



Executive Summary for Silver Lakes Elementary

The Executive Summary (ES) provides the school an opportunity to describe in narrative form its vision as well as its 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?

Silver Lakes Elementary is located in the City of Miramar in Southeast Florida. The school has a population of approximately 330 students in grades pre-kindergarten through fifth Grade. As of spring 2025 53% of our students are male and 47% are female. Student ethnicity percentages are: 50% Hispanic; 35% Black, Non-Hispanic; 6% White, Non-Hispanic; 5% Asian or Pacific Islander; and 4% Multi. The majority of our families report English as their primary language with 25 percent reporting Spanish as their first language and 3 percent reporting Haitian-Creole as their first language. Silver Lakes Elementary provides services for ELL: English Language Learners and SWD: Students with Disabilities. We have special programs for students on the autism spectrum and students with developmental disabilities, who live outside our school boundaries. All ELL students are educated in the general education classes. We provide a range of services for SWD and educate them in the least restrictive environment to optimize learning.

Sixty-five faculty and staff members serve the community of Silver Lakes Elementary. This includes thirty-one Teachers/Instructional Support Staff Members, sixteen Education Support Professionals, two Administrators, and fourteen additional staff members including clerical, facilities, cafeteria, and campus security. Eighty-two percent of employees are female, and eighteen percent are male. The staff is ethnically diverse.

Miramar, Florida, is a vibrant and welcoming city known for its rich cultural diversity, strong sense of community, and family-friendly atmosphere. With a population that reflects a wide range of ethnic backgrounds Miramar offers inclusive events, clean and safe neighborhoods, and excellent schools that support student success. The city continues to invest in parks, recreational programs, and innovative infrastructure, making it a wonderful place for families to live, learn, and thrive together. The City provides School Resource Officers for all of our schools and is collaborative and invested in the schools in the city.

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.

School Purpose: To provide a high-quality education in a nurturing environment.

Focused School Practices:

Practice 1: Focused and Authentic PLCs

Practice 2: Response to Intervention

Practice 3: Optimal Internal/External Relationships

Practice 4: Scaling Up Best Practices

Grade level teams work together in PLCs to discuss student progress, adjust instructional focus and plan for tailoring of instruction to students' needs. Students who are not mastering content and/or making adequate progress are reviewed by the Collaborative Problem-Solving Team. This team recommends interventions and works closely with the teacher on implantation and data analysis to ensure students receive appropriate services to make progress.

Key to our school's success is building and maintaining relationships with students, families, faculty and staff. We have open conversations regarding academics, social growth and school improvement. We invite and welcome ALL families to engage in school activities both on campus and in the community.

A core value for Silver Lakes Elementary is continuous improvement. To improve our skills, we collaborate with one another, collaborate with colleagues at other schools and reach out to learn best practices from other schools and organizations.

In addition to the academic school day, we offer after school care through a private provider and clubs sponsored by school staff. We foster an inclusive environment where students participate in debate, chess, art activities, sports and more. We have learning nights and performance nights at school where all families are welcome. Our school is an integral part of the community and we work intentionally to make our children, staff and families feel at home at Silver Lakes Elementary.

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.

Silver Lakes Elementary continues to be recognized with the Golden School Award for having an exemplary volunteer program. We have received the following ratings from the Florida Department of Education academic achievement: 2025 – A, 2024 -A, 2023 – A, 2022 – A, 2019 – A, 2018 – B, 2017 – A. School grades were not issued in 2020 or 2021 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

We receive Title 1 funding which has allowed us to support our school with a full-time mathematics coach/instructional facilitator. Over the last three-year, achievement in reading and mathematics has been notable. We are designated a Florida School of Excellence by the Florida Department of Education.

We have targeted interventions and assessments which are implemented based on recommendations from our Collaborative Problem-Solving Team through the Response to Intervention process. Targeted interventions and small group instruction continue to have a positive impact on achievement. Our goal is to ensure that students make more than one year of progress to close learning gaps.

Our enrollment has stabilized and attendance is on track with typical attendance rates. We are providing incentives to further improve attendance rates for our students.

Areas of focus are implementing Florida's BEST Standards, closing learning gaps for struggling students, accelerating achievement for all students, improving attendance rates and supporting students in the growth of their social skills.