



Executive Summary for **Cypress Bay 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?

Cypress Bay High School is the largest traditional public high school in the State of Florida located within Broward County Public Schools with approximately 4,500 students. The school was established in 2002 and is in the city of Weston, Florida. Weston is a suburban community that was established in 1996. Our multicultural school is 65% Hispanic, 85% White(Hispanic & Non-Hispanic), 8% Asian, 4% Black, with additional students identifying as Indian or multiracial. Within the last four years, we have seen a tremendous influx of students migrating from South America, specifically Venezuela. Weston is a part of the Miami/Fort Lauderdale/Palm Beach metropolitan area and has a population over 70,000 people. Because of the enormous growth of the city in the last 20 years, the majority of schools in Weston are at capacity which is one of the biggest challenges associated within the community. Cypress Bay teachers and administrators have formed strong partnerships with the Weston community, Weston Commission, and with many companies in the city. The relationships provide the platform for ensuring all stakeholders are involved with data driven decision making processes to address challenges collaboratively.

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.

Cypress Bay High School's mission is to deliver personalized, quality education in a professional, safe, and caring environment. Our stakeholders are committed to developing individuals who are academically proficient, technologically capable, and socially prepared to be productive, conscientious, and responsible citizens. Building meaningful relationships with our students and fostering a community of inclusiveness remains Cypress Bay's most essential principle.

This year, under the theme "Elevate and Excel," we renew our commitment to reaching every student. We aim to meet the diverse needs of all learners by cultivating an environment that nurtures growth and strives for excellence. Our goal is to ensure that every student reaches their full potential academically, socially, and emotionally through personalized support and guidance. The theme embodies our dedication to continuously improving and excelling, both as individuals and as a collective school community.

We are not only focused on maintaining our high standards but also on pushing boundaries to ensure we remain a top institution in education and student development. Cypress Bay High School achieves this mission through a wide variety of academic opportunities, including over 30 Advanced Placement (AP) courses, the Cambridge AICE Program, honors courses, dual enrollment options, and an extensive range of extracurricular activities. These include nearly 90 student clubs and organizations and more than 15 sports teams. We are also proud to be the pilot school for Broward County Public Schools' partnership with the FBI, offering a unique Cyber/STEM program, the second of its kind in the nation.

Despite challenges related to size and capacity, we take pride in delivering the highest level of excellence through the dedication of our teachers. We believe that by "elevating" our standards of teaching, learning, and engagement, we empower students to "excel" beyond their current achievements.

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 has a 98% graduation rate with 98% of students' college bound college and is accredited as a Top Ranked Public High School in Broward County Cypress Bay High School offers over 33 Advanced Placement and 41 AICE courses with a passing rate of 90%. In the 2023- 2024 school year, Cypress Bay administered over 3,500 AP and 4,500 AICE exams. We had 21 National Merit Finalists recognized in 2024. Graduates were accepted into seven out of the eight Ivy League schools as well as other prestigious schools such as Cal Tech, Carnegie Mellon University, Emory, Georgia Tech, MIT, Notre Dame, and Vanderbilt. In the last three years, our school has continuously been recognized on the national, state, and local levels. These Cypress Bay achievements include Debate, Robotics, DECA, UNICEF, HOSA and Mu Alpha Theta accomplishments. Our DECA chapter is the largest one in the world winning awards state and international. Debate alone was the only public school in Florida to have two novice state champions and our students continue to advance to the top rounds in nationals. Our UNICEF Club is rated number one in the country, over the past ten years a total of \$360,000 has been raised. In addition, Cypress Bay graduates included fifteen athletic signees from football, tennis, baseball, soccer, and softball. Our HOSA is the Top earning chapter of "Be The Match". Our Media Center, The Wave, earned the Flower Power Library Award. Cypress Bay was recognized as a Best and Brightest School and for the last fifteen years, has maintained an "A" rating and is focused on repeating this distinction for years to come. Our goal is to continuously grow in every aspect. This includes narrowing the achievement gap for our lower quartile students and English Language Learners through continued progress monitoring and support. Our aim is to achieve a 100% graduation rate within the next 2 years, ensuring all students are college and career ready. The opportunities that are provided at Cypress Bay are a result of the dedication of all stakeholders and their commitment to our vision. We are so proud of our ranking in the top 3% of Best High Schools in the Nation in 2024 by U.S. News and World Report.

Additional Information

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

Cypress Bay High School looks and feels like a college campus. The school had an additional of our 900 building, which includes 60 states of the art classrooms and meeting spaces was opened 2 year. Our media center, The Wave, was designed to reflect the culture of the campus with Wi-Fi and state of the art equipment. Our school is a Cambridge Demonstration Center that assists schools with the Cambridge Program. Students are encouraged to spend time before, during, and after school collaborating and working on their assignments in The Wave. We have extensive after school programs with free tutoring offered in almost every subject as well as academic Camps with extended learning opportunities. Our Band and Chorus has won State Superior Ratings. Cypress Bay High School has provided all students with various ways to participate on campus, reflecting the diverse student body. Our school embraces a very active PTSA which hosts activities and fundraisers for Cypress Bay's Stakeholders. Cypress Bay High School will continue to evolve to meet and address the changing needs of our students.