



Executive Summary for **Miramar 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?

Located in the City of Miramar which has a total population of 122,041 residents, Miramar high School currently has 2,107 students and are distributed as follows 47.7% Female & 52.3% Male, 78.9% Black, 15.9% White, 13.3% Hispanic, 2% Asian, 2.3% Multiracial. The staff at Miramar is equally diverse and is distributed as follows: 55% Black, 20% White, 14% Hispanic, 5% Asian .5% Pacific Islander and .5% American Indian/Alaskan Native.

The City of Miramar has been a strong proponent of smart growth and the city seems to be consistently expanding its housing to encourage its continually growing population. Most recently townhouses and apartments were built directly across the street from the school location and this might serve as on of the reasons that we have consistently had a higher student population than projected.

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.

The Mission of Miramar High School is to provide a strong foundation for students to reach their potential through comprehensive curricula, rigorous standards and comprehensive assessments. The educational standards at Miramar High School, home to the International Baccalaureate and Aviation Magnet Programs, will foster cultural awareness and understanding so that graduates will be compassionate and independent thinkers in an emerging global society.

We currently have an International Baccalaureate and Aviation Magnet Program which have been consistently growing and attracting students from around the county. This year the Aviation Magnet Program had it's Civil Air Patrol Unit reinstated which gives students interested in aviation additional opportunities. In addition we have a partnership with the City of Miramar Police Department that has established a Criminal Justice program here on campus. In it's first year students will be able to take a course on criminal justice and when students complete the program they will have a professional certification as a Public Service Aide which will allow them to be fast tracked to become full fledged police officers after two years. This hits a pressing need in our community to have a police force comprised of community stakeholders

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.

Our school has shown considerable growth with the number of students attaining the International Baccalaureate Degree upon completion of the program. Three years ago, 17 students earned their IB Diploma, two years ago that number grew to 43 and last year we had 47 students obtain their IB Diploma.

In addition our Aviation Magnet has recently expanded. Our Civil Air Patrol has been formally reinstated after reaching the requisite number of students needed to bring it back to life. Additionally, students in the Aviation magnet program will have the opportunity to earn college credit through dual enrollment programs. This year the Dual enrollment credit has been offered in conjunction with Broward College. Next year the credit offered will be through Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, the world's largest, fully accredited university specializing in aviation and aerospace. This unique opportunity will allow our aviation students to have an inside track to being admitted to the university to further their collegiate education.

We have expanded our Dual Enrollment offerings through partnerships with Florida International University, Embry-Riddle University, and Broward College. Through our offerings students are able to earn up to 27 credit hours of college credit right here on our campus! Our US History EOC scores have shown an improvement of 10% several steps. We have aligned our curriculum in order to have all classes on the same page. We have used USA Test prep to generate real time, measurable data in order to help us focus and improve instruction. We have also switched to using Departmental writing prompts.

Additional Information

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

We are continuing to improve student access to technology by acquiring five additional laptop carts so that teachers will either have their own laptop cart or will only share with one other teacher.