



## **Executive Summary**

Hollywood Hills Elementary School

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## **Introduction**

Every school has its own story to tell. The context in which teaching and learning takes place influences the processes and procedures by which the school makes decisions around curriculum, instruction, and assessment. The context also impacts the way a school stays faithful to its vision. Many factors contribute to the overall narrative such as an identification of stakeholders, a description of stakeholder engagement, the trends and issues affecting the school, and the kinds of programs and services that a school implements to support student learning.

The purpose of the Executive Summary (ES) is to provide a school with an opportunity to describe in narrative form the strengths and challenges it encounters. By doing so, the public and members of the school community will have a more complete picture of how the school perceives itself and the process of self-reflection for continuous improvement. This summary is structured for the school to reflect on how it provides teaching and learning on a day to day basis.

## **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?**

Hollywood Hills Elementary is a K-5 school in Broward County servicing approximately 771 students in Hollywood, Florida. The community we are located in is a mainly suburban, middle-class neighborhood. We have been rated an "A" school for 14 school years and scored a "B" for the past 3 school years. The community of Hollywood Hills has seen quite a bit of growth over the last three years. Memorial Regional Hospital and Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, directly down the street from our school, has experienced major expansions including construction of a four story children's hospital.

Our school has a diverse student population, faculty, and staff that adequately represent the population of our community. Our student body population is as follows: 38.5% white, 11.9% African American, 3% multi, 1% Asian. Forty-five percent of our student body is Hispanic. We have steadily increased to almost 50% of our student population receiving free and reduced lunch. There are 109 ELL students, 118 SWD students, and 47 gifted students at our school, which enable us to offer a gifted/high achieving class at all grade levels except kindergarten. Our faculty and staff is composed of 70% white, 20% Hispanic, and 10% African American which closely reflect our student population. The staff is comprised of teachers and faculty that reside in Hollywood and surrounding communities. This enables many of our teachers and faculty to be a working part of their community, thus building relationships with parents, students, and businesses alike. Most recently our faculty has incurred some major changes. Our faculty and staff is committed to our students and their success in all areas, socially and academically.

## **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.**

Hollywood Hills Elementary School is committed to providing all students with a quality education that enables them to reach their maximum potential in a safe and nurturing learning environment. The goal at Hollywood Hills Elementary, along with its stakeholders, is to provide a challenging curriculum that will allow students to develop in all areas. By incorporating technology and authentically engaging work based on high standards for our students, we are preparing our students to be college and career ready adults in the 21st century. Hollywood Hills

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Elementary works together with parents, students, community members, and teachers to provide the level of support that is necessary for students. This partnership is crucial in raising student achievement and providing all that is needed for students to be able to work to their fullest potential.

Hollywood Hills Elementary provides its students with a rigorous curriculum that is engaging and diverse. Our D3/D4/D5 program offered in 3rd - 5th grade allows students to access their education through the use of personal laptops and utilizing unique programs expanding learning opportunities in ways traditional methods do not. These technology enhances 21st Century learning to the classroom that is both engaging and mentally stimulating. Currently teachers are trained in CANVAS, which is the platform that the teachers and student use for the Digital program. The program is fully implemented and uses the gradual release model for instruction.

Hollywood Hills Elementary's goal is that all students master the state standards in all subject areas. Our curriculum for core subject areas is carefully selected by the county. We supplement the curriculum in order to meet the needs of all our students, providing interventions and enrichment programs and lessons that best meets the needs of the individual student.

The practices and program offerings at Hollywood Hills Elementary support our mission and beliefs. Differentiated instruction based on formative and summative assessments are analyzed in grade level data teams to plan for instruction. Each grade level meets for weekly professional learning communities where teachers can plan their instruction based on a C.A.R.E. cycle using performance tasks to evaluate student mastery on each of the Florida Standards. All teachers have been trained in Core Connections writing which focuses on text based writing across the content areas. Hollywood Hills Elementary continuously uses data to reflect and make informed decisions to increase student achievement.

Hollywood Hills Elementary believes that a strong parent-school connection is crucial to the success of each student.

Parents receive weekly parent links with important class and school information. The school website and PTA website also offer a wealth of information for parents to stay connected. The school initiates a variety of activities, programs and events throughout the year to ensure that parents have an opportunity to become actively involved in the school. Some of the many school-wide activities include parent/teacher conferences, Character Parade, Book Fairs, Family Fun Nights, Honor Roll Assemblies, Reading Across Broward Award Recognition Assemblies, Curriculum Night, Showcase of Success, School Drama Performance, PTA meetings and events, Technology Q & A sessions and more.

## 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.**

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Over the last three years, Hollywood Hills Elementary has made many notable achievements. A sample of these achievements include receiving the Golden School Award, Program Organizer of the Year for Broward County, Senior Adult Volunteer for Broward Schools, achieving a School Grade of "B" as rated by the Florida Department of Education for the last 3 years.

In addition to the numerous achievements Hollywood Hills has accomplished, the school has also secured funding of several grants. These grants include the Achieving Excellence in Education City of Hollywood, Broward Education Foundation, and Target Grant. These grants have been utilized in several areas of the school.

Hollywood Hills Elementary has also raised funds for Honor Flights for Veterans to travel to Washington D. C. to honor American Veterans for their sacrifice so that they may visit memorials. Community service projects include: Recycling Program within the school, collections of books for new mothers at Memorial Regional Hospital, Earth Day tree planting, Harvest Food Drive to benefit needy families.

Additionally, areas of improvement that Hollywood Hills Elementary is working on are Response to Intervention (Rtl) to more effectively monitor struggling students. The Rtl program has been fine-tuned and the monitoring process has been structured to insure that all students are receiving individualized and remedial instruction, when needed. Student progress is also tracked very closely using the DATA Chat model, with each individual teacher. These chats have provided opportunities for teacher self-reflection, student data analysis and additional information that is incorporated into our weekly Professional Learning Communities. As a result, Hollywood Hills Elementary has increased effective individualized instruction and has in turn raised student's mastery scores on grade-wide assessments.

## Additional Information

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

Hollywood Hills Elementary fosters student academic growth through a variety of enrichment programs both during and after school including: Student Council, Drama Club, Yearbook Club, Math Team, Safety Patrols, WHHE, Teachers of Tomorrow, Science Fair, Book Buddies, Musical Performances, Career Day, Math Publix Night, Lego Club, Drumline, Spanish Club, and Computer Club. Our students also participate in community outreach through service projects, which include food drives, book donations, and recycling. The district's SMART Bond initiative will afford our school the opportunity to bridge the technology gap, enhance the campus's infrastructure, and educate the whole child through the arts. Hollywood Hills strives for students to have educational experiences designed to maximize their academic achievement so that they are college and career ready and will be able to become productive citizens in our ever-changing society.