



Executive Summary for APOLLO MIDDLE SCHOOL-1791

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?

Apollo Middle School is a Broward County Public school located in Hollywood, Florida. There are approximately 1,218 students that are currently enrolled and growing. The population consists of (99) 8% White, Hispanic, (616) 51%, Black, (424) 35% multi-race, (27) 2% Asian (48) 4% Native American and Pacific Islander (5) 0.4%. Currently, Apollo Middle School is a "B" school for the second year in a row. Staff and students are working extremely hard and are committed toward regaining our "A" designation on the F.A.S.T. student achievement assessment. Apollo Middle school fosters an environment committed to the success of every student with a belief in developing the child holistically. Apollo offers many different courses and activities to build the interest of its student body. The STEM magnet program continues to grow over the past three years, changing the culture of the school. We have incorporated engineering and culinary courses to our student offering this year. The school-wide STEM curriculum is incorporated in all courses offered at Apollo. Apollo comprises of 79 instructional staff members including 2 academic coaches (reading and math), 3 support facilitators, an ESE specialist, 3 guidance counselors, a media specialist, a curriculum specialist, a magnet coordinator, one ESSER support Teacher, one behavior specialist and one pool sub. There is one principal and three assistant principals. Each assistant principal is responsible for a grade level. Our school is designated a Title 1 school. Our school receives federal funding to add more programs and activities for students, as well as covering additional teacher salaries for critical positions and parental engagement. Every student receives free breakfast. Over 93% of Apollo Middle School students receive free/reduced lunch.

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.

Apollo Middle School's mission is to ensure an optimal teaching and learning environment that sets high expectations and enables all students to reach their maximum learning potential. Through a joint

community-wide commitment, Apollo Middle School will meet the diverse needs of our students and the challenges of a changing society. Here at Apollo, teachers and students utilize collaborations between local organizations and businesses to introduce students to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics and the skills needed to thrive in STEM field. Community Business partners work with us to provide opportunities for students to understand the relevance between education and work-related needs in STEM jobs. An Interdisciplinary approach to curriculum infuses math units in the areas of: Earth and Space Science, Research in Aeronautics, & Computing for Engineers. Students and teachers work side-by-side utilizing Virtual Labs, Microsoft, and other tech related software. Our rigorous hands-on learning approach is designed to promote student interest in STEM-related fields and to engage students in practical learning experiences that will prepare them to compete for jobs in a global economy.

Mission Statement:

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Vision Statement:

Apollo Middle School is committed to the families we serve, providing support and encouragement in their children's educational journey. Our vision is a school community where all children feel loved, respected, and encouraged to develop to their fullest potential. We strive to provide high quality education in a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment that builds a foundation for life-long learning. Apollo Middle maintains an inclusive environment which acknowledges and respects children from diverse family and cultural backgrounds.

Notable Achievements and Areas of Improvement

Apollo students have accomplished numerous notable achievements in extra-curricular activities and competitive performances. Our Principal realizes the strong connection between enhancing student educational experiences with activities outside the classroom and students' academic success in the classroom. Apollo offers many activities for students to be involved outside of the classroom. Our school has produced SECME (Southeastern Consortium for Minorities in Engineering) district champions for the last three years. The SECME competition brings together students in secondary school with universities and industry/government partners committed to engaging minority students for STEM college and careers. Over the next three years, we have identified areas of improvement is our overall school grade based on the F.A.S.T. testing, a decrease in disciplinary infractions in the classroom, positive behavior support and recognitions for students caught doing the right thing, and enhanced community relationship building efforts.

Notable Achievements: Apollo Middle School is extremely proud of our achievements. We improved the percentage of students in all school grade components. In ELA we had a 4% increase for our students in grades 6-8. In the area of science, we had a 2% increase for all students. In Math, we had a 1% increase. In the area of Social Studies (CIVICS), we had a 3% increase for all students on the FAST

assessment PM 3.

Areas of Improvement

Long Term Outcome 1: Increase Social studies (CIVICS) achievement proficiency as measured by the F.A.S.T. exam. We are continuing to work on the academic performance of our students in all content areas. Grade level teams meet in weekly Professional Learning Communities and plan rigorous lessons aligned to grade level content specific standards.

Long Term Outcome 2: Apollo Middle School's goal is to Improve to a letter grade of A on the 2025-2026 F.A.S.T. assessment. In 2024-2025, our school earned a "B" grade for the second year in a row. To improve the performance of all students, we are putting a renewed focus on increasing Staff morale, performance incentives to staff that are going above and beyond to ensure our students are reaching their highest achievement goals. In our weekly Professional Learning Communities, grade level teams discuss and share complex texts in a variety of genres to use with students to increase rigor in reading implementing Benchmark Advance curriculum. Additionally, we are creating Academic competitions in Math, Science, and ELA Language Enrichment for our English Language Learners, as well as Academic afterschool camps to target all subjects' areas. A deliberate approach in standards-based instruction, in ELA, Math, and Science along with weekly progress monitoring is utilized to ensure student growth.

Additional Information

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

Apollo Middle School is a diverse school that meets the needs of a diverse group of students. These students are provided with challenging, rigorous grade level work presented in a hands-on, collaborative format. Our ELL students receive additional services throughout the school year to assist with the acquisition of the English language. To help the families of our ELL students, we provide workshops for these parents. Additionally, we have an extremely supportive PTA that helps support us in creating a successful, nurturing environment for our students and families.