



## **Executive Summary for Pines Collegiate Academy 6-12**

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?

Pines Collegiate Academy 6-12's current demographics for the 2025-2026 school year includes 724 students of various ethnicities: 55% Black, 37% Hispanic 37% White, 3% Asian, and 2% multiracial. In our population we have 15.5% SWD students, 9.6% ELLs, and 61% economically disadvantaged. Our ethnic demographic percentages have remained fairly constant over the past three years. Our enrollment has declined in the past years due to the vast number of charter schools in our proximity. These schools have been pulling disproportionately from our proficient population and retaining and attracting these students back is our biggest challenge. Our staff is just as diverse with many ethnic backgrounds that represent our student population. Our community is representative of the student population within a dynamic area that has experienced various changes due the economy and changing housing market. Pines in working towards reclaiming students with the addition of the Cambridge Program for students in grades 6-8 and becoming a 6-12 Collegiate Academy.

## **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.

Pines Collegiate Academy 6-12 Mission Statement:

The mission of Pines Collegiate Academy 6-12 is to create a safe, creative, learning environment maintained through an atmosphere of positive reinforcement, respect, and understanding which will enable all students to develop to their fullest potential as independent learners. The faculty and staff are committed to offering a variety of programs that will meet the needs of the many sectors of the community that it serves. Pines Collegiate Academy uses a Positive Behavior Plan to teach behavioral expectations. Pines continues to be on an A/B Block schedule. Our students take eight classes and are offered wide variety of electives including Debate, Coding, CTACE, Aviation, Art, Spanish I and II, TV Production, Theatre, Band, PE. Pines has also been approved as a Cambridge 6-12 School. Students use their creativity and strive to respond to higher order questions requiring critical thinking skills in these engaging and rigorous courses.

## **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.

Pines Collegiate Academy 6-12 challenges all our students with a curriculum that is rigorous and relevant at each student's academic achievement level. A third of our students now come to us far below proficiency levels in Math and Reading and we scaffold learning to increase proficiency and learning gains. With our block schedule, all our students can choose from multiple electives in each grade level. We have recently added art, coding, Theatre, Debate, and Cambridge classes. To challenge our proficient students we offer: GEM Math, Algebra, Geometry, Spanish I and II, Debate Honors, Microsoft IT Academy, Jazz Band, Symphonic Band, and Peer Counseling

## **Additional Information**

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

Students also look forward to our extended learning opportunities and after-school camps in the Spring as they prepare for their various state assessments. Pines offers the following activities that will allow students to become well-rounded individuals and vital members of the community through charitable and community events; TV Production, Yearbook, First Priority Bible Club, Student Government, National Junior Honor Society, Florida Future Educators, Peer Counseling, Jazz Band, Symphonic Band, Reading Revolution Book club, No Place for Hate, and Harvest Drive. We also have cheerleading, a dance team, soccer, golf, track, basketball, flag football, and volleyball.