



Executive Summary for Tamarac Elementary 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?

Tamarac Elementary is a K-5 school located in Tamarac, Florida in the north area of Broward County. Tamarac Elementary is one of three public schools that serves the Tamarac community. Tamarac Elementary is part of the Taravella High School Zone. Tamarac Elementary has 510 students. Of the 510 students 56% are male and 44% are female. The demographic breakdown for Tamarac Elementary is 12% White, 48% Black, 34% Hispanic, 3% Asian, 4% Multi-Racial, and no American Indian students. The ESOL population at Tamarac Elementary is 20%. Tamarac Elementary has two administrators. Its leadership team is comprised of a guidance counselor, ESE Specialist, Literacy Coach, Math Coach, and ESE Support. There are 28 classroom teachers and 3 special teachers (Music, Media, and Physical Education) at Tamarac Elementary; 2 are male and 26 are female. Tamarac Elementary has three Pre Kindergarten classes – Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten, HeadStart, and Specialized PreK (for students with disabilities). There are also 5 special program classes that serve students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Tamarac is designated a Title I School. Tamarac, Florida is an urban city that is home to 63,155 and is expected to increase over the next few years. There 28,147 (44.6%) males and 35,008 (55.4%) females with the median resident age being 45.3 years. Tamarac is a mixed population of age and ethnicity. The demographics of Tamarac are 26,879 (42.4%) White alone, 18,507 (29.2%) Black alone, 16,030 (25.3%) Hispanic, 964 (1.5%) Asian alone, 610 (1.0%) Two or more races, 226 (0.4%) Other race alone, 81 (0.1%) American Indian alone, 27 (0.04%) Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone. "The City of Tamarac is experiencing a significant shift in demographics which is reshaping the city's image. This shift welcomes development in all areas to improve the quality of life for Tamarac's citizens and economy. The most considerable change within Tamarac is the age bracket of citizens. The average age has dropped 10.5 years since the 1990 census and the city is continually growing younger by the years," (<https://www.tamarac.org/index.aspx?nid=113>). The median household income in Tamarac is estimated at \$41,880 which is below the state of Florida average at approximately \$46,036 and the estimated per capita income is \$24,521. The unemployment rate in Tamarac is 4.9% (April 2015).

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.

Purpose Statement:

"Tamarac Elementary is committed to prepare students to be life-long learners in a 21st century global environment through a high-quality education in collaboration with all stakeholders."

Mission Statement:

The mission of Tamarac Elementary School is to make a significant difference in the lives of young children by providing learning experiences and opportunities that promote 21st century skills and prepare for a future where our children will be college and career ready.

Vision Statement:

Tamarac Elementary will provide an engaging learning environment where students' individual needs are met through quality, directed instruction, meaningful practice, and peer collaboration. In partnership with parents, teachers, and community we will continue our commitment of providing supportive and nurturing learning environment to all students.

Tiger Pledge: I pledge to take responsibility for my actions, my education, and to show respect for others and myself. I can become anything I choose. This requires good choices, hard work and dedication. I am up for the challenge!

Tamarac Elementary has clubs for students to take part in before and after school. The Garden Club is for 4th grade and 5th grade students. They meet throughout the school year after school and students learn how to take care of plants and gardens while cleaning, weeding, and planting as well as maintaining the gardens throughout the school. The club also takes field trips to the local nursery to learn about the different plants and flowers. Selected fourth and fifth grade students at Tamarac Elementary participate in the AAA Safety Patrol program. These role models assist teachers and staff before and after school ensuring students are following the rules. Drama Club at Tamarac is for 4th and 5th grade students who want to pursue acting. The Drama Club puts on performances twice a year and for special occasions. Debate Club is also offered at Tamarac. These clubs provide students with opportunities to engage in activities that promote critical thinking and communication skills.

The school holds two curriculum nights (November and January) to model instructional strategies that parents could use to assist students at home.

The Bilingual Parent Center provides parents of ELL students with District information and resources to help students succeed. Extended Learning Opportunities are offered to students in grades 1-5 on an as needed basis. Students are selected based on school progress monitoring data. Language Enrichment Camp is comprised of ELL students in grades 1-5 to enhance English proficiency and acquisition.

Teachers at Tamarac Elementary have taken the time to utilize Class Dojo and Remind communication applications to keep parents up-to-date with students' behavior and class updates. Tamarac Elementary communicates important information and events to families via ParentLink.

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.

Notable Achievements During the 2024-2025 school year, Tamarac Elementary celebrated its 50th Anniversary. Students and staff collected items that were placed in a time capsule and buried on campus, and a community celebration was held.

Every year, Tamarac Elementary collects food for the Harvest Food Drive.

Tamarac Elementary maintains a partnership with the City of Tamarac. Under their collaboration, the students have access to an indoor gymnasium and other sport facilities throughout the school year.

Areas of Improvement in last three years Tamarac Elementary earned a B rating for the 24-25 school year with notable improvements in reading and math proficiency. Over the next three years, we are expecting to see growth in all areas.

Additional Information

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

Broward County Schools were awarded SMART (Safety Music & Art Renovation Technology) Bond money to spend within the school. From the SMART Bond, Tamarac is proud to have a new sound system in the cafeteria, a new electronic marquee in the front of the school, and new projection units, laptops, and other technology for teacher and student use.

The school will offer a variety of programs and activities to address a diverse student population in a safe, warm, and welcoming environment where:

- The academic, social, and emotional needs of students are always first,
- Students are engaged and challenged to meet their full potential,
- Students are effective communicators, critical thinkers, problem solvers, responsible, respectful of one another, goals setters, risk takers, and productive members of our democracy,
- Teachers are learners, reflective, and supportive of the school mission and vision,
- All staff work and plan cooperatively and always seek what is best for students,
- Data is valued and used consistently to raise students and school performance,
- Learning opportunities for students, high quality teaching, and leadership are an example to others,
- All stakeholders work together for the benefit of the students,
- Parents are a vital part of students learning and feel encouraged to participate in their education,
- All resources are utilized to ensure student success, and
- School leadership is committed to student achievement