

Indian Hills Elementary School



Parent-Student Handbook

2025-2026

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School Mission Statement

The mission of Indian Hills School is for ALL students to become college and career ready by achieving proficiency through rigorous education in a safe and caring environment.



Creating the best possible atmosphere conducive to learning is important to the teachers and staff of Indian Hills Elementary.

A primary goal at Indian Hills is to gain the respect of our students. In return, the teachers and staff have high expectations for our students' behavior and academic achievement.

Parents are an integral component of the Kentucky Education Reform Act (KERA). We encourage parents to be an active participant in their child's education. Parent volunteers are always welcome at Indian Hills.

It is our hope that this handbook will inform parents and students of school policies and regulations. Any concerns not addressed in this handbook can be directed to the staff at Indian Hills.

Again, welcome to Indian Hills, home of the CHIEFS! We have an exciting year planned for your child at Indian Hills.

Family Resource Center

Contact Information:

Coordinator: Melissa Hudson
Center # (270) 887-7130
Center Hours: 7:00AM-2:30PM
Monday-Friday
After hours by appointment.

What is the FRC?

Family Resource Centers have been created as a part of the Kentucky Educational Reform Act (KERA). The Center is designed to enhance student's ability to succeed in school by assisting the child and family in meeting some of their basic needs. This will be done by providing the family and students with services at the FRC or by linking families to the appropriate agencies in the community. The Indian Hills Family Resource Center (FRC) is grant funded by the state of Kentucky, based on the number of free lunch eligible children, to serve the needs of students. The services of the center are for all students and their families. Services have been found to be especially beneficial to students who are at risk or are not performing well in school.

What services are offered?

- Parent Education Seminars
- Referral to Adult Education Classes/Assistance with GED and TABE
- Health Screenings/Assistance with scheduling appointments
- Counseling/Help during a Crisis
- Home Visits
- Mentoring Programs/Referrals to Community Programs
- Referrals to Community Agencies
- School Supplies
- Support Groups
- Liaison for you and your child's teacher
- Volunteer Training/Parental Involvement
- Summer Activities/Referrals

Materials Available

The FRC has pamphlets and brochures for your use on many subjects. These may be beneficial to you, your child, and/or your family. If you need specific information and the center does not have it available, we will try to get the information for you. Stop by and see what we have to offer to you and your family.

School Counselors

Sarah Pinson (Kindergarten-2nd grade) and Sarah Hawkins (3rd grade-5th grade), our School Counselors, are available to talk to students needing their services. Ms. Pinson and Mrs. Hawkins can also work with the parents to acquire additional services to students through Pennyroyal Mental Health or Mountain Comprehensive Care during school. Feel free to visit our school counselors' office for more information and resources.

School Hours

SCHOOL HOURS ARE 7:15 A.M. UNTIL 2:30 P.M

School Policy requires that any child leaving the school grounds during regular school hours must be signed out by a parent or guardian through the school office. Any other person must have written permission from the parent/guardian before the child will be released from school. Indian Hills School will not release a child without proper notification and will not release a child to anyone who is not on the child's emergency release list. Student(s) will not be released to anyone who does not show proper identification.

Attendance Policy

PLEASE SEE THE CCPS CODE OF CONDUCT FOR FULL DETAILS

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

The state Compulsory Attendance Laws, KRS 159.010 and KRS 159.180 state that the parent/guardian is responsible for keeping his/her child in regular school attendance. In view of these statutes, the Christian County Board of Education has approved the following attendance regulations:

Notes from parents/guardians shall be accepted, and absences shall be excused for up to six (6) days ONLY for the seven (7) valid reasons listed below. Illness accompanied by a health professional's statement will not be counted as one of the six (6) days.

- a. Illness of pupil
- b. Death in family
- c. Appointment with health professional (student only)
- d. Driver's test
- e. Court Order (A statement from the court system must be presented for the student to be excused for a reasonable amount of time.)
- f. One day for the attendance of the KY State Fair
- g. Other valid reasons as determined by the principal

Procedures for Student Absences

1. A student who is absent must bring a note signed by his/her parent/guardian or a health professional stating the reason for the absence.
2. A student who is absent must provide a note within a time period not to exceed five (5) days from the date the student returns to school or the absence will be unexcused. The parent/guardian is responsible to ensure that the note is turned in to the school attendance office. If the note is sent by the parent/guardian through the student, the parent/guardian is encouraged to follow up with the attendance clerk to verify receipt.
3. A health professional's statement will be accepted for the student's personal illness only or for a severe illness in the home.
4. Students on a school sponsored trip are counted present and are responsible for make-up work.
5. Court appearances are excused if signed by the judge or the clerk of the court for a reasonable amount of time.
6. Requests for an excused absence other than that stated in this provision of the Code of Acceptable Behavior & Discipline must be made in advance to the principal.
7. When the school notifies a parent/guardian a student is sick and should be picked up, absence for the remainder of that day shall be excused without the necessity of a parent/medical note. In the event there are subsequent absences a parent/medical note will be required for those absences to be excused.

Truancy Policy

House Bill 72: Identify any public school student, who has not reached his/her twenty-first birthday, who has been absent from school without a valid excuse for three (3) or more days or tardy without a valid excuse on three (3) or more days as truant; identify as a habitual truant a student who has been reported as truant two (2) or more times; hold a public school student who has attained the age of eighteen, but who has not reached his/her twenty-first birthday, accountable if the student fails to comply with truancy laws; hold the parent, guardian, custodian of a public school student who has not reached his/her eighteenth (18th)birthday accountable if the student fails to comply with school truancy laws; hold the court-appointed guardian of a public school student who has not reached his/her twenty-first (21st) birthday, accountable if the student fails to comply with school truancy laws; require school district personnel to inform students, parents, guardians, and custodians of the penalties for violating school truancy laws; identify as a habitual truant a student who has been reported as truant two(2) or more times.

Any child who has been absent from school without a valid excuse for three (3) days, or tardy to school on three (3) or more days, is a truant. Any child who has been reported as truant two (2) or more times is a habitual truant. Being absent for less than half a school day shall be regarded

as being tardy. Three (3) unexcused tardies are equal to one (1) unexcused absence. An absence will be calculated on an exact percentage of the day rather than in half-day or whole-day increments. Events will be assigned when a student is absent for more than sixty (60) minutes of the school day.

PLEASE SEE THE CCPS CODE OF ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR FOR FULL DETAILS

Arrival Procedures at Indian Hills

To ensure a safe and orderly start to the school day for your child, please read and adhere to the following time schedules and guidelines at Indian Hills. Arriving at Indian Hills before 7:05 will allow you to get in and out of the school area much quicker than arriving later. Students are not allowed to be dropped off at the front entrance of the school between 6:55 and 7:15. After 7:15, parents will have to park and check in students at the front office.

6:55-7:15: Car drop-off for students starts by entering Koffman Drive from the Lafayette entrance and taking a left between Hopkinsville High School and Indian Hills Elementary. One will take a right behind Indian Hills, drive around to the far side where staff members will be waiting your arrival. **All vehicles must have Indian Hills' car tag and number.** After dropping your student(s) off, one will take a left exiting toward South Sunset Circle. **The back gate will be closed at 7:15 each morning. After 7:15, please drive to the front of the school and check your student in.**

6:55 Breakfast is a grab and go breakfast. **All students planning to eat need to arrive by 7:15.**

7:15 The tardy bell rings. **All students not in the building by 7:15 will be counted tardy and must be checked in at the front office by an adult. Instruction begins for all students at 7:15.**

Car Riders - Staff helping with the car riders in the morning will go into the building at 7:15. After 7:15 parents must take their students to the front office to check in. Do not drop your student(s) off after 7:15 in the car rider line. If staff have walked away from the drop off area (carport), it's the parent/guardian's responsibility to take the student(s) to the front office to check in. Do not let your student(s) out of the vehicle at this time.

Student Guidelines for Arrival

1. All students will have a grab and go breakfast.
2. All buses will unload at the front of the school from 6:55-7:15. At this time, no cars will be allowed to come through the front driveway of the school.

Bus Drivers

173	
222	Josh Comperry
194	Stanley Quarles

120	Sub Driver
171	Dee Green
161	Amanda Crick
140	Sub Driver
144	Fredericka Winston
145	David Spears
126	Jane Davis

Dismissal Procedures at Indian Hills

Indian Hills' students follow a specific procedure when departing school each day. We will begin dismissing school at 2:20 p.m. Teachers will escort their students to the appropriate places for dismissal. To ensure a safe and efficient dismissal for all students, we have established the following guidelines.

1. **Any temporary change in afternoon transportation must be communicated in writing.**
Changes can be communicated by a letter brought to school. If necessary, transportation changes may be made by email. **We ask that no one make transportation changes by phone.** All transportation changes will have to be verified by office staff before any changes will be approved.
2. **Any individual picking up a student from school must be on the student's emergency release list.** If an individual is not on the list, the student will not be released to him or her, and a legal guardian of the student will be contacted to provide alternate transportation. **This is for the safety of our students, and we appreciate your support and cooperation in this matter. Indian Hills staff will also check individuals for proper identification.**
3. Car pickup for students starts by entering Koffman Drive from the Lafayette entrance and taking a left between Hopkinsville High School and Indian Hills Elementary. One will take a right behind Indian Hills, drive around to the far side where staff members will be waiting your arrival.). **All vehicles must have Indian Hills' car tag and number.** After picking up your student(s), one will take a left exiting toward South Sunset Circle.
4. All parents are asked to remain in line at all times. **We ask that no one leave their vehicle and enter the building at dismissal.**
5. All students must be picked up from school no later than 2:40. Any students not picked up by this time will be sent to Aftercare and parents will have to pay a required fee for this service. No staff members are available to monitor students after school is released.

Releasing Students to Parents/Guardians During the School Day

No student will be released early (before students leave the room to load buses) without

being properly checked out in the office. The office staff will contact the room and notify who is being signed out and by whom.

No student will be released before the end of the day without a request for early dismissal from the student's parent/guardian. In keeping with this procedure, it becomes prudent that:

- A. No student will be released from school on the basis of an invalidated telephone call.
- B. Children of estranged parents may not be released to either parent unless there is a court order to the contrary.
- C. No student will be released to anyone other than the parent or guardian unless the parent or guardian has filed a written list of names, such as grandparents or baby-sitters prior to the time of early release.

If a person whom the office staff does not recognize appears at school requesting the early dismissal of a student, the person may be asked to show proper identification such as a driver's license. (Even if the person presents appropriate identification, the person's name must be on file as an authorized adult before the student may be dismissed to leave school with the adult.)

A student may be released to a person with lawful authority to take custody of the student (e.g., a police officer with a warrant). In such a case, the student's parents shall be notified at the earliest opportunity.

In order to document the early release of students, we are asking anyone who signs students out or in, to fill out the following information in the office: date, time, and signature, purpose of check-in/out, child's name and relationship to child.

*Field Trips: Students must ride on school buses during field trips.

Medicine

No medicine will be given to students at Indian Hills unless given to the school nurse and authorized by the student's physician. Appropriate forms must be signed before medicine will be distributed and will only be done by personnel trained to do so. Students are not allowed to transport medicine or self-medicate.

Instructional Time

In order to limit classroom disruptions, parents are always welcome to contact teachers/staff during their planning or after school, however we want to protect our students' instructional time.

Indian Hills has established a guideline for issuing private party invitations within the classroom.

No invitations can be distributed in the classroom unless every student is included. Due to confidentiality guidelines, the school cannot release student's names and addresses.

Homework Policy

Homework is an important part of instruction at Indian Hills reinforcing what is being taught in the classroom. Homework is defined as assignments to be completed outside the classroom to reinforce class instruction, increase understanding and retention, transfer and extend classroom instruction, prepare for class discussion and provide for curriculum enrichment opportunities.

The school Site Base Decision Making Council at Indian Hills has a policy regarding homework. This policy is available on our school website. Homework will be meaningful and in moderation. Homework is an important part of a child's academic and social development. Parents are urged to actively involve themselves with their child's homework. Homework assignments offer an opportunity for valuable interaction between parent and child in support of learning.

Grading Scale

A 90-100

B 80-89

C 70-79

D 60-69

F 0-59

PBIS (Tier 1)

PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention & Support) has helped Indian Hills establish a positive and orderly environment in which all students can feel safe and perform at the highest potential. We feel PBIS will continue to make Indian Hills a more warm and enjoyable place for all students. Indian Hills has been a Gold Status school since the 2018-2019 school year. This was awarded by the Kentucky Center for Instructional Discipline.

Benefits of PBIS at Indian Hills Elementary

1. Positive atmosphere
2. Safe and orderly environment with clear expectations for all students
3. Fewer discipline issues

4. More time for learning
5. Teaching and reinforcing important values such as respect and doing your best

Indian Hills has established school wide expectations for ALL faculty, staff, and students. These are practiced daily in the classroom and announced every morning over the intercom. At Indian Hills, we are the CHIEFS!

Cooperative

Honest

Involved

Empathetic

Fair

Safe

It is our belief that if students exhibit these qualities each day, then they will be successful academically, socially, and emotionally.

School Wide Expectations

Indian Hills has established rules and procedures for each common area of our school such as the hallways, cafeteria, restrooms, and the playground. These rules and procedures help to provide a safe and orderly environment of the students. This safe and orderly environment helps to ensure smooth transitions to and from class activities and creates an environment in the classroom more conducive to learning. Students are taught and retaught the rules and procedures throughout the school year.

Rewards

Students will receive school wide CHOICES rewards throughout the year. Every Friday students who have not lost 4 or more DOJO points for the week are given a reward. This varies from hat day to pencils to extra recess.

Rewards for No Office Referrals/Bus Write Ups

At the end of each 9 weeks, students who have not earned any office referrals, bus write ups, and have less than the expected minors for that 9 weeks will be rewarded for this achievement. The number of minors will be reduced for each 9 weeks as the expectation for students to learn

and behave increases as the year progresses. 1st 9 weeks - 4 minors, 2nd 9 weeks - 3 minors, 3rd 9 weeks - 2 minors, 4th 9 weeks - 1 minor

Parent Contact

We strongly believe that the best environment for your child is one in which we are all working together. One new way we are doing this is through Class DOJO. All students have a class dojo account that immediately sends parents notification when students receive positive or negative points. This is a great way for you to keep track of real time behaviors that are occurring in the classroom. If the student's misbehavior continues, a teacher may complete a minor or an office referral in which the administration will take appropriate disciplinary action according to the Christian County Public Schools Code of Acceptable Behavior.

Consequences may include a conference with the principal/assistant principal, safe room time, or out of school suspensions. Parents will always be notified by an administrator if a student receives an office or bus referral.

Immediate Office Referrals

Some behaviors may be referred directly to the administration as they disrupt learning or cause a safety concern. Behaviors constituting immediate office referrals include but may not be limited to the following:

1. Physically Dangerous Behaviors
2. Illegal Behavior
3. Bullying
4. Threatening Language

These behaviors may result in safe room or out of school suspension. Discipline decisions will be made according to the Christian County Public Schools Code of Acceptable Behavior.

Safe Room

The safe room may be used as a consequence when office referrals are issued. While in the safe room, the students complete their regular class work with the assistance of the safe room monitor. Students also complete work focused on inappropriate behavior(s) which resulted in their safe room time. The safe room is also used for students to have time to reflect on their choices and prepare to return to class successfully. Students will stay in the safe room until ALL

work is completed. The expectation to complete work applies to the safe room just like it does for the classroom. Students receiving a bus referral also may have time in the safe room.

Bus Discipline

Students have rules and expectations on the bus just as they do at school. These rules help to ensure that all students are safe traveling to and from school. Bus drivers do have a procedure to follow when addressing discipline issues on the bus. Parents will be contacted when a behavior issue occurs and documentation of the incident will be provided.

What can I do as a parent?

As a parent, we appreciate the support you provide to Indian Hills. Your support is an integral part of your child's success as well as the overall success of our school. Please ask about your child's day and encourage your child to be a CHIEF (Cooperative, Honest, Involved, Empathetic, and Fair). Also please show your support by signing up for parent notifications through DOJO and attending conferences. Indian Hills genuinely appreciates all of the support you offer your student as well as the school.

Code of Acceptable Behavior

The Christian County Public Schools Code of Acceptable Behavior will be followed by the administration at Indian Hills in making decisions concerning discipline. The Code of Acceptable Behavior will be provided to all new students and available upon request for families needing another copy. Please note that actions such as fighting and threatening will not be tolerated at Indian Hills and can result in consequences such as the safe room, after school detention, or out of school suspension. Students are prohibited from bringing electronic devices to school, and such devices will be confiscated from the students and will be returned to parents only. If seen or heard, cellular phones will be taken from students and must be picked up by parents.

No-Tolerance Policy on Bullying

Indian Hills has a no tolerance stand pertaining to bullying. Bullying is a behavior that is intentional, hurtful, and persistent. A bully may tease, harass, reject, threaten, and assault (verbally and/or physically) other individuals. These types of actions will not be tolerated at Indian Hills, and consequences will follow the District Code of Acceptable Behavior. This is for the safety of all Indian Hills students.

Terroristic Threatening

Dear Parent/Guardian

Our most important function in Christian County Public Schools is to provide the safest learning environment possible for all our students and school staff members. Unfortunately, in recent years, Kentucky's P-12 schools have experienced an escalation of terroristic threats being made by students with the intent to do harm to either other students or school staff members. Plainly stated, these are threats being made to shoot people or detonate bombs with lethal intent. These threats cause widespread fear throughout school communities and result in total disruption to the educational process. In many cases, school officials and law enforcement officials are forced to close schools to investigate these threats. In other cases, school attendance plummets for days after threats are made. School leaders have often said that the emotional and instructional impacts of these acts are incalculable.

Terroristic Threatening in the second degree is defined in state law (KRS 508.078)

- (1) A person is guilty of terroristic threatening in the second degree when, other than as provided in KRS 508.075, he or she intentionally:**
- b) Makes false statements by any means, including by electronic communication, for the purpose of:**

- 1. Causing evacuation of a school building, school property, or school-sanctioned activity;**
- 2. Causing cancellation of school classes or school-sanctioned activity; or**
- 3. Creating fear of serious bodily harm among students, parents, or school personnel (For the complete text for KRS 508.078 please see the information on the next page.)**

In CCPS, such threats to our students and school staff are totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated. As a result, the purpose of this letter is to notify all parents and guardians that school district officials (in coordination with responding law enforcement agencies) will pursue immediate legal charges for felony terroristic threatening in the second degree, to the absolute fullest extent of the law, against ANYONE who makes such threats, including students. Moreover, we will advocate to our highest ability that the prosecution of these individuals be swift, and their punishment be severe.

Our approach to eliminating terroristic threatening in Christian County Public Schools is strong and unwavering. It is imperative that you discuss this critically important matter with your student as soon as possible. School and law enforcement officials are determined to put a halt to these willful acts of terrorism being made toward our students. Please help us to ensure your student never becomes part of such an offense by educating him/her on the serious nature of the matter and the consequences that would follow.

Together we can prevent this unnecessary, dangerous, and disruptive crime from victimizing our schools. I appreciate your partnership in keeping our school the safest place for your student to learn and grow. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely, CCPS

Dress and Appearance

The wearing of any attire, cosmetics, presentation of extraordinary personal appearance, or any unsanitary body conditions which in the judgment of the Principal significantly disrupts school work, interrupts scholastic endeavors, or threatens the health and/or safety of other pupils is prohibited.

Students whose appearance does not conform to these rules will be asked to change clothing to meet this code.

- ❖ Leggings/tights/biker shorts should be worn with shirts that come at least 2 inches above the knee.
- ❖ No spaghetti strapped shirts for students in 3rd-6th grade.
- ❖ No pajama/loungewear unless it's a specified "Pajama Day". This includes hats, hoodies and sunglasses unless it's a special day to wear these items.
- ❖ Shorts and skirts should be an appropriate length. Down to the fingertips.
- ❖ NO SAGGING ALLOWED!
- ❖ Overall straps must be fastened and worn over the shoulder.
- ❖ Tops should never reveal undergarments, cleavage, midriff, or back.
- ❖ Tank tops are allowed if undergarments are NOT shown.
- ❖ Clothing shall not display liquor logos, tobacco product advertisements, suggestive sexual content, offensive language or symbols, or obscenities.
- ❖ Backpacks will be hung up in a designated location until the end of the day. Backpacks are not to be worn during the school day. A small pouch will be given to female students in grades 4-5 to keep in their binder for hygienic needs. **Purses or small bags shall not be carried room to room.**

Indian Hills' Extra-Curricular Activities

Indian Hills has numerous activities for students to be involved in including:

Academic Team, Boy/Girl Scouts, K-Kids, First Act

Students desiring to participate must meet the following criteria:

1. A strong desire to participate
2. After school transportation
3. Good sportsmanship

Students may be disqualified from the program for the following:

1. Not following the leaders' directions
2. Being disrespectful to leaders or other students
3. Transportation arriving late 2 times
4. Test scores during practices
5. Being assigned to the safe room or out of school suspension

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL STUDENTS HAVE STRONG PARENTAL SUPPORT

Information registration regarding community programs such as Junior Pro Basketball/Cheerleading, writing and art contests, drama opportunities, and YMCA sports will be sent home as we are notified.

Cafeteria Meal Prices

Breakfast/Lunch

Indian Hills encourages appropriate table manners while ensuring all children enjoy their meal in a safe environment. Students are taught cafeteria procedures which include how to go through the serving line, proper table voice levels, how to clean the table, and how to prepare to exit the cafeteria. Students will be assigned to specific tables by cafeteria monitors. All teachers are encouraged to eat with their class the first few days of school.

Indian Hills is a Community Eligibility School (CEO) which means that **ALL STUDENTS** can eat breakfast and lunch at **NO CHARGE**. Outstanding balances are required to be paid. Parents can still deposit money into accounts online through My School Bucks or through the cafeteria to pay balances and to buy ala-carte for the new school year.

Ala-carte may be purchased as follows:

Breakfast:

Meat & Biscuit \$1.00

Cereal \$.50

Pastry \$.50

Toast \$.25

Milk or Juice \$.30

Water \$.50

Adult Breakfast: \$2.50

Lunch:

Entrée \$1.25

Vegetable \$.50

Fruit \$.50

Roll \$.25

Milk or Juice \$.30

Adult Lunch \$3.50

No food is to be brought, sold or given away as a reward until 30 minutes after the last lunch shift closes.

Indian Hills 2025-2026 PTO

President- Tiffany Hickman

Vice President-Lyssa Vowell

Secretary-

Treasurer-

Indian Hills 2025-2026 SBDM

Principal – Sara Sweeney Johnson

Teacher- Pam Huddleston

Teacher- Jessica Tinsley

Teacher- Shawnae Massie

Parent- Lindsay Stagner

Parent- Tiffany Hickman

The Council members will be responsible for adopting policies in the following areas: curriculum, assignment of staff, assignment of students, determining schedules of school days, determining use of school space, planning and resolution of issues regarding instructional practices, determining discipline/classroom management, extracurricular programs and technology.

Our council will only function effectively if parents, teachers and community persons are willing to serve on committees, which will develop all policies for council approval.

TITLE 1 School-Wide Program & Parent Involvement

Title 1- Parent Involvement is an important part of the education process at Indian Hills. Our school-wide program gives us the opportunity to provide the best for all our students. When parents are meaningfully involved with their children's education, children achieve at a higher level and have more positive attitudes toward school.

Parent Teacher Organization- The purpose of the PTO is to solicit cooperation among parents, students, teachers and the administration of Indian Hills in order to provide the best possible learning environment for students attending the school, to support school programs and to promote progress according to the school goals. All parents are encouraged to join PTO. Watch the school newsletter for PTO meeting and activities. Through our membership and volunteer services you can ensure that we meet our goals successfully.

School Visits- Parents and visitors are always welcome at Indian Hills. However, as a safety measure, we ask that all visitors first report to the school office and obtain permission for their presence in the building. You will also be asked to sign in and wear a visitor sticker if going to other areas in the school besides the office. We encourage you to visit your child at school. It is imperative that you have a background check completed through the Family Resource Center if you wish to be in your child's classroom. You may arrange for a classroom visit by contacting your child's teacher. You may also request a parent-teacher conference. Throughout the school year, our cafeteria staff plans special days for parents to spend lunch with their children.

School Volunteers- Volunteers enable us to expand our educational programs as well as to allow for greater individual attention. Volunteers work at the school on a daily basis. Many of our volunteers work at full-time jobs and some do not have children attending Indian Hills. There are many areas in which we need volunteer help: the library, classroom projects, individual tutoring, field trips and special activities. Throughout the year you will be given the opportunity to help. Contact your child's teacher or the school office if there is something you would like to do for us. WE NEED YOU! Volunteers who supervise children by law are required to have a background check at the expense of the district.

Parent Teacher Conferences- At any time during the school year conferences are encouraged to discuss concerns and/or problem areas. To make your child's time at school profitable, parents and teachers must work together. Good home-school relations are vital. Parents should, for example, refrain from making negative remarks about a teacher or the school in the presence of their children. If your child is not making satisfactory progress or appears to be disturbed about school or homework, make an appointment for a conference with the teacher. This may be all that is necessary to resolve the problem. Our policy guarantees that the suggestion or complaint of parents will be given every consideration. Requests for conferences will receive prompt replies.

Christian County School District's Wellness Program

Indian Hills has adapted the Christian County School District's Wellness Program. This program sets forth nutritional guidelines on food that is eaten by students while in school. This program also promotes physical activity for all students. We encourage all parents to help us in this effort by making nutritious choices when sending food to school.

Nutrition- School meals will follow established policies to include breakfast, lunch, and summer food service program.

Beverages- Juice beverages will contain 100% juice. Milk products will be 1% or fat-free.

Food- Foods will contain no more than 30% of its calories from fat (excluding nuts, seeds, peanut butter, and other nut butters) and no more than 10% of its calories from saturated and trans fat combined and will have no more than 30% of its weight from added sugars.

Rewards/Fundraisers- Staff members shall follow the above guidelines for fundraisers with the exception of concession stands. Rewards other than food items should be given to students. When food items are used as rewards, the nutritional guidelines above will be followed.

Indian Hills Childcare

Director: Sherry Grimes

Our Purpose: To provide quality child care in a safe, creative and fun environment providing opportunities which stimulate the child's physical, social, intellectual, and emotional growth.

Indian Hills offers an after school program for our students. Indian Hills Child Care serves children entering K-5th grade. We are licensed by the State of Kentucky. Children come directly from class to the designated childcare site; where our staff welcome them daily. Children will spend time on homework, arts and crafts, Character Education, sports and games in a safe and nurturing environment. Children are divided up into groups by age. Activities are planned according to children's abilities. Childcare during Spring Break, Fall Break, Winter Break, PD Days, some holidays, and snow days will be held at Freedom Elementary School Childcare from 6:00AM-6:00PM. Please see the Childcare Handbook for additional information concerning school closings and childcare operations.

All students must pre-register before attending childcare at Indian Hills. Students must register EVERY YEAR, even if they've attended Indian Hills childcare in the past. First-come, First serve basis.

Indian Hills Child Care tuition offers assistance for childcare through our local Child Care Assistance Program (C-CAP), which can be reached at (270) 889-6023 for any childcare concern.

FACULTY & STAFF 2025-2026

Leadership

Principal- Sara Sweeney Johnson

Assistant Principal- Ashton Brady

Assistant Principal- Matt Francies

Counselor- Sarah Pinson

Counselor- Sarah Hawkins

Kindergarten

Heather Rodgers

Amanda Shaw

Jessica Bolton

Danielle Harper

Amy Coleman

1st Grade

Nay Underhill

Malisa Cavinder

Audrey Fallis

Antoinette Mayes

Jennifer Culpepper

2nd Grade

Mary Beth Wilcox

Wendy Turner

Maylee Segebart

Mollie Grace Whitaker

3rd Grade

Kayley Keel

Bethany Surrett

Taylor Pollock

Brandi Majors

Lynn Worsham

4th Grade

Brie Gordon

Justin Baker

Jessica Tinsley

Elizabeth Clemons

Lindsay Flood

5th Grade

Heather Chlupsa

Allison Faulkner

Amanda Adams

Jenna Massey

Specials

Will Armour

Ben Stephens

Tammy Dooley

Jessica Turner

Intervention

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