



## **Executive Summary**

**Eagle Point Elementary 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?**

Eagle Point Elementary is located in the town of Weston, Florida. E.P.E. is currently the largest elementary school in Broward County School district with over 1400 students enrolled in grades Pre K-5. The school has a 42% free and reduced lunch rate. A little over 70% of the students are of Hispanic origin. The school enrollment has stabilized in the past year. The stabilization can be attributed model programs including Dual Language, Leader in Me, Aftercare Program and Recognition by the White House Exceeding Expectations Tour for Hispanic Students.

Eagle Point Elementary has one of the largest ELL student populations. Many students and parents do not speak English. Eagle Point prides itself on the services and programs they provide to both students and their families.

## **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.**

Eagle Point's mission statement is to empower students to become leaders with a passion for lifelong learning. We implement the "Leader in Me" program, which is modeled off Stephen Covey's 7 Habits of Successful People. Students are taught how to be leaders and take ownership of their learning. Eagle Point also offers a highly quality Pre-K program, the county's first Dual Language Program, and a one-to-one digital initiative in 2nd-5th Grades. This Digital Program in grades 2-5 provides a blended learning approach to the curriculum. Students in these grades have access to their textbooks electronically and enjoy a one to one ratio between students and laptops. The use of technology is evident in everyday instruction and our students benefit from the advantages and opportunities of using technology in the classrooms. Teachers at Eagle Point elementary are dedicated to the development of each student. All teachers hold certificates from the State of Florida with several having achieved National Board Certification.

The faculty and staff engage in continuous professional development aimed at school improvement and student achievement. This year the staff has participated in multiple training sessions focusing on creating and implementing Learning Goals and Standards. This information empowers teachers to develop well-designed lessons aligned to the learning goals of the students. In addition, teachers have been presented with materials and support in implementing Learning Centers within their classrooms. These centers are to reinforce the standards being taught in the classrooms as part of the academic curriculum. Teachers meet regularly with their grade levels and develop best practices with Reading and Math centers as part of their PLC agendas.

As part of being a Leader in Me school, Eagle Point Elementary is in the fifth year of implementation. Teachers received Empowerment Day training to reinforce the strategies initiated the first year. Students continue to develop and maintain a Leadership Binder, highlighting all their goals and achievements. Furthermore, Eagle Point has a Lighthouse Team made up of teachers, staff and administrators that monitor the fidelity and application of the Leader in Me principles. The Lighthouse Team received a Coaching Day where plans for a Leadership Day was designed, along with specific strategies like recognizing teachers and students throughout the year demonstrating evidence of leadership.

Eagle Point is very involved with the school community. We believe that the school is an extension of the community and the families that reside within our boundaries. Our PTA, Foundation and SAC are active members of the community partnership we foster with local businesses. Eagle Point PTA is awarded yearly District recognition for the programs and resources they fund and support for the school. We always look for creative ways to foster strong community relations as evident by our numerous events such as: Publix Math Night, McDonald's Mc Teacher Night, Family Fun Days, Man in My Life Dance, Bingo Night, Autism Walks and Make a Wish Foundation.

## **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.**

Eagle Point has been recognized as a "highly effective" school by the state of Florida each of the last 15 years. We have achieved the highest learning gains by ELL students in the district. In addition, we have one of the highest Science FCAT scores in the county and have been recognized by scoring in the top 10 schools for FSA Math. Our Innovative Program Model continues to be acknowledged due to its sustained achievement.

Our Dual Language program was the first of its kind in the county and it's an integral component of our innovative learning. In 2013, Eagle Point Elementary was designated an "Innovative Program" school for its Dual Language Program. Since implementing this innovative platform during the 2013-2014 school year, over 40 schools have followed Eagle Point's lead and have launched their own dual language program modeled after Eagle Point's. Recently, we were apart of the Exceeding Goals White House tour. The Chief of Staff for Hispanic Achievement, Maribel Duran, visited Eagle Point and toured our Dual Language and ELL Sheltered classrooms. Currently, our program reaches K-5 students.

Eagle Point Elementary is also the first "Leader in Me" school in the district. The Leader in Me is a transformational leadership development program based on Stephen Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. Through this initiative, students are taught and encouraged to become leaders in their academic and social responsibilities. Each month, students at Eagle Point are recognized as Leaders of the Month. The students are selected by teachers based on one of the 7 Habits. The program has established a culture at our school where students, parents and teachers speak the same common language of leadership. This promotes high expectation and high rewards for our students.

Eagle Point is a trailblazing school in the technology field as well. It is the first school in the Weston Zone to be a D-5, D-4, D-3 and D-2 School. All students in the second through fifth grade are assigned their own laptops. They engage in personalized learning through a blended model of instruction as part of their curriculum. Eagle Point was one of six schools in the district that received a digital component of our Go Math curriculum as part of a grant. Through this unique opportunity, students have access to digital strategies and assessments that supplement the classroom instruction of Math. Teacher are able to obtain instant data on student homework and classroom assessments, tracking their progress and areas of needed reinforcement. This year Eagle Point is one of seven "Lighthouse" schools piloting an innovative personalized approach to learning program.

In the next three years, we will continue to foster our expectations of academic excellence at Eagle Point Elementary. We are partnering with National Science Foundation and the Everglades Foundation to implement a model Stem Program for K-5 students. Last year, we were recognized as one of 5 schools in the state of Florida at the Gold level for implementation of the Everglades curriculum. This will allow students access to instructional materials and creative learning strategies in Science. Also, as a Leader in Me school, we are looking forward to being recognized as a Light House school by the Franklin Covey Foundation.

## **Additional Information**

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

Eagle Point Elementary believes that students are our most valuable resources. The learning community at Eagle Point emphasizes student achievement and social development in order to become successful lifelong learners. Among other things, students are encouraged to become proactive in their thinking and to begin with the end in mind when implementing their learning strategies. Our academic-rich environment is student centered and stimulates positive thinking and effective student learning.

At our school, we promote a philosophy of leadership through pragmatic and systematic engagement with our students. Our monthly assemblies recognize our students for their positive behavior and their leadership skills. The Caught Leading Program, recognizes students throughout the school when a leadership quality has been demonstrated. Our school is decorated with positive messages that inspire leadership as well as literacy. Our students have been recognized by the National Honors Society for their excellence in academic achievement. Also, they have been acknowledged for their Science achievements by SECME at the district level.

We always encourage our students to become active participants in the community. We are proud to share that last year alone our school contributed to over 70 worthy causes through philanthropic endeavors. This incredible accomplishment was attained by students implementing a variety of services such as a bake sale, lemonade stands, car wash fundraisers, etc. One of our teachers started a foundation called "Give The Unexpected". Students have embraced this notion and donated numerous items to community members in need. Recent world-wide events, such as Hurricane Irma has compelled our student body to collect donations and items that will be shipped over to the people affected by this natural tragedy. Eagle Point students and staff collected and filled over 700 backpacks for students in Puerto Rico that were affected. Eagle Point will continue to establish a culture of leadership and community service through our students.