



Executive Summary for Coral Springs Middle 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?

Coral Springs Middle School (CSMS) is located in Northwest Broward County and was the first middle school in the city of Coral Springs. Within a city populated by more than 130,000 residents, CSMS is now one of six public middle schools in the city. Currently, the school has 1014 enrolled students consisting of the following subgroups: 31.1% Black, 29.4% White, 27.9% Hispanic, 7.3% Asian, and 3.7% Multi-racial, .4% Native American, .2% Native Hawaiian, and 60 teachers. CSMS is led by Principal Jill Slesinski. CSMS is an A-rated school for the second consecutive time by the Florida Department of Education and consistently strives to increase student performance and achievement through stakeholder collaboration and personalized instruction. While student achievement is of utmost importance to the school, maintaining a safe learning environment is also a top priority. To ensure the safety of everyone in the school, we have enhanced numerous safety and security measures and upgrades to our campus, as well as hired additional security. As a part of the Stoneman Douglas zone, we work closely to ensure all stakeholders are informed of all safety initiatives. Additionally, our school prides itself on providing our students with 21st-century technology skills to build a foundation for success in High School/College Readiness.

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.

The mission of Coral Springs Middle School is to educate our students to succeed in tomorrow's world by providing them with the skills and knowledge needed to work to their full potential in our classrooms and throughout their lives. We envision a safe haven, where all students feel welcomed and ready to learn regardless of ability. To elevate student achievement, we provide programs and learning opportunities to all students at their appropriate levels with fidelity and consistency. CSMS prides itself in providing every student with rigorous, relevant, and enriching experiences that allow them to reach their maximum potential and prepare them for high school and beyond. CSMS embodies this purpose by offering the core academic courses necessary, but also by providing support services and extended learning opportunities in which struggling students are monitored and assisted. Our teachers, guidance counselors, and support staff work closely to ensure every student is known to us and provided ample supports and enrichments. By also offering a variety of quality elective courses, students are afforded the opportunity to explore many avenues that will encourage critical thinking, creativity, and career skills.

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.

Coral Springs Middle School has earned an "A" rating. Each year, the level of our students' achievement has risen, propelling the school to an A rating for the second consecutive year. Under the leadership of Mrs. Slesinski, our departments collaborate and work closely to ensure standards-based instruction is at the forefront of learning, with remediation and enrichments where needed. With a focus on data analysis and collaboration, our educators are making informed decisions to help guide instruction based on data. We are also a proud Cambridge Academy school, offering our students a plethora of core courses that focus on a student-centered and highly rigorous approach. While CSMS continues to make consistent improvement in academic areas, the most notable are its recent achievements in our elective courses. CSMS has a robust and competitive Robotics team that has received many accolades, including state and national recognition. Speech & Debate students also continue to thrive and compete in monthly tournaments. Our band and orchestra students continue to excel, and Stallions are always well-represented as members of the district and state bands. Additionally, students are offered instruction in Pre-Law, Coding, Art, and Business technology, where they can earn Microsoft Industry Certifications. At CSMS, we strive for every student to not only be prepared as a 21st-century learner but also to be connected with our community of learners by participating in extracurricular opportunities outside of academics. Our Drama program is available to students who take Theater and is available through a club. These young thespians produce a live stage production every spring. We encourage our Stallions to participate in our many extracurricular activities, from athletics to our Chess club! The Resiliency initiative and positive reinforcements are part of the culture at CSMS. In addition to academic success, we want all of our students to know and feel that they make our school a brighter and special place.

Additional Information

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

To anyone who has been a part of our school, our motto always rings true: "Once a Stallion, Always a Stallion." You hold a special place in our hearts for the fond memories you have helped create while attending our school as a student, parent volunteer, and teacher. CSMS is a soft-landing place where many former students return to help and continue to form a legacy. Our teachers are known to be caring and warm individuals, a sentiment that is well-known throughout the community. Our PTA is an extremely hardworking and active group that works tirelessly to provide opportunities and experiences for our students and staff that make our school special. Together, we take great pride in all of the wonderful achievements and experiences that take place on this campus.