



Executive Summary for Lakeside Elementary 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?

(Type responses using complete sentences, spellcheck, and grammar check. 6000-character limit.)

Lakeside Elementary is a public school located in Pembroke Pines, Florida, serving approximately 500 students from kindergarten through fifth grade. It is a designated Title I school, with over 62% of students qualifying for free and reduced lunch. The school is a true reflection of the diverse South Florida community, embracing a wide range of ethnicities, languages, and backgrounds.

As of the most recent data, the student population includes 53.91% White, 53.71% Hispanic, 31.86% Black/African American, 7.21% Multi-Racial, and 6.61% Asian students, with smaller percentages of Native American and Pacific Islander students. This diverse student body creates a learning environment that celebrates multiculturalism and encourages students to value and respect differences.

Lakeside Elementary offers a variety of specialized academic programs to support and enrich student learning. One of the school's offerings is the Dual Language Program, which provides students with the opportunity to reinforce and expand their Spanish language skills through instruction. One class at each grade level participates in this bilingual program, which integrates Spanish across subjects to promote biliteracy, academic achievement, and cultural appreciation.

Additionally, the school provides the ACCEL (Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning) Program for students who demonstrate advanced abilities in mathematics. Through ACCEL, students are able to progress beyond their current grade-level curriculum and engage in rigorous math instruction aligned with higher grade-level standards, allowing for deeper exploration and academic growth.

Approximately 23% of students are identified as English Language Learners (ESOL), and the school is staffed with ESOL-endorsed teachers who provide targeted language development while ensuring academic success across subjects. In addition, 32% of students have Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), and the school serves as an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) cluster site, offering specialized support to meet a wide range of exceptional needs. Approximately 2% of students are gifted learners, where instruction is differentiated, challenging them to think critically and creatively.

Lakeside Elementary is proud to be an "A" rated school, a reflection of the school's strong academic foundation, staff dedication, and community support. Guided by the motto "*Building Greatness, Leaving 'A' Legacy,*" Lakeside remains committed to building well-rounded students prepared for lifelong success.

Despite these achievements, the school is facing the challenge of declining enrollment. In response, Lakeside is actively engaging the community through outreach, marketing, and promotion of its many unique offerings to increase awareness and attract new families.

Lakeside Elementary continues to serve as a cornerstone of the Pembroke Pines educational community—offering rigorous academics, inclusive support, and innovative programs that meet the needs of every learner.

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.

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Lakeside Elementary's purpose is to provide a high-quality education that supports both academic achievement and personal growth for every student. This is reflected in the school's vision: "*Fostering a growth mindset environment where every scholar achieves their BEST,*" which emphasizes perseverance, effort, and continuous improvement. The school's mission is centered around *GRIT, Gumption, Resiliency, Integrity, and Tenacity*, core values that are taught and modeled to help students succeed not just in the classroom, but in life. Lakeside consistently embodies its purpose through a variety of academic programs and high expectations for all students.

As a continuous "A"-rated school, Lakeside demonstrates its commitment to excellence through rigorous academics and strong instructional practices. Differentiated instruction is central to its approach, with support and enrichment tailored to meet the diverse learning needs of each student. For students who excel in math, Lakeside offers the ACCEL program, which allows students to work at an advanced level beyond their current grade. The school also participates in Broward County's Dual Language Program, offering bilingual instruction from kindergarten through

fifth grade to promote academic development in both English and Spanish.

Lakeside further supports diverse learners by serving as an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) cluster site, ensuring students with exceptional needs receive specialized services and inclusive instruction. Positive behavior and student well-being are also priorities at Lakeside. The school implements structured systems such as CHAMPS, Golden Gators, and regular incentives for attendance and respectful behavior to maintain a safe, encouraging learning environment.

The school fosters a strong connection with families and the community through, reflective of the highly active and award-winning PTA. Some community events proudly coordinated with the support of PTA to serve the school community are family nights, student showcases, fun runs, and other engaging events. Lakeside's PTA has been recognized at the regional, state, and national levels, including earning the prestigious National PTA School of Excellence award for 2023–2025. Their commitment to supporting both staff and students enhances the school environment and ensures strong family engagement throughout the year.

These programs, combined with the dedication of staff and families, help Lakeside fulfill its mission of building well-rounded, resilient, and high-achieving students, with emphasis on “Building Greatness and Leaving ‘A’ Legacy.”

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.

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Lakeside Elementary has celebrated a number of impressive achievements that reflect the hard work of its students, staff, and families. Most notably, the school has maintained its status as an “A” rated school for the second consecutive year and proudly ranked 7th among all Broward County Public Schools, earning 77% of total possible points on the state school grade. Lakeside also made significant academic strides in mathematics, surpassing all annual goals. The school's math proficiency goal was 83%, and students met this target exactly, improving from 81% the previous year. Even more notable were the math learning gains, where the school exceeded its 85% goal with a final result of 87%. Among the lowest quartile students, the school saw remarkable growth, achieving an 88% learning gain, surpassing the 76% goal and last year's result of 73%.

As an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) cluster site, Lakeside has become a school of choice for families of students with autism and exceptionalities, offering high-quality, inclusive support through specialized programming. This is a

cornerstone of the school's commitment to equity and accessibility for all learners.

While the school celebrates strong performance in math, English Language Arts (ELA) remains an area of focus of growth for the next three years. ELA proficiency, learning gains, and gains among the lowest quartile remained in the 70% range, which, although commendable, did not meet the school's set goals. Addressing this will be a key priority in the upcoming school years.

To meet these goals, Lakeside will invest in ongoing professional development, with an emphasis on data-driven instruction, culturally responsive teaching, and social-emotional learning. By strengthening teacher capacity, the school aims to elevate ELA outcomes and continue to meet the needs of its diverse learners.

Family and community engagement remains a vital component of Lakeside's success. The PTA continues to be a powerful force, winning nine awards at the local, state, and national levels for excellence in membership, engagement, and advocacy, including recognition for advocating in support of the presence of School Resource Officers (SROs) in elementary schools to support campus safety.

Looking ahead, Lakeside is committed to continuing its tradition of excellence by focusing on ELA improvement, enhancing teacher growth, and sustaining strong family partnerships, all while nurturing a safe, inclusive, and academically challenging environment.

Additional Information

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

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