



# **Executive Summary**

**South Broward High School**

**Broward County Public Schools**

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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?**

South Broward High School is located in East Hollywood Florida. We are extremely proud to offer innovative programming to our students through our Marine Maritime Magnet Program and Cambridge Program. Our student composition consists of approximately 2,303 students, of which 65% qualify for free and reduced lunch. Our students represent a diverse cross section of American and international cultural backgrounds. Our racial demographics are 63% White, 28% Black, 6% Multiracial, and 3% other races. 39% of students are Hispanic. Our students speak 34 different languages and represent over 55 countries worldwide. South Broward is rich in history and is deeply embedded within our community. South Broward High School celebrated its centennial in 2013 and maintains a working relationship with the community and our business partners in order to provide our students with a high school experience that meets all of their academic and social needs. Over a four-year period, South Broward High School has elevated our curricular programming by offering the Cambridge International Diploma Program, adding a Maritime component to our Marine Magnet Program and by increasing the number of industry certification opportunities available to our students. Our goal is to ensure that all of our students achieve college and career readiness by graduation day as we continue to increase our programming opportunities.

## **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.**

South Broward High School's mission is to provide each student with a quality education, in a safe and secure environment, through personalization and a rigorous curriculum. Further, our Marine Science Magnet Program is specifically tailored to encourage studies in Marine Science to prepare students for careers in the Marine Science field. At South Broward it is the expectation that all of our students will leave high school, college and career ready. Progress monitoring protocols have been established to track student progress and intervene when necessary to ensure that our students meet their goals. Currently, in addition to over 30 course offerings that provide college credit through our Cambridge and AP programming, we offer industry certifications in: Global Logistics, GIS, Hospitality and Tourism, Culinary, Early Childhood Development, Drafting, Marine Service, and Computing.

## **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.**

In 2018 South Broward High School was recognized as the only nationally certified Marine Magnet program in the country. Also, we have been recognized for outstanding student achievement. In our first year of offering the Cambridge International Program, 75% of our students who attempted to complete the 3-year program in one year earned the AICE International Diploma. We have increased our out of boundary magnet enrollment by 67% within our incoming 9th grade cohort. We have been recognized as champions in district, regional, and state levels of competitions in band, drama, athletics, and JROTC. We have had many first-place winners in academic club competitions such as the State Science Fair and Envirothon, and our Wind Symphony played at Carnegie Hall in Spring 2017. Striving to follow Broward County School's Continuous Improvement Model, our goal for the next three years is to ensure that all students leave South Broward High with earned college credits and/or industry certifications.

## **Additional Information**

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

The faculty and staff at South Broward High School prides ourselves as being the most progressive high school in Broward County. We strive to offer an individualized high school experience that will ensure all of our students graduating college and career ready. Serving the "whole child" is a core principle at the heart of South Broward's mission and vision. In an effort to see our vision implemented with fidelity, South Broward will continue to implement the 21st Century After-School Program during the 2017 - 2018 school year. This program is designed to bring free after school programming to students in the following fields: educational remediation, educational enrichment, physical education, artistic education and recreational activities. In addition to offering these opportunities, the 21st Century After School Program will also provide a free dinner program for our students. We encourage our community to get involved and work with us in our efforts to provide our students with a cutting edge education that prepares them to be successful and contributing members of our society.