



Executive Summary for Silver Ridge 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?

Our school has been decreasing in size for several years. This year we are host to approximately 765 students. Demographics for our school remain fairly consistent. Our school has 37% white students, 40% Hispanic students, about 11% Black students, 10% Asian students.

The decreased enrollment has helped to keep our school staff consistent. We have no new instructional staff at SRE for the last two years.

Significant building is taking place around our community. Three housing developments will finish in the next year or two which will likely increase the enrollment at our school.

Our school is proud to have the only faculty in the county that is fully reading certified or endorsed.

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 Silver Ridge Elementary is to provide a secure, positive environment through an ongoing holistic educational program that will foster self-esteem and take into account individual differences and needs of the school and its community. It takes working together to develop: Productive Thinkers, Respectful Citizens, Intelligent Minds, Dedicated Individuals and Excellence in Education.

ESE Program Summeries

Silver Ridge is home to ten ESE programs. Silver Ridge also offers a Gifted/High Achieving class on every grade level, 1st through 5th. At Silver Ridge, we are fortunate to provide a variety of programs that meet students' various needs, including but not limited to specialized instruction for those with intellectual disabilities, pre-school through 5th grade; push-in and pull-out services for varying exceptionalities; speech, language, occupational, and physical therapies; and full-time prekindergarten programs for children with identified speech, language, and/or developmental delays. At

Silver Ridge, we provide the opportunities and support for each child to participate and learn to his/her fullest extent possible.

Walk-In Therapy: A walk-in therapy program for speech or language may be considered for any eligible child whether or not the child is in a private preschool, a day care program, or at home. If the child is eligible for speech or language, he/she may receive these services on a walk-in basis at the public school closest to the home. Typically, the educational need of preschool children in this program.

Integrated Preschool:

This model provides an inclusive full day program for ESE children to interact and work with typically developing peers. The curriculum focus is on instruction in readiness, communication, and independent functioning and social skills. Typically, the educational needs of the preschool ESE children in this program are in the areas of cognition, communication, social-emotional and independent functioning. This classroom is staffed with one Pre-K Primary or Preschool Education state certified teacher and one teacher assistant.

Specialized Preschool:

This model provides a self-contained program for ESE children with developmental delays. The curriculum focus is on instruction in readiness skills, communication, independent functioning and social skills. Typically, the educational needs of the preschool children in this program are in the areas of cognition, communication, social-emotional and independent functioning. This classroom is staffed with one Pre-K Primary or Preschool Education state certified teacher and one teacher assistant.

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.

Academic Excellence:

Each year, public schools in Florida receive a school grade of A, B, C, D or F based primarily upon achievement data from the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking, or FAST. An "I" indicates scoring is incomplete. School grades indicate how well a school is performing based on state standards. For elementary and middle schools, the grades are based entirely on FAST results. Silver Ridge Elementary has earned an A based on the state's FAST testing.

Golden School Award:

Additionally, our school has received Golden School awards for parent volunteers. The total number of volunteer hours equaled/exceeded twice the number of students enrolled during an academic school year. Silver Ridge has been a proud recipient of the Golden School award for over 20 years.

Silver Ridge Aftercare:

Silver Ridge Aftercare is a childcare program operated by the School Board of Broward County. The program offers families a safe and enriching environment for students upon the conclusion of the school day. From 2:00-6:00PM, students are provided with opportunities to play outside, cook, complete academics, STEM activities, participate in team building activities and play indoor games. Students in grades 1-5 are given assistance in completing homework and a quiet, stress-free atmosphere is created for them during this study time. Children are arranged into groups with peers in the same grade level. The Silver Ridge Aftercare program offers extended hours on early release days to meet the needs of families. The program is made possible by the dedication of a

responsible and caring staff, the support and understanding of our school community, and the enthusiasm of students who continue to join us year after year. Silver Ridge's aftercare program was a recipient of the Afterschool Quality Child Care Award, awarded by the BASCC.

Areas of Improvement

Despite experiencing an increase in the number of students considered disabled, economically disadvantaged, ELL, and/or belonging to a minority group, Silver Ridge has continued to demonstrate academic excellence. Although Silver Ridge provides an atmosphere of academic success and a rich family inclusive atmosphere, we continue to raise our standards. After careful analysis of data, math has been identified as an area for targeted improvement. Although, the decreases in student performance can be directly linked to the increase in academic vigor instituted by the state of Florida, increasing the achievement of all students is a top priority. Through PLCs, professional learning communities, our faculty has had the opportunity to acquire skills to enhance staff and student technology skills, to focus instruction on Florida standards, to collect data to assess and guide the instruction of struggling students, and to increase the rigor of instruction. Additionally academic intervention groups have been instituted to meet the needs of students.

Additional Information

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

Silver Ridge has 180 parent and community volunteers who assist our school on a regular basis. Our school has an active Parent Teacher Organization. Silver Ridge offers many opportunities for parents and guardians to engage in their child's education. There are many special family events to engage students, families, and the community.

Safety Patrol:

Safety Patrols consists of 4th and 5th grade students are invited to apply to be a safety patrol. Each applicant must maintain a C or higher in all subjects. Prior teacher approval is also a requirement. Safety Patrols make sure students walk through to their classes and halls using the correct behavior, they also help monitor students who are waiting for teachers to let them into the classroom. The assist teachers in keeping order in the cafeteria during before school breakfast. Three 5th grade safety patrols have the responsibility of putting up the flag every morning and taking it down every afternoon. Through safety patrol, students learn to be responsible citizens and good leaders.

Kids Heart Challenge:

Every year, Valentine's Day is celebrated by gaining an awareness of how to keep our hearts healthy. Our Physical Education teacher, Ms. Bayazitoglu, and our supportive PTO organize the annual Kids Heart Challenge event. During the event, families are encouraged to sponsor their children by making donations to the American Heart Association. In addition to raising funds and awareness, students strengthen their own hearts through exercise. On Valentine's Day or the closest school day, the entire school jumps rope for 30 minutes!

Primary Reading Challenge:

The Primary Reading Challenge is an annual event. Students in grades K-2nd are challenged to read one hundred books documenting in the Beanstack App in Clever. Many of these books are awardwinning and inclusive of multiple reading levels and preferences. Students will be presented with a

special certificate to commemorate their dedication to reading.

Students in 1st grade are challenged to read 100 words by the 100th day of school and 2nd grade is challenged to read 100,000 words by the end of the year.

End of Year Book Swap

The book swap is meant to provide summer reading and to thank students/parents for their support of the bookfair during the year. There is no cost for the book swap.

Sunshine State Young Reader Award (SSYRA and SSYRA-Jr.)

SSYRA targets intermediate students, and SSYRA-Jr. focuses on primary students. In each case, fifteen books are nominated annually. In the Jr. category ten of the books are picture books and five are beginning chapter books. I read all 10 picture books through out the course of the year. Students who read the beginning chapter books are able to earn a brag tag. Brag tags are not given to all students who hear the picture books during library lessons. In the spring, all students vote for a favorite and the results are communicated to the state (Florida Association for Media in Education). In the SSYRA 3-5 group students read at least three of the 15 nominated titles in order to vote. Brag tags are given to students who take an AR test and/or prove they read the book. An ice cream social is scheduled in the spring following the voting. A Battle of the Books tournament is held on a school level for students who read all fifteen books. A district wide Battle of the Books is held for students who have read at least ten of the fifteen books

Book Fairs:

Silver Ridge holds two book fairs each year. The first is in September and the second is held in February. These book fairs run for about seven days, and all students have the opportunity to shop during their scheduled media class. The book fairs always focus on a theme, and the decorations, contests, and literacy activities correspond to that theme. Additionally, one family events are held during each fair; an evening event is scheduled to allow for maximum participation. A percentage of the purchases is returned to the school as cash or book profit. Silver Ridge PTO raised approximately \$10,000 annually from our book fairs. We also work to ensure that Silver Ridge students and our community consider those children who may not have the means to partake in the purchasing of books. \$1 donations are collected to provide these children with the opportunity to participate in the buying of a book.

100th Day of School:

Kindergarten, and 1st grade students mark the arrival of the 100th day of school in grand style. Students participate in themed art, cooking, music, math, social studies, and literacy activities. First graders transform themselves into 100 year old people They arrive at school disguised as centurions! The celebration integrates curriculum, reinforces number sense, and builds concrete understanding of a variety of mathematical concepts. It is truly a day to remember.

Bingo Night:

PTO will host their annual Bingo Night in the Silver Ridge cafeteria. This is a wonderful night in which families come out and play bingo together. The MC for the evening is Mr. Sean Russell from Chesterischool.com. Food, drinks, snacks and desserts are available for purchase. In addition, there are raffles and a silent auction featuring tickets to theme parks and attractions such as Disney World, Sea World and Universal. Bingo Night is fun evening for the Silver Ridge community, but it mainly serves as a fundraiser.

Seuss on the Loose Fun Run

In lieu of our annual Boosterthon Fun Run, PTO will be hosting a 35 minute obstacle course. This consists of a will kick off pep rally. Students will be able to earn prizes by getting donations and supporting Silver Ridge Elementary at the same time. Our goal this year is \$20,000 in hopes of acquiring new concrete on our basketball courts and outside PE areas.

SPANISH CLUB

SRE Spanish Club is for 4th and 5th-grade students who would like to participate in the annual World Languages Elementary District Academic Competition, which is held in April. The competition includes Skit, Talent, Declamation, 3-D Project, Poster and New Media categories. The club meets after school December-April to prepare for the competition and participants are selected from among club members.