



# **Executive Summary**

**Plantation High School**  
**Broward County School District**

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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?**

Plantation High School, located on a 65-acre campus in Plantation, Florida, is a suburban secondary public school, grades 9-12, that serves the Plantation area and other adjoining communities. The community consists of a diverse group of approximately 2,300 students of which 65% are African American, 14% White, 14% Hispanic, 4% Asian and 3% are two or more races. The students and staff demographics are a representative of the community at large. Plantation High School strives to guarantee every student is well-represented within the school and is supported at all levels. The student population, which is a similar correlation to the community has 71% of students on the free and reduced lunch program, and has 5% of students that are English Language Learners. We have quite a few unique features and challenges that are associated with the clientele our school serves. One of our biggest challenges is although our school is based in the City of Plantation, we provide education to more students from the City of Sunrise and City of Lauderhill. This situation tends to make it more challenging for students to travel quickly back and forth from school resulting in students not being able to travel to nearby events the school hosts as easily or get home later in the evening due to transportation. However, Plantation High School makes every opportunity available to help our students overcome the challenges and provides several opportunities to help students succeed at the school regardless of their situation.

## **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.**

Plantation High School's mission is to meet the needs of all its students by providing an education balanced by academic excellence, career pathways, community service and extracurricular activities. Our vision is for students, teachers and staff to be proud of Plantation High School and look forward to attending school to either learn or educate every day. The students find Plantation High School educationally challenging, that it provides support to all students in need, and has a faculty who truly believe in their potential. Students believe they belong to something bigger and better than any one of them alone. The students know that to be successful they must truly put in the extra effort but that it will pay off with a big reward. Plantation High School encourages students to take several rigorous courses that will help them learn about a wide-variety of topics to help them in their future. These courses include but are not limited to courses from our International Baccalaureate program, our variety of Advanced Placement courses, honors courses, and array of vocational courses. Plantation High School has a strong focus on students getting involved in extra-curricular activities to help broaden their horizons and what they are capable of beyond the traditional learning setting of the classroom. We are fostering a sense of pride in our students that prepares them for life after high school graduation, but where the students know that they are truly cared about and that the school has their best intentions in mind to be successful. The school also offers such a variety in their elective courses including some courses like horticulture and aquaculture, culinary arts, early childhood education, financial arts, and military preparation.

## **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.**

Plantation High School has quite a bit of notable achievements and positive areas of improvement in the last three years. One of our biggest accomplishments is the drastic increase in graduation rates with a graduating class of 90% of our senior class. Numerous awards and county, state, and national recognition has praised Plantation High School for their exceptional programs such as Aerospace Engineering, Industry Certification Programs, Health Occupations, and National award-winning band. The Aerospace Engineering program is consistently recognized by NASA and the United States Government as being an innovative and thriving program that teaches students the mechanics of aeronautical engineering as well as cultivates the tools needed to be successful in all of the facets of aerospace engineering. The school has an outstanding foreign language program that continues to win awards at the state level year after year. Plantation High School is striving for success and improvements in the core classes, but is already showing great progress through the International Baccalaureate program as well as numerous Broward College Dual-Enrolled course students. Our school has made leaps and bounds with our students with our incredible and supportive YMCA program that is available for students to enhance their education during the summer and also after school during the school year. In the program the students have the opportunity to engage in academic programs and receive tutoring support for core classes such as math and reading. This has proven to be very effective for students that may be struggling in the courses or even simply want to get ahead in their current math courses. Additionally, students have the opportunity to take elective programs through the YMCA that provide the students an opportunity to try a new concept that they can't take during the year in school. Some of these elective programs include horticulture, culinary arts, spacecraft, book club and team sports. This program has engaged and motivated students beyond belief and has taken the traditional classroom setting to new heights.

## **Additional Information**

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

Plantation High School, by all accounts, is a stellar example of a unique school that highlights and impacts its students to the best of their ability. The students and teachers create a college and career mind frame that has an appeal to its students and prepares them for success. The school is having a complete overhaul on technology which will make classrooms more modern giving students a better opportunity to connect with the digital world. For example, the science department, to provide students with an opportunity to work on labs, that might otherwise not be possible, is now using a computer program that allows students to complete a lab like dissections, but digitally. The new technology is also supporting the improvements in our DECA programs with marketing and financing as well as our graphic and digital arts program and computer technology courses.

Plantation High School prides itself on its ability to work hand-in-hand with the community where we can involve students, faculty, business partners, and all stakeholders to be a part of the evolving and improving school. The focus and goals of Plantation High School provides an opportunity for all students to be successful in their future endeavors. The school consistently works with local businesses to help students find places of work, receive internship opportunities in their preferred field of study (i.e. health occupations or financial programs) or a chance for students to receive mentoring support from the community members. Plantation High School truly makes every opportunity available for the students to be successful in their futures and has become a beacon of improvement and support in the community.