



Executive Summary for Lyons Creek 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?

Purpose:

Lyons Creek Middle School is located at 4333 Sol Press Blvd., in the city of Coconut Creek, Florida. The city of Coconut Creek is in Broward County, Florida. It has a population of approximately 60,000 people. It is part of the Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL Metropolitan Statistical Area.

Lyons Creek is one of the largest middle schools in Broward County, educating approximately 1290 students each day (392 sixth graders, 435 seventh graders, and 461 eighth graders). Lyons Creek is the only middle school in the city of Coconut Creek.

Current student demographic information indicates that 25 percent are White, 38 percent are Hispanic, 27 percent are Black, 4 percent are Asian, and 4 percent are multiracial. Economically disadvantaged students account for 59 percent of the population, as indicated by participation in the free lunch program. Additionally, 22 percent of students are Students with Disabilities (SWD), 9.1 percent are classified as English Language Learners (ELL) and 8 percent of our students are gifted.

Lyons Creek Middle School employs a staff of 102 employees. The faculty includes 4 administrators, 64 full-time teachers, 7 teacher assistants, 8 clerical staff, 7 facilities service persons, a security specialist, a security manager, 5 campus monitors, 1 nurse, and 2 police officers. The average staff teaching experience is 10 years.

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 LCMS is to maintain a safe and secure learning environment where tolerance, respect and accountability provide learning experiences that empower our diverse community. The vision of LCMS is to cultivate a positive community of life-long learning and self-discovery.

LCMS offers 6 high school courses, such as Algebra, Geometry, Spanish 1, Spanish 2, Biology, and Speech/Debate. LCMS aligns curriculum with recognized standards to aid with providing better career opportunities for the students. Our community understands that we are committed to improving student preparation and ensuring that Florida's workforce meets the demands of the 21st century.

Lyons Creek Middle School currently has many innovative programs. These programs were implemented to provide our students with a variety of learning experiences. These elective programs include Business Computer Application Pathway: Career and Technical Occupations (PowerPoint), Computer Science Pathway: Coding (Word), Business Computer Application Pathway: Orientation to Career Cluster (Excel), Web Development Principles, Peer Counseling, Physical Education, Beginning, intermediate, and advanced Band, Art, TV Production, and Coding Fundamentals. These pathways focus on word processing, programming, multimedia, and web design. Students who pass all three courses will receive Microsoft Office certification. Lations in Action is a cohort that focuses on student success and high achievement.

Lyons Creek Middle provides students with the opportunity to participate in the following clubs & organizations, such as National Junior Honor Society, Student Government, First Priority, Spanish, Human Relations, HOPE/Students Against Violence Everywhere, Best Buddies, Chess Club, SECME. Lyons Creek also offers inter-scholastic sports, such as soccer, golf, basketball, volleyball, cross-country, track & field, flag football, cheerleading, and floorball.

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.

Lyons Creek Middle's notable achievements include academic achievement in core content areas and an A-Rating as of 2025 when school grades were assigned. This achievement is a direct reflection of the alignment of instruction to the Florida B.E.S.T Standards as well as utilizing common formative assessments to improve teaching, learning, and progress monitoring. Our teachers are also focusing on differentiated instruction, higher-level questioning, providing authentic feedback data-driven instruction, culturally responsive teaching, as well as stations and center-based lessons. LCMS is honored to be a 2022-2024 National PTA School of Excellence. Minority Scholars Calculus Program, created at LCMS, celebrated 100% of students successfully passing the Algebra I & Geometry End of Course Exam for high school course credit. Over 40 students won Broward County Literary Fair Awards.

In 2025, the SECME Bridge Team was selected among 115 national entries to compete against 6 of the top middle school teams, earning 3rd place at the AASHTO National Bridge competition in Hartford, Connecticut. We also had two National winners in the SECME Essay competition, with students placing 1st and 3rd. The SECME Bionic Hand Team placed 3rd at the Broward County SECME Olympiad in April 2025. Our holistic program establishes a curriculum that develops a strong foundation for self-esteem and engagement in world events, while building skills in writing, research, and public speaking.

Lyons Creek Middle School has been recognized by the Florida Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (FLPBIS) Project as a 2024-2025 Gold PBIS Model School. This distinction acknowledges the school's dedication to improving students' quality of life through the implementation of a Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) framework. As a PBIS Model School, Lyons Creek Middle School demonstrates a strong commitment to fostering positive outcomes for all students.

The Lyons Creek Middle School Speech & Debate Team continues to shine as one of the leading programs in Broward County. Our students proudly participate in county-wide district competitions, consistently ranking in the **top 10%** among schools. This year alone, they have earned **12 gold medals**, showcasing not only their speaking skills but also their dedication, teamwork, and determination.

Beyond competition, our debaters engage deeply in classroom practice. Students research pressing **social issues** that impact our world today—topics such as climate change, education, technology, and equality. They learn to:

- **Research and analyze** credible sources to build strong cases.
- **Write structured arguments** that include claims, evidence, and counterarguments.
- **Debate respectfully**, listening to opposing viewpoints and responding with logic and clarity.

Through this process, students gain valuable skills in **critical thinking, communication, and collaboration**—skills that prepare them not just for competition, but for leadership in the future. Our holistic program establishes a curriculum that develops a strong foundation for self-esteem and engagement in world events, while building skills in writing, research, and public speaking. **6th Grade Students won first, second, & third place in the National Patriot's Pen Contest."**

The Lions Excellence in Academics Program (LEAP) provides accelerated opportunities for gifted /high achiever students, including the Cambridge International School Program. LCMS is committed to an educational program that recognizes individual student differences, abilities, interests, and needs. Our goal is to enrich the education of all students through curriculum and activities designed to expose them to a variety of challenging and higher-order critical and creative thinking experiences. We are committed to the differentiation of our gifted and high-achieving students to help them maximize their high potential and allow them to thrive, flourish, and create. Curriculum differentiation is incorporated to provide flexibility in instruction. Strategies used may include in-depth study, high degree of complexity, advanced content, variety in content, process and/or product, acceleration of instruction, project based learning, and much more! In addition, LEAP students have the opportunity to earn high school credit classes by the end of their 8th-grade year. At Lyons Creek Middle School, there are several advanced courses such as Great Explorations in Math (GEM) where students receive two high school credits from taking Algebra during 7-grade and Geometry during 8-grade. Research shows that students who take algebra and geometry early (by the end of the eighth and ninth grades) are much more likely to go on to college than students who do not. In a national sample, only 26 percent of low-income students who did not take geometry went to college; but 71 percent of low-income students who took geometry went to college.

In addition, Lyons Creek Middle has an excellent Before and After school program that offers parents an opportunity to provide enriched activities that will empower students with the necessary tools and skills for them to become successful. Currently, we offer a home help program for students who are struggling with completing their homework. Furthermore, we offer activities such as sports, snack creation, arts and crafts, and a game room, for students after they have completed their homework.

LCMS has great athletic programs. The school was recognized as the 2022-23 Broward County All Boys Sports Middle School County Champions! Girls Volleyball District Champions (its 7th since 2015 & ranked 4th best team in the County) and Boys Volleyball District Champions (its 6th since 2015 & ranked 3rd best team in the County). Track Boys & Girls Regional Silver All-Around Teams; MSAA Champion in Girls' Discus, Silver Champion in Girls' Shot Put & Boys' Discus. In 2023-2024, the Girls Soccer won their 11th consecutive Division 2 Championship. The boys' basketball team earned a spot in their second consecutive BSAA/MSAA Final Four and ranked 3rd in the county. In Track and Field, both boys and girls teams placed 2nd at the BSAA/MSAA Regional Championships. During the 2024–2025 school year, our Girls Soccer team proudly earned the title of Division Champions. The Boys Basketball team also captured the Division Championship. Our Girls Volleyball team showcased their talent by advancing to the MSAA Final Four. The Boys Volleyball team went all the way to become MSAA County Champions, while the Girls Floorball team also claimed the title of MSAA County Champions. Rounding out an impressive year, the Boys Floorball team finished strong as MSAA County Runners-up.

We are also very proud of our teachers who are participating in Professional Learning Communities with fidelity. Teachers meet each Wednesday morning with their subject area colleagues to deconstruct the Florida B.E.S.T Standards, analyze common formative data, share best practices, and plan engaging lessons for our students.

Areas of academic improvement that we are currently focused on are English Language Arts, Science, Civics, and continued improvement for Students with Disabilities and English Language Learners. Through the use of technology, such as HMH, SAVVAS, and individualized instruction students will be remediated on difficult standards. We are also focused on ensuring that all classroom teachers are providing rigor and relevance in their instruction.

An area of focus for future improvement is also increasing parental participation and providing a plethora of activities to further increase parent and community involvement at LCMS. Additionally, we will continue to work to instill a sense of belonging, pride, respect, and community among our 1400+ culturally diverse student population through our Prepared, Respectful, Integrity, Good Decisions & Excellence (PRIDE) Expectations.

Additional Information

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

Lyons Creek Middle School is an “A” rated school featuring The Cambridge International Program and nine High School Credit Courses. LCMS has received the National PTA School of Excellence. For the 2022-2023 school year, LCMS received both the Broward County School Counselor and Athletic Director of the Year Award. The Minority Scholars Calculus Program, created at LCMS, celebrated 100% of students successfully passing the Algebra 1 and Geometry End of Course Exam for high school course credit. The school hosts Multi-Cultural S.T.E.A.M. Showcases for parents & community members to demonstrate how LCMS is reimagining the middle grades experience through project-based learning, live wax museums & student performances.