Night, Movie Nights, and Parent Trainings.

## Additional Information

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

Palmview Elementary's core goal is to educate the whole child. Our focus extends beyond preparing students for college and career readiness; we also prioritize their social and emotional development to ensure lifelong success. We achieve this through programs, initiatives, and learning opportunities that extend throughout and beyond the school day.

One of our signature initiatives, the Rocking Boys and Girls (Rocking BG's) Tutorial Program, addresses the needs of struggling readers and math students each morning before the school day begins. This comprehensive, computer-based program provides individualized lessons and activities aligned to grade-level standards. Instructional coaches and support staff facilitate each session, offering guidance to maximize student engagement and time on task. Over the past seven years, state testing data has shown that Rocking BG's consistently improves achievement for students in the lowest 25th percentile in both reading and math.

Palmview benefits from long-standing, consistent leadership, with the same principal serving for the past nineteen

years. This stability has helped establish a strong, supportive school-family culture, in which staff and parents work together to enrich students' whole-child learning experiences. A wide range of extracurricular activities and clubs fosters creativity, character, resilience, physical fitness, teamwork, and positive relationships. Teachers and administrators volunteer their time after school to lead these clubs, which include Because I Am Beautiful (BIB) girls' mentoring program, choir, football, soccer, basketball, technology and robotics, arts and crafts, dance, and cheerleading clubs. Student work and performances from these clubs are often showcased during parent nights or the annual talent show.