



Executive Summary for Plantation Park 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?

Plantation Park Elementary is part of the Broward County School District, the sixth largest school district in the country, and has 434 students currently enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten thru Grade 5. This includes a special program for students who have been identified as having an Emotional Behavioral Disability. The diverse student population is made up of 31% White; 22% Black/African American; 38% Hispanic; 5% Multi-Racial; 3% Asian; 0% Native American/Native Indian and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander. There are 55 instructional and non-instructional staff at Plantation Park Elementary. Teachers are cultivated and nurtured at Plantation Park Elementary School to grow professionally. We retain highly qualified, certified- in-field, effective teachers in our school by utilizing Teacher Induction for Effectiveness and Retention (TIER), Professional Learning Communities, District Trainings, School-Based Professional Development, and Teacher Recognition and Incentives. Plantation Park Elementary is located between Peters Road and Broward Boulevard on 54th Avenue in the City of Plantation. Plantation is a community with thousands of trees, friendly neighborhoods, world-class recreation facilities, and a stable business community. It is geographically centered in Broward County and was incorporated in April 1953. The city is proud to offer one of only a few municipal libraries, The Helen B. Hoffman Library, as well as a regionally operated library, West Regional Library. Plantation is committed to providing world-class recreational facilities and has recently expanded the park system with two new signature parks; Plantation Woods and Camp Everglades. Plantation's Volunteer Fire Department is the largest volunteer department in the State of Florida. The population in Plantation as of the 2020 Census is approximately 94,500, an 11% increase over the last ten years, and the 5 largest ethnic groups are 42% White; 22% Black/African American; 26% Hispanic; 4% Multi-Racial; 5% Asian. Lastly, 31% of the population is foreign born and 8% of the population is in poverty.

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 Plantation Park Elementary is to provide a safe environment that fosters 21st Century lifelong learners. The school's vision is to promote an academic foundation that includes technology and life skills for future success. Students will develop critical thinking skills and achieve their highest potential as 21st Century lifelong learners. Students are expected to actively listen, to appreciate others, to treat others with mutual respect, and to take pride in their school. In addition to the core curriculum subjects taught at Plantation Park Elementary, the focus continues to be on the five school TRIBES agreements: Mutual Respect, Attentive Listening, Right to Pass, Appreciations, and No Put-Downs. They provide the groundwork for building a safe learning environment where students feel included, valued, and accepted. Students' academic performance is monitored at least weekly and discussed in grade level team meetings. Additionally, each grade level teacher meets with administration and support staff to share students' data at monthly CPST meetings and data chats. Monitoring is conducted to ensure teachers implement highly effective instructional strategies to ensure all students receive quality and impactful Tier 1 instruction every day. Direct training and support are provided to teachers as a part of the school-wide continuous improvement model. Grade levels collaborate on student expectations and look at student achievement gaps of those entering each grade with the goal of decreasing academic achievement gaps. The school also has a school resource officer and two campus monitors who patrol the school campus and provide security to the school community. Planned grade level field trips allow the students to experience educational opportunities outside of the classroom. Students use computers for a variety of applications, including i-Ready, Benchmark Advanced and Math and Science programs at school and at home. The administration communicates with all stakeholders regularly through parent link, social media, the school website, school-wide emails, newsletters, and flyers. The school also has numerous parent and community volunteers who support the school financially through fundraisers and assist with student achievement. Parent volunteers are encouraged to participate in school-related events. There are school/family events planned throughout the school year. In addition, children are taught and recognized for specific character traits such as honesty, respect, cooperation, citizenship and responsibility. Selected children are honored monthly as the Kids of Character and awarded a certificate for the honor they earned. In addition to core academics, the school has several extracurricular activities and enrichment programs that the children look forward to. The benefits of enrichment activities for children can be rewarding. Not only is it fun for them, but they also learn important life skills. Participating in these types of activities teaches structure, discipline, how to follow directions, and builds self-esteem and self-worth. It gives children a chance to gather with friends and make new friends along the way. One of the most notable extracurricular activities is the school's award-winning Chorus. The choir performs 2-3 major concerts per year, has earned 1st Place and/or Superior ratings at state & local music competitions since 2000, and is well-known throughout Florida.

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.

During the 2024/2025 school year, Plantation Park Elementary was awarded an "A" grade from the State of Florida. The FAST PM3 Data showed that Grade 3 ELA Proficiency was at 66%; Gr. 3-5 ELA Proficiency was 69%; Gr. 4-5 ELA Learning Gains was 72%; Gr. 4-5 ELA Learning Gains for the Lowest Quartile was 53%; Gr. 3-5 Math Proficiency was 77%; Gr. 4-5 Math Learning Gains was 73%; Gr. 4-5 Math Learning Gains for the Lowest Quartile was 58%; and Gr. 5 Science Proficiency was 72%. In addition, Plantation Park Elementary saw gains in proficiency for most subgroups, except White and ELL. The Students with Disabilities (SWD's) had a 13% increase to 51%, Black students a 5% increase to 54%, ELL students decreased 1% to 58%, Hispanics a 10% increase to 72%, White students a decrease of 2% from 70% to 68%, Multi-racial students a 10% increase from 86% to 96% and Economically Disadvantaged a 11% increase to 64%. For the 2024/2025 school year, Plantation Park Elementary continued to build upon the success from the previous school year. The school has been awarded the Golden School Award, which is given to schools that have twice the number of volunteer hours as they have students. Overall, Plantation Park Elementary is most proud of its long-standing history of academic success. The school is also proud of the high level of active parental and community involvement in student education. Finally, the school is proud of its staff and their commitment to ensuring all students receive the high level of education they richly deserve. In the coming years, Plantation Park Elementary will continue to focus on technology training for all staff, and creating more opportunities for students to use technology to make real-world connections via projects, virtual field trips, etc.

Additional Information

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

Plantation Park Elementary welcomes families prior to enrollment with annual Kindergarten Roundup and Meet and Greet events. Other programs offered during the school year include Anti-Bullying and an introduction of the School Counselor, and Open House. The school counselor provides Resiliency Lessons to all students, has developed a Safe Promise Club, and Owl Pals who are students that are partnered together to help promote unity and cooperation. The importance of college and career education is demonstrated with a Career Day experience. Plantation Park Elementary students also participate in Peace Week, Red Ribbon/Child Abuse Prevention, Internet Safety/Kindness Initiative, Human Rights Day, No Name Calling Week, and Goal Setting activities. The school also organizes annual Math, Science, and Literacy Nights for students to put their math, science, and reading skills to use in real world experiences. In addition, there is a deliberate focus set on life skills and wellness learning activities for all.