

Cross-Case Comparisons

A. Information about the Schools, the Programs, and Their Origins

	Seven Springs MS	Neptune MS	Wilkinson JHS	Timber Creek HS	Mainland HS
Type of School	Traditional MS	Traditional MS	Traditional JHS	Traditional HS with Academies	Traditional HS with Academies
Year the School Opened	1996	1989		2001	1913
Grade Levels	6-8	6-8	7-8	9-12	9-12
Enrollment	1,290 students	1,525 students	750 students	4,333 students	1,899 students
Name of S-L Program	Lead the Pack	SMILES, ETC!	Wilkinson Legacy Project	TCHS S-L Academy	MHS Rose Bay Legacy Program
Year the Program Began (after the school opened)	1998 (2 yrs. after the school)	1992 (3 yrs. after the school)	1995	2003 (2 yrs. after the school)	1992 (79 yrs. after school)
Coordinator	Ms. Cindy Tehan	Ms. Cindy Mohen	Ms. Karen Smith	Ms. Wendy Doromal	Mr. Kenneth Butler
Impetus/Need	Coordinator develop a character education program as part of an existing drama class	Coordinator's interest in a S-L program and participation in a Florida L&S Institute		Coordinator and principal's prior experience in S-L	Previous Coordinator began Science field studies at Rose Bay
Principal's Support	- Support Leadership class & grant proposal - Brought outsiders in to observe S-L projects	Involved by writing grants and providing resources to teachers for S-L	- Support the creation of the Leadership Class - Schedule activities - Arrange transportation	Serve as an active supporter and promoter of S-L	Helped identify and add S-L courses
Needs within the School and Community		Varied human and environmental needs as a result of the local tourism industry	Growing range of environmental issues resulting from urbanization and resource use	- Large, overcrowded metropolitan school - homelessness and poverty, literacy, and env. problems	New construction on Rose Bay area with implications for the fish and invertebrate species in the bay
Funding from Florida Learn & Serve	1998-present	1997-2002	1995-2006	2003-present	1996-present
Financial Support from Other Sources		21st Century Community Learning Center (2002-2007)		Golden Rule Foundation	SJRWMD (since 1998)
Number of community Partners (approximately)	7	9	6	25	14

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B. Major Program Features

	Seven Springs MS	Neptune MS	Wilkinson JHS	Timber Creek HS	Mainland HS
Program Unit within the School				Service-Learning Academy	Academy of Science Inquiry
Advisory Council				10-member Council	
Youth Council & Mini-grant Program	- 28-students Youth Council - Mini-grants since 2006	- 20-students Youth Council - Mini-grants since 1997	- No Youth Council - Mini-grants only in 2003-04	- 20 –member S-L Council - Mini-grants since 2003	- No Youth Council - Mini-grants since 1996
Leadership Course(s)	Leadership Class	Leadership Class	Critical Thinking	S-L Council	Marine Science I & II
Major Subjects & Courses	7 Subjects	All Subjects	4 Subjects	17 Subjects	- 4 Major Subjects - 4 Supporting Subjs.
Extra-curricular Club Involvement	National Junior Honor Society	After school programs and clubs	Legacy Club	All school clubs	Ecology, Drama, Chorus, Chefs' Club
Publications				- <i>The Sprit</i> - <i>OCPS S-L News</i>	
Annual Program Event and Recognition			- Certificate of Service	S-L Banquet and Awards Ceremony	Celebration Day
National S-L Leader School Award		2000, 2002	2002		1998, 2001
Additional Program Awards	Teacher of the Year at SSMS in 2006-07 (Ms. Cindy Tehan)	- Disney Helping Hand Award (2004-05, 2005-06) - S-L Award - Florida Middle School Winner (2002) - Service Award by the Walt Disney Company for Community S-L Projects (2000) - Florida Silver Award for Community Service (1997-present)	- Take Pride in America National Award from the U.S. Department of Interior (2006) - DuPont International Sustainability Award (2001) - Volunteer of the Year 2000-2001 (a Legacy student) - Teacher of the Year (1996, Ms. Karen Smith)	- Presidential Community Service Award (2006) - Disney Teacherrific Program Award (2006) - NEA/Horace Mann Teaching Excellence Award (2004)	- Busch Gardens-NSTA Env. Excellence Award - Teacher of the Year, (2005) and - Steven Tunik Award for Service Learning Teacher (Ms. Louise Chapman, past Coordinator)

C. Overview of Projects

	Seven Springs MS	Neptune MS	Wilkinson JHS	Timber Creek HS	Mainland HS
Total Number of School Personnel Involved	9	12	4	16	Varies from 2 – 20
Total Number of Concurrent Projects	9	18	8	66	1 with 7 teams (Rose Bay Project: Soil, Plants, Forestry, Birds, Fish, Invertebrates, & Quality Monitoring)
Cascade Mentoring in Their School	3 Projects (e.g., Character Ed. through Drama)			5 projects (e.g., Math Tutoring)	
Social Projects at Their School	3 Projects (e.g. Social Inclusion Project)	2 projects (e.g., Mini-Mall)	1 Project (i.e., Critical Thinking)	25 projects (e.g., Promoting Nonviolence, Conflict Resolution, Tolerance & Diversity)	
Environmental Projects at Their School	2 projects (i.e., Paper Recycling; Recycling Batteries)	2 projects (e.g., Recycling)	1 project (i.e., School Yard Tree Frog Monitoring)	2 projects (e.g., TCHS Recycling Project)	
Cascade Mentoring Projects in Other Schools	3 projects (e.g., Good Habits, Good Health; Re-Read)	3 projects (e.g., Reading for Pleasure)	2 projects (i.e., Cascade Mentoring, Gopher Tortoise Population Study)	9 projects (e.g., Reading and Writing)	Cascade teaching is done in the field, and will involve elem. and middle schools
Social Projects in the Community	1 project (i.e., Arts for Multiple Sclerosis)	9 projects (e.g., Pioneer Center; Give Kids the World)	1 project (i.e., Middleburg History Project)	21 projects (e.g., Homelessness & Poverty)	Past projects include wheelchair accessible planters at a park
Environmental Projects in the Community		2 projects (e.g., Animal Shelter)	4 projects (e.g., Water Action Volunteers; J.P. Hall Nature Preserve)	4 projects (e.g., Beach Cleanup & Marine Project)	In addition to Rose Bay, park projects (e.g., trails, benches, kiosks, signage, bird tower, pavilion, garbage cans, bridges) and a new env. interpretive center.

D. Benefits and Impacts

	Seven Springs MS	Neptune MS	Wilkinson JHS	Timber Creek HS	Mainland HS
Participating Students <i>(Domains/type of learning outcomes may differ among programs and projects)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop motivation, responsibility, commitment to the Community - Develop leadership skills - Academic growth in Math and Reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve learning, attitude, behavior, attendance - Develop self-esteem - Develop the relationship with teachers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop self-esteem, leadership, skills, attitude - Greater respect to teachers - Expand environmental awareness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have ownership with the project - Develop leadership & communication skills, creativity, greater awareness of the world - Shape future career & major 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop leadership skills, ownership, greater appreciation of and caring for environment - Choose science/env. related major or jobs, or teaching jobs
Coordinator and Other Participating Personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proud to be part of the school - Learn how much young people want to give when provided an opportunity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Want to be able to continue S-L after move to other school - Raise teacher's expectation in class 	TBA	TBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop different relationships with students in the field - Update content knowledge - Work with other District teachers
Other Personnel at That School and Other Schools	TBA	TBA	TBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Train NBCT in S-L - Hold S-L workshops & annual District S-L conference 	Host training of trainers from other schools
Support for District Program Development				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Doromal serves as OCPS S-L Coordinator - Establish S-L liaisons at 114 OCPS schools - Mini-grants have expanded S-L to over 32 OCPS sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Chapman, former MHS Program Coord., serves as VCS S-L Coordinator - Expand MHS Program by adding 5ES, 3MS, & 2HS
Community Partners and Service Sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support for character education at schools in Pasco County - Support for Pasco County Recycling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase the number of business partnerships, parents and community involvement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase the parents and community involvement 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community agencies have stronger ties to MHS and other S-L schools - Help improve water quality with DEM