



Indian Land High School

The ILHS motto, Grades+Respect+Attendance=Diploma (GRAD), was designed to remind all stakeholders of three simple ways to establish success in high school and beyond. We believe a comprehensive high school allows students the best opportunity to develop the world class skills described in the *Profile of the South Carolina Graduate*, preparing them for post-secondary work in college or a career. The CTE offerings at ILHS range from four-course PLTW offerings in Engineering and Biomedical Science to complete opportunities in Agriculture Science, Building Construction, Coding, Business, and Family and Consumer Science. Students can also explore a future in education through our Teacher Cadet program or a military career within our award winning JROTC program. ILHS offers 11 Advanced Placement classes as well as dual credit opportunities through the University of South Carolina-Lancaster (USCL) and Winthrop University. ILHS also has a partnership with York Technical College that will address the needs of those students who are pursuing post-secondary work that will lead to career certifications or an Associate's degree.

According to state report card data, ILHS standardized test scores lead the district and are competitive with "schools like ours." The graduation rate for ILHS is rebounded from a low of 85.7 in 2014 and remains above the state average, and the highest in LCSD, at 89.2% for the class of 2021. Student scores on national standardized tests are competitive nationwide and are typically above state and district scores. Students at ILHS have opportunities in Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes, Fine Arts and Advanced Placement/dual credit opportunities. CTE classes offer certification opportunities for students to begin a career or attend a technical college upon graduation. ILHS was also proud to announce two Merit Scholars this Fall: James Bender and Nolan Hook.

While competitive with state and national standardized tests, Algebra 1 students at ILHS score behind the state average of 69.7% passing rate on the Algebra 1 End of Course Exam with a 69.4% passing rate. By the junior year ILHS students are competitive on the ACT, SAT and WIN Career Readiness assessments, posting scores that are equal to or greater than the state average. The addition of Mastery Connect and IXL software has given teachers the ability to quickly analyze data and develop interventions and support for every student.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all schools in LCSD were closed to in-person learning in Mid-March of 2020. ILHS opened our classes virtually and was able to reach 98% of our students and continue instruction for the remainder of that year which culminated in a socially-distanced graduation ceremony at the football field. The 2020-21 school year continued the challenges that began in March, 2020. ILHS began the year with a hybrid schedule that included student cohorts who attended class in-person two days per week and completed work online the rest of the week. By the end of the year students were attending their classes, virtually or in-person, five days per week and we ended the year with another outdoor graduation that celebrated the successes of the class of 2021.

ILHS administration, faculty and staff learned a great deal regarding the possibilities and opportunities regarding virtual learning. In 2021-22 we transitioned back to a more normal school environment and adapted the more successful aspects of online learning into our classrooms. ILHS also moved into a new facility in 2021 and will hold future graduations in the new Warrior stadium. ILHS will continue to incorporate more opportunities for STEAM education and believe online learning offers the freedom to fully explore Project Based Learning (PBL) and dual enrollment opportunities throughout the school.

The expectation for ILHS students and alumni is to carry themselves with the respect that will shine on future graduates. It is our expectation to build a school wherein all students and alumni will be proud of the education they receive at ILHS. That directors and professors of post-secondary institutions, as well as personnel managers of corporations and small businesses, will recognize the work ethic of an Indian Land graduate. Our work is never ending, as we want every student to graduate with a high school diploma and to serve the greater community in a productive, positive manner.