



## **Executive Summary for Eagle Ridge Elementary 3441**

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?

Eagle Ridge Elementary is a vibrant, community-focused school located in Coral Springs, a suburban city in northwest Broward County. Serving approximately 740 students in pre-kindergarten through 5th grade, the school has experienced slight shifts in enrollment over the past three years, reflecting broader demographic trends in the region. Despite these fluctuations, Eagle Ridge remains a cornerstone of its community, known for its inclusive environment, academic rigor, and strong parent and community partnerships.

The school's student population is diverse and reflective of the multicultural nature of the Coral Springs area. The current demographic breakdown includes 36% White, 32% Hispanic, 17% African American, 10% Asian, and 4% multiracial students. Approximately 56% of students are male and 43% are female. Around 20% of the student body is economically disadvantaged, and 13% are English Language Learners (ELLs). The school also serves a significant number of students with disabilities, comprising 24% of the student population. Support is provided through specialized programs, including four Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) cluster classes. Additionally, Eagle Ridge offers three pre-kindergarten classes specifically designed to provide early intervention and ESE services. The school also serves a small population of military-connected students, who comprise 2.2% of the enrollment.

Eagle Ridge has a dedicated team of 49 teachers with a strong balance of professional qualifications. The school prioritizes staff retention and professional development, ensuring that students are supported by experienced, highly qualified educators.

A unique feature of Eagle Ridge is its Spanish Dual Language program, which spans kindergarten through 5th grade. This model provides students with instruction in both English and Spanish for half of the academic day, promoting bilingualism, biliteracy, and cross-cultural understanding. The school also offers a Gifted High Achievers program for students in grades 2 through 5, serving approximately 3% of the student population.

Technology integration is a hallmark of the instructional model at Eagle Ridge. Each student in grades K–5 has access to a dedicated laptop, and every classroom is equipped with a Promethean board to support interactive

learning and digital literacy.

Community involvement remains a key strength of the school. Eagle Ridge benefits from the support of over 800 registered volunteers and strong partnerships with local businesses, including Mathnasium, Code Ninjas, Bright Eyes Quality Childcare, Pelican Snowball, and regional real estate groups. The school's PTA plays an active role in organizing student and family events such as Basket Night, book fairs, game nights, and academic programs like Math Super Star and the Kindergarten Reading Program. Monthly give-back nights at local restaurants and events, such as snow cone days, further promote school spirit and family engagement.

As Eagle Ridge Elementary continues to grow and evolve, it remains deeply committed to meeting the diverse needs of its students while fostering a school culture rooted in inclusion, academic excellence, and community pride.

## 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.

Eagle Ridge Elementary's purpose is to create a safe, inclusive, and academically rigorous environment where all students are empowered to think critically, act responsibly, and reach their full potential. The school's mission centers on fostering a positive and safe environment that promotes independent and creative thinking through an integrated curriculum rich in science and technology.

The mission is brought to life through an instructional approach that emphasizes cross-curricular integration, especially between English Language Arts (ELA), science, social studies, and mathematics. For example, many ELA texts are intentionally selected to connect with science and social studies topics, helping students make deeper connections across content areas. Project-based learning further supports this integration by allowing students to apply skills from multiple disciplines to real-world problems and scenarios, promoting both academic growth and problem-solving abilities.

The school's science instruction is grounded in hands-on labs and STEM activities that align with the Florida Science Standards for grades K–5. These experiences are designed to spark curiosity, promote inquiry, and ensure that students build a solid foundation in scientific thinking and exploration across all grade levels.

Eagle Ridge also supports the social-emotional and behavioral development of students through a school-wide Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) plan. Students are taught and encouraged to SOAR—demonstrating Self-control, Ownership, Acting responsibly, and Respect. These core values are reinforced through the implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), with all teachers trained in positive behavior management strategies. This consistent approach fosters a respectful, safe, and supportive environment that empowers students to succeed both academically and socially.

Together, these programs and expectations reflect Eagle Ridge Elementary's commitment to nurturing the whole child—academically, behaviorally, and emotionally—while preparing students to become responsible, thoughtful, and innovative citizens.

## 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.

Eagle Ridge Elementary proudly maintains its School of Excellence designation and continues to earn an A grade, reflecting its strong commitment to academic achievement and community partnership. Over the past three years, Eagle Ridge has shown steady growth and resilience, as seen by the increase in total school grade points from 497 to 525. This progress includes significant gains in Math Learning Gains for the Lowest Quartile and a 14-point rise in 5th grade science, highlighting targeted teaching efforts and data-driven interventions.

In English Language Arts (ELA), Eagle Ridge has kept a high level of performance, with 72% of students in grades 3-5 demonstrating proficiency overall and 75% of third-grade students reaching proficiency. To support ongoing growth in ELA, the school has implemented a school-wide Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) block, enabling strategic small group instruction and personalized support to meet students' diverse needs. While overall proficiency remains strong, the school is working to improve learning gains for students in the lowest quartile through more focused, differentiated instruction.

Beyond academics, Eagle Ridge has made notable progress in community engagement and student safety. The school has received the Golden School Award for its outstanding volunteer service, largely driven by parent involvement. Its long-standing participation in the Annual Harvest Drive remains a point of pride, earning recognition for its generous contributions. The Before and After Care program also earned the highest safety and quality rating, reinforcing the school's dedication to providing a secure and supportive environment.

Eagle Ridge is also dedicated to creating classrooms that support 21st-century learning. Each classroom is now equipped with a Promethean board, thanks to a recent investment in instructional technology. This effort demonstrates the school's commitment to improving instruction, boosting student engagement, and ensuring all students have access to modern, interactive learning tools.

Looking ahead, Eagle Ridge is focused on several key priorities for ongoing improvement. These include increasing ELA learning gains for students in the lowest quartile, strengthening Tier 1 instruction to raise overall reading proficiency, and maintaining and increasing science proficiency across grade levels. The school also aims to improve instructional planning through collaborative professional learning communities. Additionally, Eagle Ridge plans to deepen community partnerships and expand service learning opportunities to foster a strong, inclusive school culture.

## Additional Information

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

Students at Eagle Ridge Elementary benefit from a well-rounded education that includes participation in four special area classes on a five-day rotation: Art, Music, Media, and Physical Education. These programs enhance the academic experience and support the development of creativity, physical health, and digital literacy.

In addition to the core curriculum, Eagle Ridge offers students opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities through after-school clubs and programs run by outside vendors. These clubs promote exploration, teamwork, and personal growth beyond the school day.

Eagle Ridge Elementary remains dedicated to delivering a nurturing, engaging, and comprehensive educational experience that prepares students for lifelong success. The school values its partnership with families and the broader community, recognizing that collaboration is essential for maintaining excellence and fostering ongoing growth.