



Executive Summary for Pioneer 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?

Pioneer Middle School is located at 5350 SW 90 Avenue in Cooper City, FL 33328. Cooper City is named after Morris Cooper, who founded the community in 1959. As of the 2020 Census, the city's population is 34,106. The demographics are as follows: White (Non-Hispanic) 50%, White (Hispanic) 18%, Two+ (Hispanic) 12%, Asian 7%, African American 7%, and Multi-Racial 6%. The median household income is approximately \$119,567.

Pioneer Middle was built in 1976, the same year America celebrated its Bicentennial. To commemorate the Bicentennial, the school colors are red, white, and blue, and our mascot the eagle. The school population for the 2024-2025 school year was 1,453. The school demographics is as follows: White 41%, Hispanic 42%, Asian 8%, African American 5%, and Multi-Racial 4%.

The team at Pioneer Middle School consists of highly qualified educators who possess vast knowledge of their subject matter. The demographics of the staff are as follows: White 55%, Hispanic 30%, Asian 2%, African American 13%, and Multi-Racial 0%.

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 Pioneer Middle School is to provide an equal educational opportunity to all students within a safe and positive environment. Staff, students, parents, and the community work together as a team to ensure students become responsible and productive members of society.

Our staff works diligently to follow our mission statement by engaging in professional learning communities and by ensuring our instructional practices address our students' academic needs. Our staff is committed to continuous improvement and participates in ongoing professional growth activities.

The leadership team and instructional staff engage in a systematic, comprehensive process to analyze student assessment data to make the necessary adjustments to increase student learning and success throughout the academic school year. The staff meets weekly in their professional learning communities to assess progress monitoring data and to identify effective teaching strategies to improve student achievement.

Making appropriate data-driven decisions is of utmost importance to ensure student success. To improve student achievement, instructors monitor students' level of performance, provide immediate feedback, and provide appropriate enrichment and remediation opportunities as needed.

Of great importance is our Collaborative Problem-Solving Team (CPS team). The CPS team meets regularly to review data and make decisions based on the specific intervention and/or evaluation needs of students through the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) framework. MTSS is a frame that provides interventions and educational support to all students at increasing levels of intensity based on their individual needs. The goal is to prevent problems and intervene early so that students can be successful. MTSS is designed to help schools focus on interventions that are matched to student needs and monitored on a regular basis. The information gained from the MTSS process is used by school personnel and parents to adapt instruction and to make decisions regarding the student's educational program.

FOCUS is the comprehensive District electronic tool providing ALL the data needed to drive decision-making and instruction in schools. FOCUS enhances our continuing efforts to standardize student achievement and Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) framework district-wide, and the Florida Continuous Improvement Model. Student assessment, academic, behavior, and demographic information are centrally located. Data is continually updated and current, enabling school administrators, teachers, and staff the opportunity to gain a full grasp of their school and their students. By tracking and monitoring school-wide and individual student performance data, FOCUS ensures fully informed decision making and promotes high quality instruction to help all students succeed.

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.

Pioneer Middle School has had a consistent "A" rating since 2002. According to the 2024-2025 FAST data, Pioneer rated the highest overall public middle school in Broward County.

Pioneer is currently sharing best practices with higher performing schools within our SES Band in Science and Math.

We are very proud of the numerous accomplishments and achievements of our students.

- The Future Educators of America club has won numerous awards for their outstanding projects.
- The Pioneer Speech and Debate Team for their outstanding accomplishments. Pioneer's Speech and Debate Team has consistently excelled and earned a spot as one of the top teams in the district.
- Our students have won first place at the District's Literary Fair for their unique authored pieces of literature.
- All the students in Band (approximately 275 students a year) perform in multiple concerts throughout the school year, such as the Costume Concert in October, the Winter Concert in December, and the Spring Concert in May. The 6th Grade Concert Band, Advanced Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble also perform at the Concert Band Music Performance Assessment. The Advanced Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble received Superior ratings while the 6th Grade Concert Band received an Excellent rating.
- The Pioneer Robotics Program competes at the district level. Due to its popularity, we have established two elective classes as well as expanded the Robotics Club.
- Our students participate in golf, soccer, cross country, basketball, volleyball, floorball, flag football, and track and field. They are very competitive and have numerous awards.

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 ensure community involvement in our school, we have established active and formal relationships with local businesses and corporations in the surrounding area. These relationships have provided funding opportunities and other resources that support our various student programs. A special thank you to the following partnerships:

- Menchie's, Davie
- Papa John's Pembroke Pines/Cooper City
- Sicilian Oven, Cooper City
- Panda Express, Davie
- Cooper City Optimist
- Music Adventures Summer Camp
- City of Cooper City
- Broward Sheriff's Office