

School Program

In January 2001, Hilton Head Island Elementary School was one of the first schools in the United States to be authorized as an International Baccalaureate (IB)/Primary Years Programme (PYP) school. In accordance with the 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 standards-based, transdisciplinary academic curriculum, HHIE offers students and their families a wide variety of activities to enrich their lessons and to expand their interests. There is a heavy focus on character education development and taking “action.” The teachers differentiate to meet the needs of each individual student including providing opportunities for rigor and acceleration, as well as support with remediation. We are committed to language learning, whether it is with fostering English development skills for students that are identified as English Learners, learning content language through our Chinese and Spanish Dual-Language Immersion programs, and our daily Kids Interacting Through Learning Language (KITE-LL) Spanish program. All of this is done under the framework and philosophy of the IB model.

The following are just some of the offerings we have at HHIE.

- Afterschool Clubs-Fall and Spring
- Math, Literacy, and ESOL family nights
- Gifted and Talented Academic and Artistic programs
- Chinese and Spanish Dual Language Programs
- Blended/Flipped classroom models
- Character Education through PBIS/PYP framework
- Daily Video Production-Otter Morning News
- Fifth grade Exhibition
- A menu of 10 related arts offerings (i.e. Studio, PE, Literacy Lab, Dance)
- STEM Focus/Science Lab
- Juried Art Shows-Local and National
- Saturday School
- Student Council
- Active PTO and SIC

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MISSION

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.

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.

The staff works diligently to help students achieve success. Our report card reflects the impressive strides our students have made. Students continue to show a high attendance rate, greater than 96%, and have outperformed many of the district and state averages in SC Ready and SC 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 HHIE’s School Report Card at: www.ed.sc.gov/data/report-cards”

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

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.

This past year has been a challenge for many of our community members due to Hurricane Matthew hitting this area in October. The SIC has worked hard to collaborate with SIC’s in our feeder schools in order to ensure that students have what they need in terms of resources. Collecting and distributing uniforms is one of the ways we have worked together to ensure that students have what they need to learn.

I hope you will join us to help build a strong foundation for the students’ future!

Gina Cavano
Chair, 2016-2017

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