



## 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 public high school in the Broward County Public School system with approximately 4800 students. The school which opened in 2002 is located in the city of Weston, Florida. Our multicultural school is 62% Hispanic with many families from Colombia, Brazil, Argentina, Venezuela, Mexico, and other countries. Weston is a suburban community located in Broward County, Florida that was established in 1996. The city is 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 schools in Weston are critically overcrowded which is one of the biggest challenges associated with the community. Being the only high school to service the city of Weston, Cypress Bay teachers and administrators have formed a strong partnership with the Weston community and with many other companies in the city including the Rick Case Automotive Group, Office Depot, Publix, Cleveland Clinic, and many others.

### 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

Cypress Bay High School's mission is delivering 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. Cypress Bay High School achieves this mission through offering a variety of athletics and clubs with a full portfolio of Honors, AICE, and AP classes. We partnered with the FBI to embed an FBI/Cyber Program in which FBI agents work with students to prepare them for this expanding field. Despite our size and capacity issues, we pride ourselves in offering the highest level of excellence through our dedicated teachers, numerous extracurricular activities, and overwhelming support from our community. We invested in The Wave, our digital media center, and Canvas, a learning management system, allowing our students to access digital content when and where they need it.

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## **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 97% graduation rate with 96% of students attending college and is accredited as a Top Ranked Public High School in Broward County. Cypress Bay High School offers 32 Advanced Placement and AICE courses with a passing rate of 90%. In the 2020- 2021 school year, Cypress Bay administered over 4,000 AP and 3,700 AICE exams. The year also boosted 15 National Merit Finalists among our accolades. 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 past three years, our school has been distinguished on the national, state, and local levels. These Cypress Bay achievements include Debate, Robotics, DECA, UNICEF, and Mu Alpha Theta accomplishments. Debate alone can boast a national champion in Program Oral Interpretation and the team placed in the top ten of all teams in the country both public and private. Our UNICEF Club is rated number one in the country, over the past ten years a total of \$315,000 has been raised. In addition, Cypress Bay graduates included fifteen athletic signees from football, tennis, baseball, soccer, and softball. 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 fourteen years, Cypress Bay High School has maintained an "A" rating and is focused on repeating this distinction for years to come. The opportunities that are provided at Cypress Bay are a result of the dedication of all stakeholders and their commitment to our vision.

## **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. We opened our brand new 900 building, which includes 60 state of the art classrooms and meeting spaces. Our media center, The Wave, was designed to reflect the vibe of the campus with Wi-Fi and state of the art equipment. 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 Camps. Cypress Bay High School has provided its students with various ways to participate on campus including over seventy clubs. Through these clubs, we can appeal to the varying interests and cultural diversity of our students. Our school embraces a very active PTSA which hosts activities and informational session for Cypress Bay's Stakeholder. Additionally, the school was in the top 5% of high schools by U.S. News & World Report. With the ongoing additions such as the FBI/Cyber and Stem Programs, Cypress Bay High School will continue to evolve to meet the changing needs of our students.