## **School Achievements**

An example of increased academic offerings has been the promotion of our second language program. Dual language programming is in all grades, offered in Mandarin Chinese and Spanish. Consistent with the International Baccalaureate guidelines, each student currently benefits from daily Spanish instruction. The goal of this program is to develop students who are internationally minded and prepared to compete in this global economy.

In January 2001, Hilton Head Island Elementary School was one of the first schools in the US to be authorized as an IB School. In accordance with International Baccalaureate Organization standards, the school was reauthorized in 2009 and again in 2014. The IB curriculum is articulated from the elementary school through the high school, with the Primary Years Programme, the Middle Years Programme and the Diploma Programme.

In addition to an excellent academic curriculum, our school offers students and their families a wide variety of activities to enrich their lessons and to expand their interests.

- Gifted and Talented Art Classes
- Drama Productions
- ESOL Family Nights
- Annual Fall Festival
- After School Clubs
- Chorus

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# Hilton Head Island Elementary School

Annual
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"Report to the Parents"
2015-16



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### **SIC Annual Goals**

The School Improvement Council's goals for the school year, as derived from the five-year School Improvement Plan include, but are not limited to increased volunteerism.

- We have evaluated our communication around school choice and have increased opportunities for more knowledge about the International Baccalaureate Program.
- We believe the success of our school is a direct result of the power of the International Baccalaureate framework, the strength of our curriculum, and the commitment of our students, teachers, administration, parents and community leaders.
- The SIC is committed to the improvement of the school, its achievement, and the development of strategies to enhance the wellbeing of our students.
- Together, with the support of the school administration, parents, teaching staff and community leaders, we will continue to work to enhance the learning environment and opportunities for all HHIES students.

Hilton Head Island Elementary School is a rigorous, inquiry based school. We offer a standards-based curriculum with an international perspective. We teach students through purposeful, guided inquiry.

## **Student Achievement**

Our Mission is to be a school where students, teachers, staff and families create world citizens who are active, compassionate, life-long learners and who demonstrate the IB attributes as they take their place in the global community.

### **OUR VISION**

We envision one school where caring, knowledgeable adults teach all children to love learning; to become honorable and responsible citizens; where academic excellence and respect for others are the standards; where teachers and students are positive contributors to the local and global communities; where teachers, parents and children have a voice and a choice in their educational environment and curriculum.

In this area, include information regarding student achievement, such as MAP scores or state exams.

The staff works diligently to help students achieve success. Our report card reflects the impressive strides our students have made in both the absolute rating and the overall growth rating. Students continue to show a high attendance rate, greater than 96%, and have outperformed many of the district and state averages in PASS testing. These results reveal the importance of shared responsibility between involved parents, talented teachers and an administration who believes that all children can learn.

"For more information, you may view Myschool's "S.C. School Report Card" for the previous school year online at www.ed.sc.gov."

## **Additional Information**

Dear Parents, Guardians, Faculty, Administrators and Community Members,

We, the School Improvement Council (SIC) of HHIES, invite each one of you to join our circle of parents, teachers, administrators and volunteers. Our SIC, like all others in South Carolina, meets monthly to discuss the current events of our school and our district. We provide a voice for our International Baccalaureate school. We are very fortunate to be able to offer the IB program to our young learners. From initial authorization in 2001, Hilton Head Island Elementary has maintained this reputation in our community.

Students are challenged by a highly trained and dedicated faculty with stringent curriculum, they benefit from active parents and a strong supportive community. High expectations are the standard and the results have been impressive.

I hope you will join us to help build a stronger foundation for the students' future.

Gina Cavano President, 2015-2016