



Executive Summary for **Plantation High 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?

Plantation High School, located on a 35-acre campus in Plantation, Florida, is a suburban secondary public school, grades 9-12, that serves the Plantation area and other adjoining communities. The student body consists of a diverse group of approximately 2,000 students of which 72% are African American, 21% White, 17% Hispanic, 2% Asian and 4% are two or more races. Faculty demographics are 46% African American, 33% White, 14% Hispanic, and 2% Other. The city of Plantation's demographics are 20.3% African American, 69.9% White, 20.4% Hispanic, 3.9% Asian, and 2.9% two or more races. Plantation High School strives to guarantee every student is well-represented within the school and is supported at all levels. The student population, which is a similar correlation to the community has 69% of students on the free and reduced lunch program and has 6.5% of students that are English Language Learners. Some of the unique features of our school are our many programs and opportunities. We have Gifted, International Baccalaureate, and Cambridge programs, an International Academy for English Language Learners, and other opportunities such as our aerospace program. There is truly sometime for everyone. While we do have the same challenges as any suburban high school, Plantation High School makes every opportunity available to help our students overcome those challenges and provides several opportunities to help students succeed at the school regardless of their situation.

Purpose

Provide the school's purpose statement and ancillary content such as mission, vision, values, and/or

Plantation High School's mission is to meet the needs of all its students by providing an education balanced by academic excellence, career pathways, community service and extracurricular activities. Our vision is for students, teachers, and staff to be proud of Plantation High School and look forward to attending school to either learn or educate every day. In addition, we strive for Plantation High School to be educationally challenging, to provide support to all students in need, and to have a faculty who truly believes in their students' potential. We want students to believe they belong to something bigger and better than any one of them alone. The students know that to be successful they must truly put in the extra effort but that it will pay off with a big reward. Plantation High School encourages students to take several rigorous courses that will help them learn about a wide variety of topics to help them in their future. These courses include but are not limited to courses from our International Baccalaureate program, our Cambridge program, our Gifted Academy, our variety of Advanced Placement courses, dual enrollment, honors courses, and array of vocational courses. Plantation High School has a strong focus on students getting involved in extra-curricular activities to help broaden their horizons and what they are capable of

beliefs. Describe how the school embodies its purpose through its program offerings and expectations for

students.

beyond the traditional learning setting of the classroom. We are fostering a sense of pride in our students that prepares them for life after high school graduation, but where the students know that they are truly cared about and that the school has their best intentions in mind to be successful. The school also offers such a variety in their elective courses including some courses like horticulture and aquaculture, culinary arts, early childhood education, financial arts, and military preparation.

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.

Plantation High School has quite a bit of notable achievements and positive areas of improvement in the last three years. One of our biggest accomplishments is the drastic increase in graduation rates with a graduating class of 96% of our senior class. Plantation High School has received praise for their exceptional programs such as Aerospace Engineering, Industry Certification Programs, Health Occupations, and award-winning band. The Aerospace Engineering program is consistently recognized by NASA and the United States Government as being an innovative and thriving program that teaches students the mechanics of aeronautical engineering as well as cultivates the tools needed to be successful in all facets of aerospace engineering. The school has an outstanding foreign language program that continues to win awards at the state level year after year. Plantation High School is striving for success and improvements in the core classes but is already showing great progress through the International Baccalaureate program, Cambridge program, as well as numerous dual enrollment courses. Our school has made leaps and bounds with our students through our incredible and supportive YMCA program that is available for students to enhance their education during the summer and after school during the school year. In the program, the students can engage in academic programs and receive tutoring support for core classes such as math and reading. This has proven to be very effective for students that may be struggling in the courses or even simply want to get ahead in their current courses. Additionally, students can take elective programs through the YMCA that provide them an opportunity to try a new concept that they can't take during the year in school. This program has engaged and motivated students beyond belief and has taken the traditional classroom setting to new heights.

Additional Information

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

Plantation High School, by all accounts, is a stellar example of a unique school that highlights and impacts its students to the best of their ability. The students and teachers create a college and career-oriented environment that has an appeal to its students and prepares them for success. The school utilizes technology to make classrooms more modern and give students a better opportunity to connect with the digital world. For example, the science department, to provide students with an opportunity to work on labs that might otherwise not be possible, uses a computer program that allows students to complete lab-like dissections, but digitally. Technology is also supporting improvements in our DECA programs as well as our graphic and digital arts program and computer technology courses. Plantation High School prides itself on its ability to work together with the community where we can involve students, faculty, business partners, and all stakeholders to be a part of the evolving and improving school. The focus and goals of Plantation High School provides an opportunity for all students to be successful in their future endeavors. The school consistently works with local businesses to help students find places of work, receive internship opportunities in their preferred field of study or a chance for students to receive mentoring support from the community members. Plantation High School truly makes every opportunity available for the students to be successful in their futures and has become a beacon of improvement and support in the community.