



## Executive Summary for Plantation 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?

Plantation High School, located on a 35-acre campus in Plantation, Florida, serves about 1,700 students in grades 9–12 from the Plantation community and surrounding areas. The student body is predominantly Black/African American (1,115 students, 71.6%), followed by Hispanic (277, 17.8%), White (82, 5.3%), Multi-Racial (52, 3.3%), Asian (30, 1.9%), and Native American (1, 0.1%). In addition, 14.2% of students are identified as Students with Disabilities, 9.6% are English Language Learners, and 8.3% participate in magnet programs. Faculty demographics are also diverse, with 46% African American, 33% White, 14% Hispanic, and 3% other. Compared to the city of Plantation—which is majority White—the school serves a much more diverse population and provides specialized programs such as International Baccalaureate (IB), Cambridge AICE, Gifted Academy, Aerospace, and ACES Magnet. While challenges include addressing economic need, language acquisition, and achievement gaps, Plantation High continues to ensure opportunities and support for all students.

### 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.

Plantation High School's mission is to meet the needs of all students by providing a balanced education rooted in academic excellence, career pathways, community service, and extracurricular opportunities. Our vision is for students, teachers, and staff to take pride in being part of the Plantation High community and to look forward to engaging in meaningful teaching and learning each day. We strive to provide a

challenging and supportive environment where all students are encouraged to reach their full potential, while fostering a sense of belonging to something greater than themselves.

To achieve this purpose, Plantation High promotes rigorous academics through a variety of programs, including International Baccalaureate (IB), Cambridge AICE, the Gifted Academy, Advanced Placement, dual enrollment, honors courses, and career and technical education pathways. The school also emphasizes extracurricular involvement as a way to expand students' skills, leadership, and confidence beyond the classroom. Unique offerings such as aerospace, horticulture, aquaculture, culinary arts, early childhood education, financial arts, and military preparation programs provide students with diverse pathways to success.

Plantation High instills in students the belief that effort leads to reward, pride, and preparation for life after graduation. By maintaining high expectations, providing individualized support, and demonstrating genuine care, the faculty ensures that students feel valued and equipped to thrive academically, socially, and personally.

## 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.

Over the last three years, Plantation High School has demonstrated strong progress, most notably achieving a **94% graduation rate**, which exceeds both the district and state averages. Students have earned recognition at the state and community level, including **1st place in the 4A High School Voter Registration Drive** and high academic accomplishments such as **successful dual enrollment, IB, and AP coursework, and earning IB and AICE diplomas**. Signature programs like **Aerospace Engineering, IB, Cambridge AICE, and Industry Certification pathways** continue to gain praise, while the **award-winning band and state-recognized foreign language program** highlight the school's well-rounded strengths. The partnership with the **YMCA** has further supported students with tutoring, summer learning, and enrichment opportunities. Despite these successes, challenges remain in raising **math and literacy proficiency**, as well as reducing the **student-teacher ratio** to allow for more individualized instruction. Over the next three years, the school is focused on **closing achievement gaps for ELL and SWD students, boosting core academic proficiency, expanding dual enrollment and vocational certifications, and sustaining high graduation rates** while continuing to prepare students for college, careers, and civic life.

## **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 High School stands out as the **only high school in Broward County to offer Cambridge AICE, ACES, International Baccalaureate (IB), and a Gifted Academy all under one roof**, providing unmatched academic opportunities for its students. Teachers and students work together to foster a college- and career-oriented environment supported by modern technology, with innovations such as virtual science labs, digital dissection programs, and advanced tools in DECA, graphic design, and computer technology courses. The school also emphasizes strong community partnerships, collaborating with local businesses to provide internships, work experiences, and mentoring opportunities aligned to students' career interests. By engaging students, staff, families, and stakeholders, Plantation High creates a supportive, modern, and inclusive environment where every student has access to multiple pathways for success, making it a beacon of innovation and community pride.