



Executive Summary

Shadowlawn Elementary School

Collier 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.

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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?

Shadowlawn Elementary is a culturally diverse school located in East Naples. The school is proud to be one of the oldest schools in Collier County, rich with history and traditions. Shadowlawn Elementary School is located at 2161 Shadowlawn Drive, Naples, FL 34112 in Collier County, and serves the community of East Naples. The enrollment in 2015-2016 was 575 students. The enrollment for Shadowlawn Elementary in October of 2016 was 538 students with a minority rate of 73.80%. All students attending Shadowlawn Elementary receive free breakfast. The school has 90.6% of students receiving free or reduced lunch.

Lack of parental involvement and a high poverty rate are just two of the challenges faced at Shadowlawn Elementary. The student demographics include the following ethnic groups: 26.02% (140 students) White, 16.36% (88 students) Black, 53.35% (287 students) Hispanic, 1.12% (6 students) Asian, 2.60% (14 students) Multi-Racial, and 0.37% (2 students) Indian. Our staff is comprised of 52 instructional staff members and 13 non-instructional staff.

Shadowlawn Elementary received a state grade of "C" from the Florida School Accountability System for school year 2016. Fourth grade students in the lowest 25% demonstrated an increase of 45% in learning gains and fifth grade students in the lowest 25% demonstrated a 44% increase in learning gains in English Language Arts (ELA) on the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA). Shadowlawn Elementary increased one percent from school year 2015 (42%) to school year 2016 (43%) in overall reading gains in grades 3, 4, and 5. Shadowlawn Elementary increased seven percent in the FSA Writing Component (Subskill 5) from 51% in 2015 to 58% in school year 2016. Fifth grade students in the lowest 25% made 49% learning gains in FSA Mathematics in 2016 as compared to 61% making overall gains in math in grades 3, 4, and 5 for school year 2016. Fifth grade students increased from 39% from school year 2015 to 49% from school year 2016 in Statewide Science Assessment (SSA), which is a 10% gain in meeting the science standards.

Shadowlawn Elementary has strong business and community partnerships to help support the academic achievement. The school partners with Pi Beta Phi, The Avery Foundation, Lowe's, Laces of Love, Rack Room, Blessings in A Backpack, and Unity Faith Missionary Baptist Church. Pi Beta Phi helps students with the school's reading initiatives. The Avery Foundation and Lowe's donate time and money for the school's garden project, provided assistance with building the garden fenced-in structure, and supplying the flowers and plants. Laces of Love and Rack Room donates tennis shoes for the students. Blessings in A Backpack provides students with food for the weekends, and Unity Faith Missionary Baptist Church provides students with additional school supplies. These partnerships support students socially, emotionally, and academically toward the mission and vision of Shadowlawn Elementary.

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.

Shadowlawn Elementary School's vision is to promote a safe, caring and supportive environment where each student is encouraged to become a confident, lifelong learner. The mission of Shadowlawn Elementary seeks to create a challenging learning environment for students that encourages high expectations for success through instructional practices that allow for individual differences and learning styles.

At Shadowlawn Elementary, all stakeholder groups work collaboratively and consistently in authentic and meaningful ways that build and sustain ownership of the school's purpose and direction. School personnel systematically maintain, use, and communicate current data on student and school plans. Administrators and teachers will continue working with all stakeholder groups to ensure that the school's School Improvement Plan is implemented and communicated to the school community.

To assist with this collaborative learning environment, teachers have access to clearly defined curriculum maps and links as they plan for instruction. Teachers post learning goals, plans for differentiation (extensions and remediation), provide English Language Learners (ELL) and Exceptional Student Education (ESE) strategies, and deliver quality instruction. Staff works together to ensure that student learning needs are met and that struggling students are part of the Student Progression and Multi-Tiered Support System (MTSS) process. ESE services, ELL services, and 504 plans are provided for students needing extra support.

Shadowlawn Elementary also provides extension activities for advanced learners. Examples include the district's Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) competition. Noetic Math competition, and Honors Choir. The school has participated in poster and essay contests in coordination with community agencies. These extra programs allow students to demonstrate talents beyond the standard curriculum.

Shadowlawn Elementary provides a high level of communication to stakeholders, using the school website, weekly Parents and Classrooms Together (PACT) Folder, monthly school newsletter, class email groups, school caller system, Facebook, Twitter, and meetings to share information related to instruction, school and district initiatives, and emergencies.

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.

Shadowlawn Elementary School has maintained a "C" grade for the last three years. The success of the school is based on rigorous instruction as well as maintaining high expectations and an intense focus on student achievement. In 2013-2014, 76% of struggling students made academic learning gains in reading. In 2013-2014, 47% of struggling students made academic learning gains in math. In 2014-2015, the state of Florida switched their statewide assessment from the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT 2.0) to FSA. In 2014-2015, 42% of Shadowlawn students demonstrated proficiency in reading. Likewise, 63% of students demonstrated proficiency in math. In 2015-2016, 45% of struggling students made academic learning gains in reading, and 49% of struggling students made academic learning gains in math. Shadowlawn Elementary also implemented a STEAM after-school program during the 2015-2016 school year. The implementation of the STEAM program has given students an opportunity to deepen their knowledge of Science, Arts, and Math. The data gathered between the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years show an increase of 10 percentage points on the Statewide Science Assessment (SSA).

Shadowlawn Elementary will continue to work on decreasing the academic achievement gap with low socio-economic students specifically in reading and mathematics. To complete this task, the school will continue tiered student support facilitated by highly qualified resource and ESE teachers. This will be included in the school's MTSS schedule for the 2016-2017 school year.

The 2015-2016 spring surveys indicate that the school is communicating effectively with parents and that parents and students feel safe in school. The spring survey results show that the school needs to look at the amount of testing given during the school year. Many parents and students felt very overwhelmed with the amount of academic testing.

Shadowlawn Elementary will continue to provide professional learning on the Marzano Instructional Model to help increase student achievement. During the 2016-2017 school year, professional learning days will focus on the following areas for improvement: Guided Reading, Identifying Critical Content, and Growth, Progress, Success (GPS) Strategies.

Additional Information

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

Shadowlawn Elementary students can access additional support throughout the school year. Students are afforded an opportunity to be exposed to different school programs such as Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE), Junior Deputy, Odyssey of the Mind, Elementary Math Challenge, iSTEAM challenges, STEAM Breakfasts, Third Grade STEAM rotations, and a STEAM lab. This exposure assists in building skills in the area of reading, arts, science, and math to help students progress academically towards meeting proficiency. Students are also encouraged to come in the mornings before school begins to access computer programs that will reinforce content taught in the classroom. This additional time helps increase student achievement as well as technology skills needed for future success.

Shadowlawn Elementary students are given opportunities to showcase their success by participating in science fairs, iSTEAM challenges, and math challenges. The students are also exposed to community service through the garden project. Students grow and deliver vegetables to charitable organizations in the community. This well-rounded approach gives students a real-world, hands-on opportunity to promote positive social change needed in a global, 21st century society.

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