



Executive Summary for Beachside Montessori Village

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?

Beachside Montessori Village opened in 2010 as Broward County's first prekindergarten to eighth grade school. BMV is a full Montessori magnet school with multi-age classrooms in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. Our middle school is traditionally grouped just as other middle schools with sixth, seventh, and eighth grade. In comparison to the other middle schools in the county, our middle school is small, with approximately 265 sixth through eighth grade. We are located close to downtown Hollywood in Broward County, Florida. Enrollment at BMV for the 2025- 26 school year is approximately 775 students. BMV enrollment remains consistent year to year because we are a Magnet school with controlled enrollment. Seats are filled up until the tenth day of school. Acceptance into Beachside Montessori Village is through the lottery process conducted by the Broward County Schools Office of School Choice. The pre-kindergarten 3 and 4 program is fee supported. BMV pre-kindergarten 4 students (who do not have siblings currently enrolled at BMV) do not automatically matriculate up to kindergarten and must apply for kindergarten and become part of the lottery. Our students are fairly equal in gender. 44% of our students are White, 9% Black, 38% Hispanic/Latino, 6% Multi-racial, and 3% Asian. Approximately 30% of our students are economically disadvantaged and 3% ELL, and 12% students with disabilities. In the past 3 years, we have had an influx of Russian ESOL children, so we qualified for a Russian para professional to service those ESOL students. We have twelve middle school core curricular teachers and twenty-six elementary school teachers including pre-kindergarten. There are four pre-kindergarten teachers, 8 kindergarten/first grade teachers, seven second/third grade teachers, and six fourth/fifth grade teachers. Teachers at Beachside Montessori Village are in different stages of completing their Montessori certification.

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.

Beachside Montessori Village follows Broward County Public School's vision of educating today's students to succeed in tomorrow's world. All students and staff follow the Montessori core values of respect for self, respect for others, and respect for the environment. BMV staff follows a child-centered approach based on scientific observations of children from birth to adulthood, emphasizing the importance of developing the whole child. Our strengths lie in our ability to involve and provide our stakeholders with the information they need to ensure that their participation in our collaborative decision-making is done in a way that reflects research and sound educational practice. We use our SAC and SAF meetings as a forum for disseminating information about Montessori, academic standards, legislative reforms, district initiatives, and school-wide programs. Another strength is the data meetings administration and support staff conduct with each classroom teacher. At these data chats, teachers and administration discuss progress and/or needed remediation of each individual student. We discuss resources, interventions, and support to help the teacher meet the needs of his/her students. Many of our teachers apply for the TDIF grant each year. They use those funds to attend the American Montessori Society conference. In addition, our students have participated in the Montessori Model United Nations conference in New York City for many years. In alignment with helping develop the whole child, before and after school clubs sponsored by staff are offered to students in various grades. Some of the clubs available are debate, art, music, sports, engineering, robotics, drama, gardening, chess, etc. After school enrichment clubs are also offered for a fee. These clubs were created to allow our students the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities on the school-site due to BMV's later dismissal time.

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.

Beachside Montessori Village's magnet program is a proud member of the American Montessori Society. BMV was awarded the National Green School Award (2016), Magnet School of Excellence Award (2019-20 and 2021- 22) and was also named the Everglades Silver Level Champion (2017) school. BMV was awarded the Golden and Silver volunteering award five years in a row. Beachside has been honored with many awards throughout its 11 years. Several students were chosen multiple years in a row to attend the Algalita Plastic Pollution Youth Summit, a competitive robotics team qualified for regionals, students were chosen to participate in all-county chorus and band, students participated and placed in county-wide literacy fairs and science fairs, and a student won the 2016 Holocaust Reflection Contest. Many students in both lower school and upper school have won awards since the inception of BMV's debate elective and after school program. Several lower school debate teams qualified for an international competition in 2021, with one of the teams placing first in the competition. BMV was chosen as a pilot school for food recovery prior to the pandemic. The food recovery program provided food donations to the Broward Outreach center several times each week. BMV's garden is a certified wildlife habitat. Since Beachside Montessori Village opened 12 years ago, our lower school students have demonstrated proficiency in reading, writing and math on standardized assessments by scoring higher than the district and state averages year after year. Our upper school students have also demonstrated mastery in all academic areas by demonstrating proficiency on standardized assessments as well as having higher than District the EOC in Biology, Algebra, and Geometry. The teachers and support staff will work diligently to help all our students go through the normalization period to become comfortable in their new classes. We will also re-introduce the Montessori materials as part of the normalization process. We are striving to improve our collaboration with our community. We would like to enhance and improve our partnerships. In the past, we have been identified by Magnet schools of America as a school of Excellence, this year we are a school of distinction. Our goal is to return to being a school of excellence.

Additional Information

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

The BMV Green Team fundraised to create a labyrinth where students can have a peaceful, natural place to reflect, learn or just hang out. Water filters were put on many of our existing water fountains, and many of the fountains have been converted to filling stations. These water filters clean the water and allow students, staff, and visitors to refill their water bottles with clean water. All students and staff are encouraged to bring their own refillable water bottle daily. This helps decrease the pollution and encourage the reuse of resources. BMV maintains our own garden where they plant and harvest throughout the year. This year we have the privilege of adding two vertical hydroponic gardens that promote our sustainability endeavors and facilitate the science curriculum and the Montessori care of the environment. Beachside was among the first round of schools to receive the SMART Future Bond Money to put towards improvements to the physical building and instructional environment. Our school used the money to install a school wellness/fitness lab and sound system to the north side of school, purchase music instruments to enhance the music curriculum, purchase technology upgrades, and purchase portable science lab carts. Beachside Montessori Village has been an A school since it opened in 2010.