



Executive Summary

Saint Lucie West K-8 School

Saint Lucie 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?

St. Lucie West K8 School serves the Port Saint Lucie area in St. Lucie County. We have approximately one thousand three hundred and fifty diverse students in grades kindergarten through eighth grade. St. Lucie West K8 is a non-title 1 school and with over sixty two percent of our students receiving free or reduced lunch. Our staff of approximately one hundred and forty is also very diverse. We offer a rigorous and diverse curriculum to meet the needs of each student. We utilized Marzano research-based learning practices. Our school-wide weekly professional learning communities enable teachers to collaborate, share best practices, review assessment data and student work. We received a Title II grant to implement lesson study at our school. Through lesson study teachers design a lesson, observe a lesson, collect data and reflect on the lesson each quarter to improve instructional practices.

There are many activities that encourage student leadership at our school such as PBS, student council, FBLA, drama and music. We have an active school advisory council, PTO, volunteer program and community partnership at our school.

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.

St. Lucie West K8 is a Learning Organization Supporting ALL Students in which instruction and learning is based upon standards based instruction, sound research, collaboration, problem solving driven by multiple sources of student data that culminates into increased student achievement.

Mission Statement: Our mission at St. Lucie West K-8 School is to ensure a safe, challenging and engaging learning environment, tailored to individual student needs, while preparing them for future success.

Vision Statement: St. Lucie West K-8 School will provide a high-quality education to a diverse community of life long learners where all share the responsibility of learning.

Belief Statement: St. Lucie West K8 School believes:

All students can be successful learners.

Professional development enhances a quality school.

Parent & Community involvement enhances student achievement.

A safe & secure environment is essential for teaching & learning.

Technology is an integral part of the learning process.

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.

St. Lucie West K8 School has been an "A" rated school by the state of Florida for the past seven years. We have also been awarded the "Five Star Gold Seal Award" for the past seven years for parent, business and student volunteer participation at our school.

This year our school is adding two more grades for computer based testing and was given another computer lab to support the transition to online testing. We will continue to focus on providing the infrastructure for future computer based testing at additional grade levels and improving instruction to meet the academic needs of our students.

Additional Information

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

None