

School Achievements:

Hilton Head Island Elementary received the **GOLD** award for general performance based on absolute and growth ratings and the growth index found on state school report cards. These ratings are determined by PASS. The Palmetto Gold program was created by the South Carolina General Assembly to recognize schools that attain high levels of absolute performance, high rates of growth and substantial progress in closing achievement gaps between groups of students.

Hilton Head Island Elementary successfully completed an International Baccalaureate Program evaluation in 2014. The aim is for the IB to ensure that the standards and practices of the program at HHIE are being maintained. The Program standards and practices is the foundational document used by schools and the IB to ensure quality and fidelity in the implementation of its program in IB World Schools. The faculty and staff at HHIE have been involved in a lengthy self-study process, making a commitment towards meeting all the standards, practices and program requirements.

Hilton Head Island Elementary SIC

Members:

*Chair: Jenifer Fielding: Parent
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Assistant Principal: Michelle Brockway
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Harriett Greenburg, Community Member
Kristin Keller: Parent/Community Member
Katherine Seelbach: Teacher
Rachelle Miller: Teacher
Abby Mehle: Teacher
Jill Banks: Teacher
Starr Carr: Parent
Wendy Methvin: Parent
Renee Rezzetano: Community Member
Sandy Dorion: Parent
Birgit Koellner-Gozlan: Parent

Purpose of the Report

“This Report is issued by the School 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.”

Hilton Head Island Elementary School Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents” 2013-14



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Mission Statement

Our mission is to develop world citizens Who are compassionate, life-long learners who demonstrate the attributes of the learner profile.

Vision Statement

We envision a learning community where caring, knowledgeable adults encourage all children to love learning and to become responsible citizens of the world.

SIC ANNUAL GOALS

SIC goals are defined with a focus on increasing student achievement. The SIC voted to concentrate effort over the next two years to improve and increase parent and community volunteerism.

- Phase one involves increasing volunteerism to assist with the programs and events for the students and families. A newly appointed school volunteer coordinator will work closely with the SIC and PTO to recruit qualified volunteers into the school community, thus fostering greater ownership of the school's success.
- Phase two focuses on improving communication between parents in order to solicit volunteerism. This is a proven way to ensure the current and future success of academic and cultural events. The redefined role of the classroom parent is to provide detailed information regarding school events and opportunities in which to volunteer.
- Phase three concentrates on evaluating the school to parent communication.

The SIC meets monthly to discuss celebrations, current events and challenges facing our school. We provide a united voice for the continued success of HHIE, an authorized International

Baccalaureate school. While striving to increase volunteerism, all stakeholders will benefit. School programs will continue to prosper. These educational programs in conjunction with the outstanding teaching and learning will positively impact student achievement.

Student Achievement

Hilton Head Island Elementary School is proud to offer Dual Language Programs. Students entering first grade have an option to register for Spanish or Chinese Dual Language. These programs offer students the opportunity to study content standards in both English and the target language during the school day. This program is in its fourth year of implementation with the goal of graduating students who are proficient in speaking, reading, and writing in the target language.

- www.projectclimb.org
- www.caminosporlasislas.org

Hilton Head Island Elementary has two “*Flipped Classrooms*.” Students and teachers are switching responsibilities. In this environment, learning is active and collaborative rather than passive and directive.

As a strategy that seeks to increase choices for students that fits their needs, HHIE offers single-gender classes in grades 4 and 5. Research has shown that in single-gender

environments, girls are more likely to take on a leadership role and boys are more likely to learn cooperative group skills.

“For more information, you may view Hilton Head Island Elementary’s “S.C. School Report Card” for the previous school year online at www.ed.sc.gov.

Additional Information

- Hilton Head Island Elementary recently took top honors in the “Plaid about Reading” Contest sponsored by the Heritage Classic Foundation. HHIE students won the competition by reading a total of 239,735 pages and received five hundred dollars from the Heritage Classic Foundation.
- In 2013, HHIE Scores an "A" Rating on the US Dept. of Educ. Federal Accountability Report. HHIE was one of 10 elementary schools in Beaufort County to receive an "A" in the new A-F rating system from the US Dept. of Education.
- In 2013, six students were named to be in the South Carolina Honor’s Choir.

