



Executive Summary Template School Accreditation 2015-2016

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. Transfer completed narratives into the corresponding sections of the Executive Summary found online in ASSIST.

Description of the School

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?

Coral Springs Elementary/Middle a Pre-Kindergarten through 7th grade was established in 1974 and is located in the Coral Springs, Florida. The current enrollment of the school is approximately 695 students. The original structure of the school housed Kindergarten through 5th grade. We opened the 2014/2015 school year as a Pre-K through 8th grade school, phasing in 6th grade, 2015/2016 7th grade, and 2016/2017 8th grade. We also have a diverse population of staff.

The school is located in an area where much of the housing structures are duplexes and apartments. The student population at Coral Springs Elementary/Middle is diverse. The racial makeup is as follows: African American 55%, Hispanic 30%, and White 15%. We also have a large ELL population that makes up 30% of our ELL population. The largest sub-group of our ELL population are students whose first language is creole. In addition to the large ELL population of students we have a large population of students in our special program. Coral Springs Pre K – 8th grade houses three (EBD) Emotionally Behavior Disorder classrooms.

We are a Title 1 school with 85% of our students receiving free or reduced lunch. Due to the nature of the housing structures in the area of the school, we are challenged with a large amount of transient students. Due to the economic challenges of many of our families, many of our students come to school without the most basic school supplies. We look to local partners and churches to assist with providing school supplies to our students.

School's 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. **(Provide more details about program offerings and student expectations)**

The vision at Coral Springs Elementary/Middle is to provide a supportive and safe environment that empowers students to be life-long learners, effective problem solvers, avid readers, and productive citizens of a global society. While this mission focuses on our students, it also applies to the entire Coral Springs school family. We have high expectations for all members of our community. We have a high belief that learning is not confined to the classroom, and that all members of our community are life-long learners who also have valuable experiences. Parent curriculums, trainings, and outreach programs are offered monthly to provide learning models for use at home. Coral Springs Elementary/Middle strives to be an integral part of the community, and to work with all community members. Parents are also encouraged to get involved in education by volunteering and supporting our mission.

Coral Springs Elementary/Middle offers a variety of clubs and activities. The majority of our teachers participate in the Positive Behavior System (PBS) Extended Learning Opportunities are offered to provide targeted students with extra support in reading, math, and science. Saturday camp is also to additional students needing more support, or who are unable to participate in camp during the school week. Students can participate in intermural sports, Yearbook Club, Student Government, and other activities. Every Coral Springs Elementary/Middle school student is able to eat breakfast free of charge, and we have instituted a program to provide meals to needy families during the holidays.

Our mission is to offer an education that inspires all to their highest potential.

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.

Coral Springs Pre K – 8th grade has receive several notable achievements over the last two years. The first is the school's grade improved from a D status to a C. We capitalized on the learning gains of students in grades 4th and 5th. Additionally, with the new Florida Standards Assessment, Coral Springs Pre K – 8th grade was able to maintain a letter grade of C for the 2015 – 2016 school year. As a result of the improvement in letter grade for the school, our enrollment is up 10% this school year. Another notable achievement is the infusion of technology in all classes. We were the recipients of a technology grant to make us a Digital 5/6 school. We also received more than \$100,000 of SMART bond funds to purchase updated technology for the other grade levels and staff. The ratio of computers has gone from 8:1 to 2:1. Finally, Coral Springs Elementary is now recognized as a combination school as we phase in middle school.

Over the next three years, our goal is to improve in the area of student achievement. Although we are making some progress, the goal is the have a laser focus on various sub groups to close the achievement gap that exists among our students. Additionally, over the next three years, our goal is to build our middle school program to make it competitive with tradition middle schools in the area by offering more advance courses, and even more clubs, and some sports. Finally, over the next three years, the goal is to improve the home school connection by building relationships with parents and community partners.

Additional Information

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

Since the expansion of our school to a PK-8 model, our lower school enrollment has increased by 10%. As we continue to grow we look to address the needs of the entire child academically and socially. With that being at the forefront of decisions we have implemented student clubs such as basketball, pep squad, yearbook club, safety patrol, soccer, track and field, and student council. In addition to the purchase of technology, we look forward to the expansion of our media center through the SMART Obligation Bond.

We serve a large population of ESE students, including EBD special programs, and other students with disabilities. Although our population of students with disabilities is ever changing, we continue to meet the needs of diverse learners and the students continue to make learning gains as measured on the Florida Standards Assessment.