



Executive Summary for Embassy Creek Elementary School

The Executive Summary (ES) provides the school with 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?

Embassy Creek Elementary School is located within the City of Cooper City and is one of the five schools in the Innovation Zone. Embassy Creek presently this 2025–2026 school year has a population of 1,084 students, which come mostly from three large subdivisions: Rock Creek, Embassy Lakes and Monterra. Students may walk, ride their bikes, use Broward County's Transportation Department, or drive in cars to get to school. Our school hours are from 7:30 am–2:00 pm. Currently, Embassy Creek has 7 buses that bring approximately 20 % of our students to school in the morning. The student demographic makeup at Embassy Creek consists of 51.9% white, 32.2% Hispanic, 8.9% Asian, 3.2% black, and 3.7% Multiracial.

The Parent Teacher Association is extremely active at the school. Over 650 parents are registered volunteers, and a wide range of programs and financial assistance are offered to the students and staff members. The PTA eagerly funded a classroom teacher's idea of a Zen Den in 2025 to be created at Embassy Creek Elementary School for all its staff members to find an opportunity throughout the day to focus on a few moments of tranquility and practice mindfulness to help minimize stress each day and encourage a healthy mindset. A few of the extracurricular activities that our amazing P.T.A. contributes to Embassy Creek includes Chess Club, Student Council, Kindness Club, Yoga Club, American Sign Language Club, SOLAR club and the list goes on with over 40 more ways to enhance our learning and student involvement. PTA kindly provides a classroom startup fund of \$150 per classroom teacher for materials and supplies. Embassy Creek consists of 48 instructional classroom teachers, 35% with advanced degrees and 16% with National Board Certification. Our school has two full-time and one part-time guidance counselors always readily available for students, an ESE Specialist, Literacy Coach and 6 Specials area teachers (Art, Music, Media, PE, Spanish and Science). In addition, the school has one Principal, 2 Assistant Principals, 5

office staff, 5 custodians, and 8 paraprofessionals.

The City of Cooper City is extremely active with Embassy Creek Elementary and has donated money through grants for technology improvements and literacy materials for the school. Additional partners include Sunshine Child Care and Equitable Advisors, both contributing financial assistance to the school for programming staff or grants more than about \$40,000 annually. Teachers can write Donors Choose grant applications throughout the year to support classroom instruction and projects. Annually Embassy Creek participates in Relay for Life and the staff, students and parents contribute over \$10,000 to the American Cancer Society. Our Student Council Government raised money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Best Buddies, and the Robert Becker Scholarship which granted 3 Cooper City High School students each with a \$1,000 scholarship. Embassy Creek's staff never passes up an opportunity to better serve our community.

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.

See below.

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.

School's Purpose: Embassy Creek Elementary's purpose is to provide our students with a safe and nurturing educational setting that allows all our students to reach their full academic potential.

Our Vision: The vision of Embassy Creek Elementary is to produce ARK-accountable, responsible, and kind, self-motivated, student achievers who are lifelong learners, applying all the skills taught, and displaying good character traits to become a positive contribution to schools and society.

Our Mission: To empower, nurture and facilitate our students to become global thinkers, lifelong productive learners and problem solvers of tomorrow.

It is our belief that:

- All students can learn to meet their highest potential.
- There are common sets of skills, knowledge, and core curricular competencies essential to the development of all BCPS students.
- Providing a rigorous and relevant program to the students is paramount to their educational success following the Science of Reading.
- We expect students to be: Accountable, Responsible and Kind.
- Teachers must be trained and proficient in technology to engage and help our students grow in today's modern society.
- Homework provides an opportunity for students to reinforce the skills taught throughout the day.
- Our school's program offerings are closely tied to our vision and mission. In an effort to provide all of our students with the opportunity to grow, we offer instructional programs that are geared towards closing learning gaps as well as enriching activities for those students that are performing above grade level on district and state standardized assessments. Students are continuously closely monitored by our Collaborative Problem-Solving Team and classroom teachers to ensure they are making learning gains. Careful analysis of student data has allowed us to narrow in the specific learning deficiencies so we may prescribe appropriate measures that will create a greater impact on student achievement at our school. For students that excel in their grade levels, they are given the opportunity to participate in authentic project-based learning experiences and be challenged in above grade level courses such as ACCEL.

- Countless hours are devoted to our school not only by our staff but also by our amazing volunteers and dynamic P.T.A. members to help implement a vast array of programs we have at Embassy. Our P.T.A. contributes to a minimum of 44 ways at our school (Art Fair, clubs, Flamingo Express, Literacy Night and Meet the Master's Program to name a few.

In addition, Embassy Creek was recognized for its exceptional Library Media Program for the second year in a row! Our Innovative Learning Commons received a banner for all to view the Golden Library Award.

Lastly, our fifth-grade students in the 2024-2025 school year received the highest Science FAST scores in the South Area of Broward County. Our teachers and students worked tirelessly to prepare the students and master the standards taught.

Additional Information

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

Embassy Creek is extremely fortunate to have immensely dedicated staff members and community volunteers that make a daily impact on the lives of our students. We believe that collaboratively we can affect the academic and social well-being of our students. Below are some examples of our collaborative efforts.

Our school has implemented a professional learning community model, which encourages our staff to work as a team to complete instructional cycles and analyze the impact on student achievement to promote higher learning. Through careful analysis of the Florida Standards, each team develops lessons, identify assessments that address the standards and determine whether the need for remediation or enrichment-type activities is necessary to meet the needs of all students.

Teachers provide a customized, personalized learning experience for our eager, striving learners. Our Collaborative Problem-Solving Team meets regularly with teachers and parents to ensure whether the intervention programs are being implemented with fidelity and consistency to better support students. The teachers are responsible for collecting data, analyzing data and determining if the program needs to be modified in the child's best interest. This process allows us to identify whether students require additional support services or accommodations to give students maximum opportunity to learn and make learning gains.

The above-stated efforts have shown to be fruitful thanks to the countless hours our devoted staff members dedicate to student achievement in and out of the classroom. We continue to strive to work as a "village" to make sure each and every one of our students at Embassy Creek Elementary School grow academically, socially and are determined to succeed.