

# Indian Land Elementary

Warriors

## Our demographics

**School principal:** Sarah Deason    **Began at school:** 2019    **In district:** 1996    **In education:** 1996  
**Grades served:** K5 – 4    **Enrollment:** 1,050    **Economic status:** 12.4% free & reduced lunch  
**Diversity:** 66% White, 10% African-American, 13% Hispanic, 11% Other  
**Number of teachers:** 66    **Classified:** 28    **Administrators:** 4    **Counselors:** 3    **Media specialist:** 1  
**Other:** Nurse, Elementary Math/Science Specialist, Speech, ESOL, Psychologist, Math/Technology Coach, Reading Coach, Interventionist  
**Teachers with advanced degrees:** 69.1%    **Teacher attendance:** 95.8%    **Student attendance:** 95.5%

## Our mission

The mission of Indian Land Elementary, in partnership with the students, parents and community, is to develop responsible and productive lifelong learners by providing a challenging curriculum in a safe and supportive environment.

## Our facilities

**Date main building was built:** 1998    **Date of renovations:** 2010  
**Square feet:** 120,608    **Number of computers:** 228    **Number of classrooms:** 70  
**Specialty areas:** 1 science lab, 3 computer labs, 65 Smartboards, gym, and 14 mobiles, 1:1 with Chromebooks in grades 2-5

## Our school programs

- **Math/Science Enrichment Course** – Students participate in a weekly math/science enrichment course that extends instruction into a lab-based environment.
- **Safety Patrol** – Fourth-grade leaders assist with helping students unload cars and buses as well as help in the hallways before school.
- **Intervention** – Student intervention that provides explicit instruction in phonological awareness, word building, decoding, and reading as well as math support based on individual needs.
- **EAGLE Gifted and Talented Program** – Grades three and four participate in weekly GT enrichment pull-out classes. Grades one and two participate through push-in instruction for all students.
- **Junior Achievement** – Community business leaders volunteer and teach lessons regarding work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy skills.
- **Read-In** – Students read a common SC Book Award Winner. They then join other elementary schools from across our district to discuss book themes and to complete culminating activities.

- **School-Wide Assemblies** – Students participate in assemblies throughout the year planned by our arts department. These include a Veteran’s Day Program, Winter Program, Black History Month Program, and a Spring Program.
- **Guidance** – Our strong guidance department provides a variety of student support services. These include classroom guidance, lunch buddies, small groups, and individual support.
- **Computer Programs** – Our district and PTO provide the following computer programs to enhance and support student learning: Lexia, Study Island, Dreambox, Flocabulary, and Brain Pop.
- **Field Learning Experiences** – Grade levels participate in field learning experiences based on grade level standards and the arts.
- **The “Warrior Way”** – This is a school-wide behavior management plan utilized to promote, maintain and track student behavior. An emphasis is placed on “doing the right thing because it is the right thing to do.”

### After school programs

- **Fit Kids**
- **Girls on the Run**
- **Drama Club**
- **Let Me Run**

### Our parents/parent support programs

- **Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO)**
- **School Improvement Council (SIC)**
- **School Parent/Community Member Volunteers**
- **Booknics**
- **Weekly Parent Email Updates**
- **A variety of Warrior events such as science and arts nights**
- **ILE School App**

### Our school strengths

- **Diverse academic and enrichment programs** – Programs include visual and performing arts as well as academics. In addition to art, music, physical education, and computer, students participate in a hands-on math/science lab. Gifted/talented programs are available for students who excel academically. After-school programs include a homework center and chorus.

- **Strong community and parent involvement, including a strong communication program** – One of the major goals of Indian Land Elementary is to encourage involvement from stakeholders in the school. One of the major components of this initiative is through our PTO. This group works to match classrooms with parent volunteers, provides funding for programs and school enhancement projects, and focuses on helping get parents and community members into the school. Several initiatives promote connection and communication, including regularly updated school personnel web pages, updated school calendars, newsletters about important projects and activities, a regularly updated social media presence and a variety of other items aimed at helping parent and community members feel a part of the school. Members of the Sun City community work closely with ILE to provide additional volunteers and to support our students and teachers.
- **Small learning communities** – Indian Land Elementary creates small learning communities within a large school; each grade level maintains its own programs, projects and processes while still functioning as a part of a larger school. Teachers in individual grade levels participate in weekly team meetings where curriculum, instruction and managerial topics are discussed. These meetings allow for very consistent instructional practices in different classrooms. Each grade level focuses on standards-driven instruction matched with interdisciplinary and STEAM approaches to deliver the best possible instruction to students. Teachers also meet regularly with administrators to discuss ways in which instruction has been individualized in the classroom and to share facility and individual student concerns. Using this approach allows individual grade levels to promote student achievement, good personal worth and self-concept, and a connectedness to the overall mission and success of the school.

### Our honors & awards

- Teachers have been recipients of multiple J. Marion Sims Foundation grants for a variety of classroom projects and programs.
- Our school has a Carolina Fence Garden that is established as a National Wildlife area.
- Three teachers were recognized with Stewart Law's Teacher Appreciation Awards in 2018 and 2019.
- ILE is host to teacher candidates from Winthrop University, Grand Canyon University, Western Governor's University, Liberty University, Wilmington University and the University of South Carolina.
- Five National Board Certified educators teach at Indian Land Elementary.
- Teachers have been recipients of Partners for Youth grant.
- Winthrop University Partnership school.
- ILE Teacher named SC American Legion Teacher of the Year in 2022.