



# Indian Land Middle School

*An Innovative Community Inspiring Excellence*

The 2020-2021 year has proven to be a challenging one with the COVID-19 outbreak. We began the school year by implementing a hybrid model whereby learning occurred via teacher directed instruction for part of the week and students were expected to work independently for the rest. Also, we offered total virtual learning for those students that did not feel comfortable coming in the building. On March 22, 2021 we began four days of in person learning with the total virtual option still available. On April 12, 2021 we began five days of in person learning while still maintaining the virtual option. Not only has this been challenging for students, it's been difficult for teachers as well. Teachers were tasked with teaching both in person students and virtual students synchronously. While not an easy task to do, teachers worked tirelessly to make it work.

Indian Land Middle school continues to incorporate project-based learning and lab-based instruction in our classes. We work to offer equitable learning that is also fast-paced. While our students have one-to-one access to technology, we continue to value learning time in the school's Media Center. ILMS provides career exploration and career events, as well as Individual Graduation Planning conferences. We offer a variety of elective classes (STEM, Spanish, art, media/broadcasting, band, chorus, piano, and health/PE), as well as teaching and modeling character and spreading kindness within our building and in the community.

Our teachers also focus on teaching/learning strategies to support our students. These strategies include communication/collaboration, thinking/problem-solving, questioning, expectations, and feedback. These strategies reinforce the World Class Skills of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. We value partnerships and stakeholders who are invested in the success of our students and parental involvement. The support from the various stakeholders support Indian Land Middle School's goal of 100% Success!

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