



Executive Summary for Nova Blanche Forman 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?

Nova Blanche Forman (NBF) has 716 students and is a lottery/choice school located in Davie, Florida. Students of NBF reside all throughout Broward County. Nova Blanche Forman's student demographics are: 11% White, 64.2% Black, 16.4% Hispanic 4.4% Asian, 0.3% Native American/American Indian, and 3.5% Multi-Racial. The staff demographics are as follows: 50% White, 26% Black, 21% Hispanic, 3% other. Nova Blanche Forman is part of the Nova Innovation Zone. The Nova Schools are a K-12 national model which promotes high-quality instruction for all students. The Nova Schools are charged with researching, identifying, and implementing best practices in teaching literacy that promotes maximum student achievement. Nova Schools embrace continuous progress, authentic assessment, mentoring, and personalization to reach all students in a positive learning environment. Each year there is a lottery window to apply to Nova Schools. Nova applications for the 2025-2026 school year will be accepted from December 1, 2023, until February 6, 2024. Applications received after February 6, 2024, deadline will be considered late and will not be processed. Additional application phases will open depending on the number of applications received in earlier phases. The Nova student body is unique because it is not a neighborhood school. Students come from areas throughout Broward County. At times it can be challenging for parents to attend school events. However, NBF provides multiple opportunities for all parents to participate in school sponsored events and build a sense of community.

Nova Blanche Forman (NBF) has successfully adopted the new Benchmarks of Excellent Students Thinking (BEST) standards in both English Language Arts and Mathematics in grades K-5. All K-5 students participate in State's standardized assessments known as the STAR and FAST assessments. The shift to these new standards and progress monitoring assessments has resulted in the adoption of new curriculum materials for math and reading in all grades. Another major change that NBF has experienced over the past four years includes the transition from traditional in person school to full e-learning (online only) to hybrid teaching (online & in person learning) and then back to traditional in-person learning. Many resources and platforms that teachers learned to utilize

during the online instruction such as Canvas, Teams and Clever are still being utilized for communication and instruction.

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.

Our vision statement is “Nova Blanche Forman prepares students to become global citizens in an inclusive, innovative and nurturing learning environment.” Nova Blanche Forman’s current mission is to provide individualized learning opportunities to all students in an engaging environment and to build a foundation for lifelong learning in a partnership with school, staff, families, and other stakeholders. Nova Blanche Forman embodies its purpose through programs that we offer such as: Digital 5, all grade levels using instructional learning systems, all classrooms having document cameras and SMART boards, and all grade levels using technology in meaningful ways to accelerate learning. Students at Nova Blanche Forman are “digital natives”. Technology is integrated throughout the school day to empower learning. Each teacher differentiates instruction to meet the needs of all learners. This is done through project-based learning, ability grouping, and providing Tier I, II and III research-based interventions targeting their area of weakness. Their progress is monitored weekly and reviewed every 4-8 weeks by the school's Comprehensive Problem-Solving Team (CPST) to adjust instruction. As a result, more students perform on or above grade level.

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.

We are proud to share that Nova Blanche Forman increased its school grade from a “C” to a “B” this past school year! Our 3rd grade team showed remarkable growth, raising proficiency from 55% to 76% overall. As a school, we made improvements across every area, including our ESE subgroup, which resulted in our removal from the ESSA School category.

And while we have not yet earned an “A” school rating, we are well on our way. This year, our focus is on supporting students in the lowest quartile in both reading and math. Our Math and Literacy Coaches are working

diligently to build teacher capacity and provide targeted small-group interventions, ensuring that every student has the support they need to succeed.

Our Debate program, which began with a single 5th grade class, has grown tremendously over the past few years. Today, it has expanded into a morning club that welcomes interested 4th and 5th grade students who prepare for and compete in debate competitions. The NBF Debate Club has proudly placed in every competition it has entered.

Nova Blanche Forman—along with the other Nova Schools—holds a special place in Broward County. Our school is a true reflection of the county’s diversity—racially, economically, and academically. One of the greatest factors contributing to our success is our strong educator retention. Our teachers are dedicated, collaborative, and student-focused, creating a supportive learning environment where all children can thrive.

Additional Information

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

Nova Blanche Forman is excited to welcome new members to our leadership team who are bringing fresh perspectives and innovative ideas that strengthen our school community. We are also proud to announce that one of our very own teachers has been promoted to the role of Science Coach—a reflection of the talent and dedication within our staff. This role will play a vital part in supporting instructional excellence, raising our Science Proficiency scores, and ultimately helping us reach our shared goal of earning an “A.”