



**INDEPENDENCE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**SIC REPORT TO THE
PARENTS 2023-2024**



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Independence Elementary School is a public school located in Rock Hill, South Carolina. IDES has an enrollment of 560 students in grades 4K-5th grades. IDES is a Leader In Me School where students “Enter To Learn, Depart to Lead”! IDES believes in creating a culture where children are loved, respected, & encouraged to reach their full potential.



2022-2023	S.I.C. Members
Megan Langston (Parent)	Stephanie Venturini (Parent)
Tonya Stokes (Parent)	Jamie Austin (Parent)
Crina Canty (Parent/Staff)	Jennifer Brooke (Parent)
Jessie Strickland (Staff)	Patricia DeGaine (Staff)
Emily Hyatt (Teacher)	Emily Michau (Staff)

SIC Goals
Safe and Secure Environments
Recruitment and Retention
Student Achievement
Organizational Culture and Effectiveness
Communication with all Stakeholders

Outstanding Features and Programs

Leader In Me School
Winthrop University Partner
Jr. BETA Club
Afterschool Clubs and Activities
Patriot Council
Girls on the Run/Let Me Run

With new Patriots on board and familiar, dedicated staff as well, we embarked upon **The Leader in Me**. This is leadership initiative focusing on the Seven Habits of Happy Kids. These seven habits are:

- Habit 1: Be Proactive
- Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind
- Habit 3: Put First Things First
- Habit 4: Think Win/Win
- Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood
- Habit 6: Synergize
- Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw

Students are speaking, singing, and living these seven habits daily. We hope that you will hear them discuss the habits in your homes as well.

Our teachers have continued to grow in their Professional Learning Communities. They have been afforded additional planning time each week as well as training through The Leader in Me, our school district, and National Conferences such as *Teach Your Heart Out*. Our district's PLC conference has provided a strong foundation for our teams to building upon.

Purpose of the Report

“This report is issued by the IDES Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school’s progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC,. And other accomplishments during the school year.

For more information, view Independence’s SC School Report Card for the previous school year online at www.ed.sc.gov