**Description of the School**

Parkway Middle School is centrally located in Broward County and services approximately just 1600 students in grades 3-8. Since we are centrally located and we have unique Magnet and Innovative Programs, our target service area is countywide. Our magnet programs are S.T.E.M. and Performance Arts and our Gifted Academy, a gifted cluster offers transportation that is not available for other innovative programs. The Gifted Academy provides specialized instruction for gifted students who require a differentiated program to meet their special needs. The classes are gifted-only in core content areas; electives are available in Performing Arts, STEM and foreign language for middle school students. Elementary students participate in drama and world music drumming. The Gifted Academy educational environment values and enhances the gifted student’s ability, passion, creativity, and task commitment.

Parkway is a school-wide Title 1 program with 81% of the student population considered economically disadvantaged based on free and reduced lunch eligibility. Student demographics at Parkway Middle School consist of 7.5% Hispanic, 77% African-American, 11.5% White, 3% other, and less than 1% Asian. The School also has a population of English for Students of Other Languages (ESOL) of 5% and a special needs population of over 300 students made up of 208 gifted children. Parkway Middle families and students face many challenges.

**School’s Purpose**

Parkway Middle School of the Arts and STEAM’s focus is to aligned curricula in Fine and Performing Arts, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). Parkway Middle School of the Arts and STEAM’s mission is commitment in providing an emerging college and career readiness education to all of its students with an emphasis on twenty-first century. Our vision is to be educational innovators in (S)cience, (T)echnology, (E)ngineering, (A)rts, and (M)athematics (STEAM), which is to create and grow a positive, safe, diverse, friendly, collaborative, respectful, responsible, and stimulating learning community where students grow toward fulfilling their individual potential in academics, artistic, physical, and socio-emotional areas.

**Notable Achievements and Areas of Improvement**

Partnerships with our community are directly related to our theme and allow us to expose students to real world applications of the Arts in the area of dance, music, band, chorus, visual arts, drama, technology, performing and written arts, media art, aerospace technology, and Center for Intelligent and Talented Youth. Our math department has a partnership with FAU and NSU and our STEM department has partnerships with NASA Marine Science content. Our parent involvement comes through various avenues including field trip and activities chaperones, Friends and Family of Parkway (parent involvement group), and through our clubs where our parents volunteer their time and resources to support our students and programs. In addition, to notable achievements, we have improved safety by lowering our suspension rate, less students in the hallways and actively attending and participating in class. We also had learning gains in the areas of Math and Reading, we also showed notable improvements in our Science and EOC’s scores on state assessments.

**Awards and Achievements:** Parkway has received multiple awards and achievements over the years. Some of these include:

* 2012 Community Service Award
* 2013 Magnet School of Distinction
* 2013 Best in Show-Junior Thespian Festival
* 2014 BMA - Superior Rating – Jazz Band
* 2015 Magnet School of Distinction
* 2015 Best of Show in Costume Design – District Thespian Competition
* 2015 Best of Show Large Group Musical Theatre – District Thespian Competition
* 42 superior meals at the Florida State Jr. Thespian Festival
* Awards at Mu Alpha Theta Math competitions in Algebra and Geometry
* Best Revitalized Garden in 2015
* Florida Agricultural Teacher of the Year
* 1st place FAU drone competition.
* 2016 & 2017 Mouse Trap Cars 2nd Place- Elementary

Currently, we are striving to improve student achievement on standardized tests. The Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) and Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) academic achievement in reading, math, and science indicates students across the board continue to struggle in all subjects.

**Additional Information**

Parkway Middle School of the Arts and STEAM offer a variety of afterschool programs to service our families and students. Our 21st Century Afterschool Program provides students and assist students in STEM activities, as well as gardening. Robotic, which our students love and compete in. Men of Honor and Girls of Valor are mentoring program, which targets our young men and women who have challenges in school and at home. First Priority allows students to speak freely and have discussions about their religious beliefs. Our gardening club targets our students in 3rd through 5th grade. This program teaches our elementary students about gardening and raising their own food for consumption. Chess afterschool program allows students the opportunity to challenge and. The school also competes in SECME at the elementary and middle school level. Speech and Debate offers elementary and middle school students the opportunity to look at both side of an argument and present their case in competitive setting.