

**Executive Summary Template School Accreditation**

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?

Wilton Manors Elementary is the only public elementary school in the Island City of Wilton Manors and consists of students from over twenty-five different countries. The socio-economic aspects of the community vary greatly from upper middle-class to low income status. Our school is a Title 1 school with over 80% free and reduced lunch rate. The surrounding community primarily consists of American, Haitian and Hispanic cultures. Our school promotes high expectations of student achievement. Learning is facilitated by the collaborative efforts of school, community volunteers, and business partnerships.

Being in a small city presents many opportunities for our school. We have developed strong community relationships with the stakeholders within the school and community. The school gathers input from the community to guide change efforts. We have partnerships with municipalities, religious, and community organizations. The Kiwanis Club works closely with our school and has created a K-Kids Club for service learning projects as well as support for our Student Council. Local businesses have contributed over $5,000 in the past few years alone to support the initiatives of the school. The local library provides a place for students to go after school to receive homework help for those who are unable to get assistance at home or financially afford tutoring. A local eye doctor even provides glasses for those students who could not afford them. Wilton Manors Elementary is committed to ensuring that the needs of all of the students are met and the surrounding community is right there with us providing the resources we need.

**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.

***Mission: The Mission of Wilton Manors Elementary IB World School is to provide rigorous curriculum where all students work collaboratively in a student centered environment. Our community of lifelong learners will develop real world knowledge and effective communication skills while embracing cultural diversity.***

We have shown growth in the areas of the students becoming “actively responsible for their own learning” and “teaching and learning addresses human commonality, diversity and multiple perspectives.” Our implementation of the Daily 5 and C.A.F.E. frameworks during literacy block, as well as our focus on Accountable Talk, have been instrumental in this growth. Students demonstrate independence as they move through classroom centers and complete assignments. They are able to articulate their reading levels, and their skills in need of improvement. They are taking more active roles as group members.

Teaching students to ask appropriate questions, listen to, and be respectful of, other perspectives, has impacted student learning. Resources that have been purchased to support our units, address human commonality, diversity and multiple perspectives. Learning engagements, reflections, and journaling address these as well.

**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.

* The Broward P3Eco-Challenge engages and rewards traditional and charter BCPS schools, teachers, students, administrators, non-instructional and custodial staff in learning about and implementing environmentally sustainable measures and green initiatives within their schools and communities.  Wilton Manors Elementary is the only elementary school to ever win the Overall School Award.
* For the upcoming 2018-19 School year, we have an increase in the number of applications to our program. We have numerous families on a waitlist each year. Parents are drawn to the beliefs and values instilled in our children through the Attitudes and Learner Profile. They are seeking out a school that represents the real world and places emphasis on intercultural understanding and respect.
* Helping Hands program is provided for our families within our school that are in need of food on a daily basis. Our local Kiwanis Club helps facilitate the program for our families where they receive a back-pack filled with food each week.
* Every classroom has been equipped with a Promethean Interactive Board, a document camera and an LCD Projector.
* All Fourth and Fifth Grade classrooms are fully digital. Fifth grade students are able to carry their school issued laptops between school and home.
* We were awarded a Magnet Program capital funds grant of $20,000. In addition, a bond was passed during the last election that will award our school 1.3 million dollars, part of which will be spent on technology.
* The Golden School Award recognizes schools that have exemplary volunteer programs. Wilton Manors has been honored with this award for 24 consecutive years.
* Wilton Manors Elementary has been named as a 2018 National School of Character.
* Wilton Manors Elementary is a Nationally Accredited Magnet School.

[**Additional**](http://www.advanc-ed.org/assist/s/diagnostic/section/view?surveyId=1147697&sectionId=265) **Information**

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

* **International Baccalaureate Learner Profile** – The aim of IB is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world. Ib learners strive to be: Inquirers, Thinkers, Communicators, Risk-Takers, Knowledgeable, Principled, Caring, Open-Minded, Balanced and Reflective.
* **Passport to Peace Program** – Wilton Manors Elementary recognizes the importance of educating students who are sensitive to the experiences of others. Students demonstrate through their own “Passport to Peace””, the character traits that form our core: Appreciation, Creativity, Cooperation, Confidence, Integrity, Empathy, Tolerance, Enthusiasm, Independence, Curiosity, Commitment and Respect. We believe, as peacemakers we can all make a difference in the world.
* **Primary Years Programme Curriculum** – The PYP is committed to a structured inquiry as a vehicle for learning. At the center of the curriculum are five essential elements: Knowledge, concept skills, attitudes and action. Six transdisciplinary themes, shown on the outside of the curriculum model, help teachers and students explore knowledge in the broadcast sense of the word.
* Our Special Educational Needs students receive peer support through our **Star Pals** program. Fifty-two general education students in grades 3-5 spend thirty minutes each week working with our Autism Spectrum Disorder students and other students who are in need of peer support inside and outside of the classroom.
* As part of our **service learning projects**, we have continued our ongoing relationship with our sister school, Juana de Asbaje, in Coba, Mexico. In 2013, teachers, parents and students travelled to Mexico to donate technology to their cultural center. We also saw the unveiling of two mosaics containing pieces created by the students of Wilton Manors Elementary. Trips were filmed and presented at a school-wide assembly in order for our students to see the results of their action. Through this relationship, we were able to visit the first authorized PYP Program in Quintana Roo.