



## **Executive Summary for Indian Trace Elementary 2025-2026**

The Executive Summary (ES) provides the school an opportunity to describe in narrative form its vision as well as strengths and challenges within the context of continuous improvement. Use this template to complete the responses to the various questions below. The responses should be brief, descriptive, and appropriate for the specific section.

### **Description**

Describe the school's size, community/communities, location, and changes it has experienced in the last three years. Include demographic information about the students, staff, and community at large. What unique features and challenges are associated with the community/communities the school serves?

Indian Trace Elementary is in a suburban community in Weston, Florida having an estimated population of over 68,000 people. Established in 1996, Weston is located near the western developmental boundary of Broward County. Weston borders the Florida Everglades, and the city maintains over 2,200 acres of wetland preserves, supporting a diverse ecological population. Having a reputation for being a hometown community, Weston has a culturally diverse population consisting of: Non-Hispanic White 30.5%, Black or African American 3.4%, Hispanic or Latino 54.1%, Asian 6.9%, Multiracial 4.3%.

Indian Trace Elementary consists of 70 staff members, including one principal and one assistant principal, and 607 students in grades PreK-5. We have two Pre-K classes for our students with exceptional needs: one is a specialized Pre-K class while the other is an intensive ESE Pre-K class, six kindergarten classes with one being an ASD class, five first grade classes, five second grade classes, four third grade classes, four fourth grade classes, and five fifth grade classes. Additionally, our school has gifted/high-achiever's classes in second through fifth grades, and a Dual Language Program in Kindergarten through fifth grade.

Currently, 28.81% of our students are Caucasian/White, 6.27% Black/African-American, 55.07% Hispanic, 5.22% Asian, 4.48% Multiracial.

Indian Trace has 100% qualified, experienced teachers: one is National Board Certified, 22 having a Master's Degree, and 1 with a Specialist Degree. Our teachers are highly qualified and continuously take advantage of professional development opportunities to provide our students with rich and rigorous units of study. We work hard to make sure that all children are excited to learn and continue to show academic growth.

## **Purpose**

Provide the school's purpose statement and ancillary content such as mission, vision, values, and/or beliefs. Describe how the school embodies its purpose through its program offerings and expectations for students.

Indian Trace Elementary has a vision for our students. At Indian Trace, our mission is to nurture and empower students to reach their full potential, inspire compassion and positivity, and build a love of learning through creativity, critical thinking, and curiosity.

At Indian Trace Elementary, we are committed to providing our students with the finest education possible. We strive to have our students maintain their academic achievements by showing growth on the required state assessments given in grades 3-5, which is the FAST (Florida Assessment of Student Thinking) Progress Monitoring for ELA and Math. When planning curriculum instruction for students, teachers adhere to Florida's BEST Standards in Reading and Math.

Our school's theme this year is "Hearts Full of Kindness, Minds Full of Wonder" which supports our mission statement. We offer our students a unique opportunity to be a part of a Digital Kindergarten through a 5th grade program. All our students have an individually assigned laptop computer provided for the school year. With the use of laptop computers, our students can go "Digital" and utilize various technological resources available from computer software programs and slideshow presentations. Our students can access not only their textbooks online through the school district's Single Sign On network, but they are also able to access a plethora of additional technological support for learning.

Over the last eight years, Indian Trace has developed a widely successful Dual Language Program in Kindergarten through fifth grade. Two classes participate in this program in each Kindergarten through fifth grade. This program allows for its students to become fully immersed in the English and Spanish languages. These students matriculate to the middle school within the Dual Language Program. They are bi-literate and take a content area course in Spanish.

Additionally, we meet the needs of our ESE students utilizing a push-in as well as a pull-out program. We have Speech classes for students who require services. In grades 2-5, we have gifted/high-achiever classes to meet the needs of high achieving students and those who have Educational Plans.

At Indian Trace, we have additional curriculum support available to all our students, such as the computer lab and the science lab where students can engage in the 5E Model of the Scientific Process by conducting experiments and recording results. We also have Specials teachers for Music, Physical Education, Media, Art, and Spanish. Students attend a "Specials" class for 30 minutes each day. Furthermore, we have a full-functioning Media Center that the students can utilize before, during, and after school. Students can take advantage of the unique Maker Space in the Media Center where they can gather to create, invent, and learn.

At Indian Trace Elementary School, we understand the importance of educating the whole child. With this in mind, we continue to offer a variety of enrichments for our students including STEM, Robotics, Spanish Club, Book Clubs, T.V. Production, Debate, Chorus, and Tracer Buddies Peer Counseling Program. We pride ourselves on providing exposure to a variety of high-quality learning experiences and enrichments so that when our students leave us and matriculate to middle and high school, they are prepared to choose electives that they are passionate about.

## **Notable Achievements and Areas of Improvement**

Describe the school's notable achievements and areas of improvement in the last three years.

Additionally, describe areas for improvement that the school is striving to achieve in the next three years.

Over the past three years, Indian Trace has continuously earned an "A" rating based upon students' test scores and maintained academic achievement. Based upon the 2025 Math FAST assessment results, we were among the top scores in the Broward County School District. Our school has amazing parent volunteers who strive to assist our staff and school. Every Fall, our students and families volunteer for "Green Day," which embodies the beautification of our school. Indian Trace Elementary School has been the recipient of Broward County's Golden Library Award and has been recognized as a Florida Power Library School for exemplary practices in Media education. Our Media Center is truly the hub of our school and everyone on our campus promotes the importance of reading!

Additionally, we consistently win the Spanish Club competition in Broward County when competing among other elementary schools.

Last year, our students participated in the FAST Assessments in ELA and Math for grades 3-5. We scored exceptionally well. In grades 3-5, 82% of our students were proficient in ELA and 88% were proficient in Math. On the FAST ELA, we saw growth from 43% in Progress Monitoring 1 to 82% in Progress Monitoring 3. On the FAST Math, we saw growth from 26% in Progress Monitoring 1 to 88% in Progress Monitoring 3. Additionally, our 5th grade students tested in science resulting in 79% proficiency.

In the upcoming three years, Indian Trace will continue to maintain academic achievement for all our students. We will work hard to ensure that all students make academic gains and continue to adjust to the new FAST (Florida Assessment of Student Thinking) assessments in Reading and Math while incorporating rigorous BEST standards.

## **Additional Information**

Provide any additional information you would like to share with the public and community that were not prompted in the previous sections.

At Indian Trace Elementary, we strive for excellence in our academic expectations for our students. Our students are involved in Project Based Learning experiences embedded in the curriculum. Teachers participate in Learning Communities to collaborate and share "Best Practices" of instructional strategies. Furthermore, our school is fortunate to be able to offer a Dual Language Program.