



Executive Summary for Cypress Bay High School

Where Lightning Sparks a Legacy

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?

Cypress Bay High School, one of the largest traditional public high schools in the State of Florida, proudly serves approximately 4,460 students as part of Broward County Public Schools. Established in 2002 in the vibrant, master-planned community of Weston, Florida, Cypress Bay has grown alongside a city that now boasts over 70,000 residents. Our school's student body reflects the rich cultural diversity of the region: 65% Hispanic, 18% White, 8% Asian, 4% Black, with additional students identifying as Indian or multiracial. In recent years, we have welcomed a significant number of students from South America, particularly Venezuela, enriching our global perspective.

As Weston's schools operate at capacity, Cypress Bay embraces the challenge of serving a growing community while maintaining our tradition of excellence. We are deeply connected to our city through strong partnerships with the Weston Commission, local businesses, and civic organizations, ensuring that every stakeholder has a voice in data-driven decision-making to address challenges and create opportunities for all learners.

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.

Our mission is clear: to deliver personalized, high-quality education in a professional, safe, and caring environment. We are committed to developing individuals who are academically proficient, technologically capable, and socially prepared to become productive, conscientious, and responsible citizens.

We believe in the power of relationships—fostering inclusivity, belonging, and mutual respect so that every student feels valued and empowered.

This year, under our theme “**Where Lightning Sparks a Legacy – Connect. Lead. Legacy.**”, we renew our dedication to creating meaningful connections that ignite leadership and inspire students to leave a lasting mark on the world. We meet the diverse needs of our learners by cultivating an environment that nurtures growth and sets high expectations, ensuring that every student can fulfill their potential academically, socially, and emotionally.

Cypress Bay High School’s commitment to excellence is reflected in our robust academic offerings, which include more than 30 Advanced Placement (AP) courses, the prestigious Cambridge AICE Program, rigorous honors classes, dual enrollment opportunities, and career-technical pathways. Our extracurricular landscape is equally dynamic, featuring nearly 90 student clubs and organizations, over 15 athletic teams, and signature programs like our pioneering Cyber/STEM partnership with the FBI—one of only two in the nation.

These opportunities are more than just activities; they are pathways for students to **connect** with their passions, **lead** with purpose, and build a **legacy** of achievement and service that extends far beyond high school.

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.

Cypress Bay High School stands as a premier institution of excellence with a 98% graduation rate and 98% of graduates continuing to college. As one of Broward County’s Top Ranked Public High Schools, we combine rigorous academics, exceptional extracurricular programs, and a culture of connection and leadership to prepare students for lasting success.

Our academic offerings are among the most comprehensive in the state, with over 33 Advanced Placement (AP) courses and 41 Cambridge AICE courses—both boasting a remarkable 90% pass rate. In the 2023–2024 school year alone, Cypress Bay administered more than 3,500 AP exams and 4,500 AICE exams. Our scholars’ accomplishments shine on the national stage, with 21 National Merit Finalists in 2024 and acceptances to seven of the eight Ivy League institutions, as well as to highly selective universities such as Caltech, Carnegie Mellon, Emory, Georgia Tech, MIT, Notre Dame, and Vanderbilt.

Our legacy extends beyond academics:

- DECA – Largest chapter in the world, with top state and international awards.
- Debate – Only public school in Florida with two novice state champions, regularly advancing to top national rounds.
- UNICEF – #1 chapter in the nation, raising over \$450,000 in the past decade.
- HOSA – Top-earning “Be the Match” chapter in the country.
- Athletics – 15 collegiate signees in football, tennis, baseball, soccer, and softball.
- Robotics, Mu Alpha Theta, and The Wave Media Center – Consistent state and national recognition, including the Flower Power Library Award.

For 17 consecutive years, Cypress Bay has earned an “A” school rating and continues to rank in the top 3% of Best High Schools in the Nation (U.S. News & World Report, 2025). These achievements reflect the dedication of our students, staff, parents, and community partners, all united in the mission to connect with purpose, lead with vision, and build a legacy of excellence.

Looking forward, we remain committed to closing the achievement gap for our lower quartile and English Language Learner students through targeted progress monitoring and personalized support. Our goal is clear: achieve a 100% graduation rate within the next two years while ensuring every student is college, career, and life ready.

Additional Information

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

Despite the challenges of size and capacity, Cypress Bay continues to thrive because of the relentless dedication of our teachers, staff, and community partners. We hold fast to the belief that when we connect deeply with students, lead boldly in education, and encourage them to build their legacy, we empower them to surpass boundaries and shape the future.

At Cypress Bay High School, the lightning spark is not just a symbol, it’s a promise. A promise to every student that here, they will be challenged, inspired, and prepared to leave a mark that endures.