

# INDIAN LAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Built in 1998*



## TEACHING STAFF

Student/Teacher Ratio: **24.2:1**  
Advanced Degrees: **58.7%**  
National Board Certified: **3**  
Attendance Rate: **93.9%**



## SPECIAL POPULATIONS

English Language Learners: **9.3%**  
Free/Reduced Lunch: **15.3%**  
Disabled Learners: **12.2%**  
Gifted and Talented: **13.6%**



## DEMOGRAPHICS

White: **79.5%**; African-American: **10.5%**;  
Hispanic: **1.8%**; Multi-Ethnic: **4.5%**;  
Asian: **2.8%**; Indian/Alaskan Native: **0.9%**

## QUICK FACTS 2017–2018

**Grades:** K-5

**Enrollment:** 1,051

**Female:** 49.4%

**Male:** 50.6%

**Capacity:** 1,052

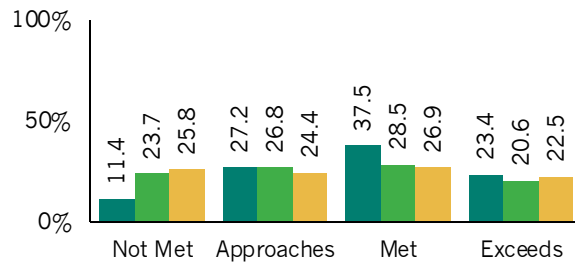
**Classrooms:** 52

**Square Feet:** 116,000

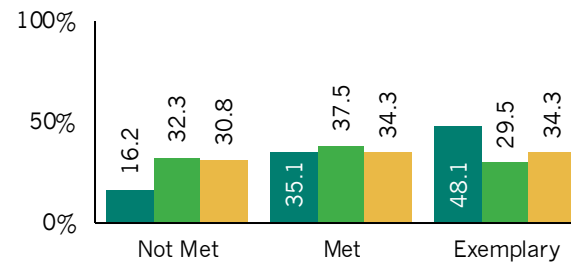
## SOUTH CAROLINA PALMETTO ASSESSMENT OF STATE STANDARDS (2018)

Indian Land Elementary    \*District    State

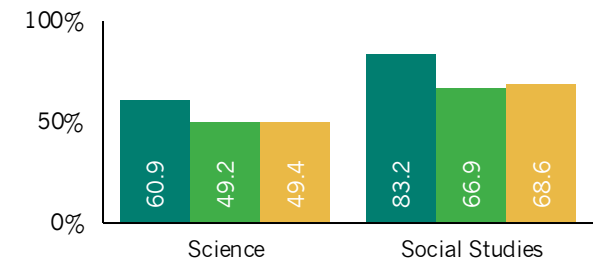
### Science



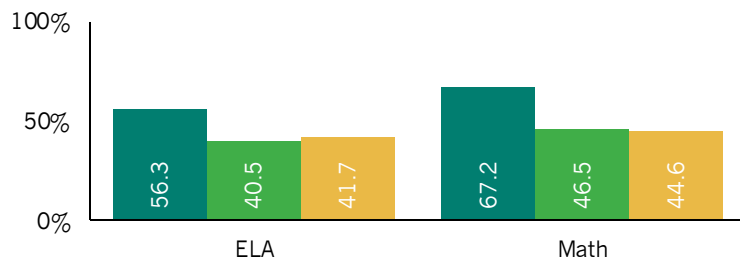
### Social Studies



### % Met or Exceeds – Both Subjects



## SC READY (2018) (% met or exceeds)



\*Average for all district middle and elementary schools

# INDIAN LAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

At Indian Land Elementary School, we are always working hard to plant positivity, sprout success, and be rooted in learning! Our ever-growing diverse student body, supportive parents, and generous community work as a team to produce positive results. Our school has been recognized by the State of South Carolina numerous times for academic excellence over the years. Our iLead leadership development program has grown to include 100% of our Grade 5 class and has recruited numerous community volunteers to serve as mentors to our younger students. The business and faith-based community continue to rally around our school by providing in-kind donations and financial support for the school and our neediest students. Furthermore, a local retirement community provides several volunteers to serve as reading and math tutors. In addition to our wonderful community support, our students have access to many online academic programs such as Lexia, Mathseeds, IXL, Raz-Kids, and many more! Our positive learning outcomes serve as a reminder of the excellent effort all stakeholders in the Indian Land Elementary School learning community have put forth.

Our school believes "a variety of instructional strategies should be used to encourage students to reach their potential." In the 2017-18 school year, we served over 1,000 students in Kindergarten to Grade 5. Our school has a student to teacher ratio of 24.2:1 for core subjects, and approximately 58% of our faculty members had advanced degrees.

In 2018, Indian Land Elementary students exceeded the district and state averages on the South Carolina College and Career-Ready (SC READY) assessments in both English and mathematics. For instance, 56.3% percent of our students scored "Meets or Exceeds" in English, compared to a district average of 40.5% and a state average of 41.7%. In addition, Indian Land Elementary students exceeded the state averages for the SC Ready assessments in mathematics. More specifically, 67.2% of our students scored "Meets or Exceeds" in mathematics in the 2017-2018 school year (compared to a state average of 44.6%).

Our school is proud of our tradition of academic excellence, but refuses to rest on our laurels, as we are always seeking ways to 'Spearhead Success!' We analyze data as a Professional Learning Community and devise professional development opportunities to help learn best practices for maximizing student learning outcomes. We are always learning and are enthusiastic about our school and students' bright futures!

## Overview of ILES

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Student Enrollment: 1,052

Number of Teachers: 62

Classified Staff: 12

Administrators: 3

Guidance Counselors: 2

Media Specialist, Elementary Science  
Specialist, Nurse

56 Classrooms, 1 Science Lab, Media  
Center, Gym, 3 Computer Labs, 13 Mobile  
Classrooms

### National Board Certification

Michelle Anderson, Amy Nipe, Pam  
Waldenmayer

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### A Note from the SIC Chairperson:

As we close 2018-19 school year, we would like to thank Mrs. Witherspoon, Mrs. Fleischman, and Mrs. Steele and their entire team. In their first year in new positions, as well as in a new school for each of them, they were able to highlight clear goals for improving the reading and math at ILES. The SIC team supported those efforts through featuring the Reading and Math/Technology Coaches in a monthly parent SIC newsletter, presenting reading and math strategies on bulletin boards in the cafeteria and in the SIC newsletter, and developing ideas for a fall parent night to be integrated with curriculum night where parents can see first hand what and how their children are being taught reading and math. Moving forward the SIC team will continue to support school, district, and community initiatives in impactful ways.

-Jennifer Ramieri

### Our Vision:

Our ILES team joins the parents and community to assist in growing students academically, socially, developmentally, insightfully, and culturally.

### Our Mission:

Indian Land Elementary will develop a culture of excellence by: planting positivity, being rooted in learning, and helping others bloom in order to sprout compassionate and life-long scholars!



### Special thanks to SIC Members:

Cindy Hoover, Valerie Heritage,  
Jennifer Ramieri, Laura Hakeem,  
Carol Wilson, Alison Hoglund,  
Holly White, Kathey Crowell,  
Tiffany Evans, and Carrie Gaffney



## Indian Land Elementary School



## SIC Annual Report 2018-2019

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# SOW. GROW. BLOOM.



## Indian Land Community

Collaboration with the community and our hardworking Parent-Teacher Organization has been an essential element of the success at Indian Land Elementary. Initiatives include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Providing carts of playground equipment (PTO).
- Providing each teacher, as well as all programs, with necessary financial support (PTO).
- Transformation Church providing a backpack food program serving students, school supplies, and teacher appreciation.
- Sun City volunteers working with teachers and students to help everyone succeed.
- Jersey Mike's sponsoring Warrior Way Lunch with the principals.
- Harris Teeter, Chick-Fil-A, Freddy's, Mama's Pizza and Pasta, and many other local businesses partner with us regularly to serve our community.

## SIC Goals 2018-2019

Provide opportunities for parents to take part in school and district decision making.

- Open sessions of SIC meetings; information about this shared through weekly ConnectEd messages, Facebook page, and school website
- Monthly newsletters from SIC posted on school website and Facebook page
- Nominations and voting for positions open to all

Support the school's math and reading goals in efforts to raise student achievement as measured by SC Ready scores.

- Routinely update bulletin boards with curriculum-based topics and displays
- Planning of and attendance at Curriculum and Literacy Parent Nights
- Support initiatives and teachers attending professional development



## ILES Programs & Activities

### Leadership

Exemplary Warriors  
iLead Student Leadership Program  
Character Development  
Student Dress Code  
I.L.E.R.P (Recycling Program)  
5th Grade Morning News Show with Character Education Lessons

### Curriculum and Instruction

Technology Incorporation: Lexia Core 5, RAZ Kids, Study Island, Flocabulary, MathSeeds 1:1 with Chromebooks in Grades 3-5  
Swimming & Water Safety for 4th Grade  
Honor Roll Recognition  
5th Grade Camp Thunderbird Field Trip  
Yearbook and School & Teacher Websites  
School and District Science Fair Competition  
School and District Spelling Bee Competition  
Science Enrichment Course (K-5)  
Weekly Parent Newsletter with Topics of Study

### Afterschool Programs

F.I.T. Kids Afterschool Enrichment  
Honor Choir  
Drama Club  
Girls on the Run  
Let Me Run for Boys

### PTO and Fundraising

Mind Spark Boosterthon Fun Run  
ILE Dine Out Nights  
ILES Spirit Days  
PTO Sponsored Annual Festivals  
Spirit Rock Paintings



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Partnership Network

### Host School for Teacher Candidates

from Winthrop University, Grand Canyon University, Western Governors University, Liberty University, Wilmington University, & University of South Carolina