



## Executive Summary for Chapel Trail Elementary

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?

Chapel Trail Elementary (CTE) is located in southwest Broward County, Florida, within the Chapel Trail residential community of Pembroke Pines, near the Florida Everglades. The school serves approximately 530 students and participates in the "School Choice Program," allowing families to request reassignment due to CTE's strong reputation for academic excellence and its history of consistently earning an "A" school rating. The student population reflects the cultural diversity of the community, with 63.8% Hispanic, 14% Black, 17.2% White, 2.4% Multiracial, and 2.4% Asian students.

CTE employs 79 faculty and staff, including a principal, assistant principal, and specialized support personnel such as an ESE Specialist, Literacy Coach, Autism Coach, School Counselor, Social Worker, Psychologist, two ESE Support Facilitators, and two Speech Pathologists. The Exceptional Student Education (ESE) program serves approximately 152 students using a primarily inclusive, push-in model, with pull-out services provided as needed to meet individual learning goals outlined in students' Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). The school also offers an Autism Cluster program and supports English Language Learners (ELL) through classroom instruction aligned with district best practices and targeted ESOL strategies.

To support families and extend learning opportunities, CTE offers an after-school program through a private provider, offering homework assistance and extended care. The school community benefits from active family engagement through the Parent Teacher Association (PTA), School Advisory Council (SAC), and School Advisory Forum (SAF), all of which participate in decision-making, fundraising, and school improvement initiatives. These partnerships, combined with dedicated faculty and staff, create a supportive and inclusive environment that promotes student success and community involvement.

## 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.

CTE's mission, "*We inspire and empower confident and innovative 21st Century learners,*" and vision, "*Chapel Trail Elementary: Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders,*" guide all aspects of instruction and school culture. Teachers engage students in problem-solving, critical thinking, and technology-enhanced learning aligned with Florida B.E.S.T. Standards. By fostering a 21st-century instructional model, the school builds both academic confidence and lifelong learning skills. Similarly, teachers collaborate in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to improve practice, maintain high expectations, and promote collective efficacy, ensuring that adult learning mirrors the school's commitment to student growth.

## 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.

Chapel Trail Elementary has earned recognition for academic excellence and innovative programs. Highlights include the Dual Language program, individualized laptops for each student supporting blended learning, and a wide range of extracurricular opportunities such as Debate, Chorus, Student Government Association, Environmental Club, and Junior Honor Society. The school also partners with West Broward High School to provide early childhood education interns who support primary classrooms. Over the next three years, CTE will continue strengthening early literacy in K–2, closing achievement gaps in reading and math, supporting English Language Learners and students with disabilities, and providing targeted small-group instruction informed by data-driven interventions.

## Additional Information

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

CTE fosters a positive and inclusive school culture where students are encouraged to "*Cooperate at all Times, Treat Others with Respect, and Exceed Expectations.*" Programs such as the Gator of the Month recognition celebrate student character, leadership, and achievement. Strong family and community partnerships, combined with staff dedication to ongoing professional growth, ensure innovative, data-driven instruction. Beyond academics, students participate in leadership, service, and arts programs that promote well-rounded development. Chapel Trail Elementary remains committed to preparing confident, capable, and future-ready learners.