

# HILLS

## Elementary School

2017-18  
SNAPSHOT



IOWA CITY  
COMMUNITY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Child-Centered • Future-Focused



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**School Hours:** 7:55 am – 2:55 pm (M, T, W, F) 7:55 am – 1:55 pm (Th)

### Dear Parent or Guardian,

Welcome to Hills Elementary, where town and country meet! Home of the Lightning Bolts, our small school environment allows for individual attention and support for our lifelong learners. We strive to know all students and their families to work together and ensure student learning. We are a warm, safe and caring school community, and we are Struck with Pride! Hills community's educational program is committed to serving the whole child; our goal is for each student to reach their full potential in academic skills and social skills; thus, celebrating the uniqueness of each individual. Our program is dedicated to the task of meeting the needs of all students at a level appropriate for them; all students deserve the best instruction based on their needs for success. It is our belief that setting high learning expectations and building a positive self-esteem are priorities for all students for present and future successes. Our community uses many resources to enhance student achievement and engagement in learning.

Because Hills Elementary serves a diverse and widespread population, we make building the school community and strong relationships a priority. Hills offers many opportunities for families to get involved with school programs and projects including the annual Fun Night and Grandparent's Day Celebration. Several family nights spotlight our students learning and celebrate the successes of our school. Through the dedication of all in the community, Hills students are BOLT B.R.A.V.E. (Brilliant, Respectful, Accepting, Valiant, and Electric) #BoltBrave.

*Lisa Ann TeBockhorst*

**Lisa TeBockhorst**  
Hills Principal

## Mission

*The Hills Community is committed to serving the whole child. We acknowledge that each student's physical, emotional, creative and social well-being is integral to learning. The individual gifts and needs of all learners are accepted, fostered, and challenged. We strive to promote lifelong learning in a safe, nurturing environment.*



### COURSE OFFERINGS

Language Arts  
Math  
Science  
Social Studies  
English Language Learners (ELL)  
Title I  
Gifted & Talented (ELP)  
Orchestra Instruction (grades 5-6)  
Band Instruction (grades 5-6)  
Art  
Music  
PE  
Library/Technology  
Guidance  
Special Education  
Modified Special Education Program  
Reading Recovery

### GRADE LEVEL ORGANIZATION

Preschool 3- and 4-year olds  
Straight grades for K-6

### ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

Family Resource Center, Systems Unlimited Counseling, Free Breakfast for All Students, Hot Lunch, Hills Care for Kids (Before and After School Care for Preschool) and Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County (Before and After School for Grades K-6), PTO, One-to-One Chromebooks in Grades 3-6

### CO-CURRICULAR/ EXTRACURRICULAR

Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Garden Club, Summer Reading Program, Safety Patrol, Student Council

### STUDENTS PROGRESS TO:

Northwest Junior High School  
West High School

## HILLS HIGHLIGHTS



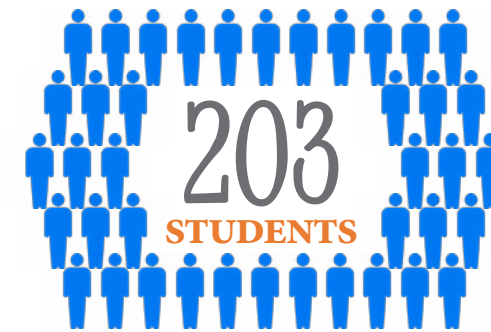
*The commitment and support of the town of Hills continues to make a positive impact on the Hills School Community. The City of Hills provides a monetary donation on an annual basis which has helped provide many educational opportunities; summer reading and library program, tutoring, field trips, library books, and technology. Blank Park Zoo was an educational field trip offered during a non-school day. The Hills PTO and City of Hills (council, townspeople, businesses, and organizations) also partner to volunteer with fundraising, projects, and most importantly, work with the students at Hills School.*

## STUDENT PERFORMANCE

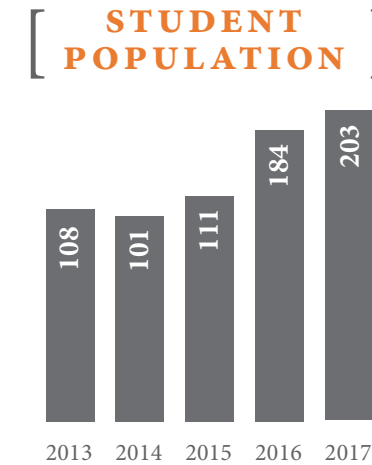
	Percentage of Students Proficient in Reading	Percentage of Students Proficient in Math	Percent of Students Reaching Projected Academic Growth in Reading	Percent of Students Reaching Projected Academic Growth in Math
School	56.4%	51.1%	45.5%	40.3%
District	74.0%	70.9%	52.5%	54.6%
State	77.1%	78.9%	48.4%	54.0%

Data based on Iowa Assessments of 3rd through 6th grade students

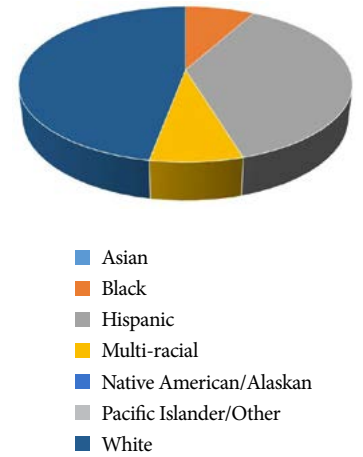
## HILLS BY THE NUMBERS



- 19.1% English Language Learners
- 19.1% Students receiving special education services
- 74.9% Low socioeconomic status students



### STUDENT DIVERSITY



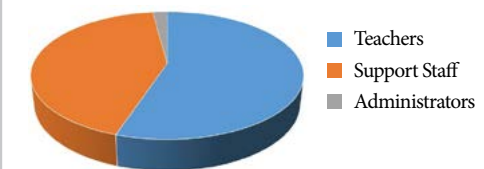
## QUALITY TEACHERS

	Total Number of Classroom Teachers	Iowa Licensed Teachers	Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	Teachers with Advanced Degrees	Teachers in Leadership Positions	Staff Retention Rate
School	26	100%	100%	13	8	90.5%
District	1111	100%	100%	681	307	

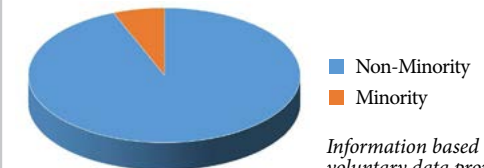
LEMME  
TWAIN  
KIRKWOOD  
LONGFELLOW  
GRANT WOOD  
HOOVER  
LINCOLN  
MANN  
SHIMEK  
HILLS

**20<sup>th</sup>**  
LARGEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE DISTRICT

### SCHOOL PERSONNEL



### STAFF DIVERSITY



[ IOWA ASSESSMENT 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE NATIONAL PERCENTILE RANK OF NATIONAL STANDARD SCORE ]

	School	District	Nation
Reading	55%	72%	50%
Math	40%	58%	50%
Science	59%	71%	50%



94.75%  
AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE

21.1%  
MOBILITY RATE

94.5%  
STABILITY RATE



STATE OF IOWA  
REPORT CARD

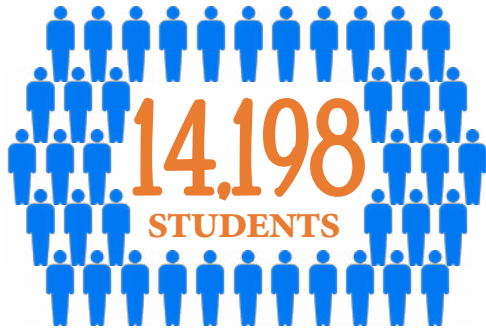
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ATTENDANCE AREA  
LOOK-UP

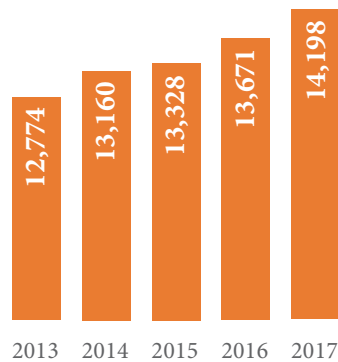
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# OUR STUDENTS



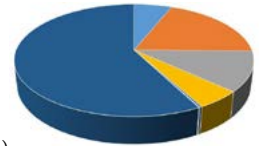
- 8.9% English Language Learners
- 10.4% Students receiving special education services
- 37.4% Low socioeconomic status students

## [ CERTIFIED ENROLLMENT ]



## STUDENT DIVERSITY

- Asian (6.1%)
- Black (19.2%)
- Hispanic (11.5%)
- Multi-racial (5.2%)
- Native American/Alaskan (<1%)
- Pacific Islander/Other (<1%)
- White (57.6%)



**NEARLY 80**  
LANGUAGES  
SPOKEN

# OUR SCHOOLS & STAFF



- 17 PRESCHOOL SITES
- 20 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
- 3 JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS
- 3 HIGH SCHOOLS
- 1 ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL

- DES MOINES
- CEDAR RAPIDS
- DAVENPORT
- SIoux CITY
- IOWA CITY
- WATERLOO
- DUBUQUE
- ANKENY
- COUNCIL BLUFFS
- WEST DES MOINES

**5<sup>th</sup>**  
**LARGEST**  
**SCHOOL**  
**DISTRICT**  
**IN IOWA**

DISTRICT SIZE  
**133**  
SQ. MILES

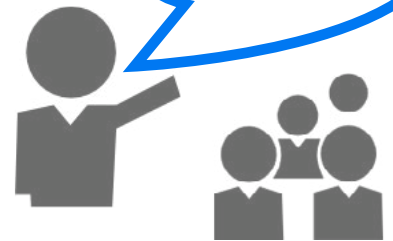
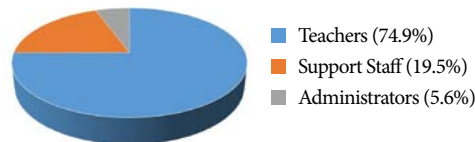


## CLASSROOM-FOCUSED PRIORITIES

**84%**

OF ANNUAL DISTRICT BUDGET IS SPENT ON PERSONNEL COSTS.

## SALARY/BENEFIT COSTS



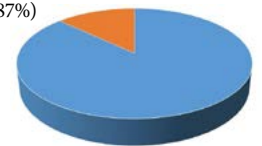
## MORE THAN:

- 10,500 Meals Prepared & Served Every Day
- 5,000 Students Transported by Bus Every Day

## STAFF DIVERSITY

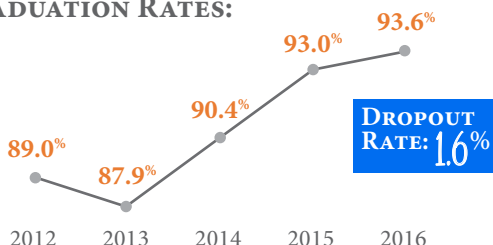
- Non-Minority (87%)
- Minority (13%)

Information based on voluntary data provided by employees.



# RAISING THE BAR

## GRADUATION RATES:



**84%** OF DISTRICT GRADUATES INTEND TO PURSUE POST SECONDARY EDUCATION

**977**  
STUDENTS ENROLLED IN AP COURSES

**269**  
STUDENTS ENROLLED IN KIRKWOOD REGIONAL CENTER ACADEMIES

**173**  
STUDENTS ENROLLED IN PSEO AND ALTERNATIVE CONCURRENT COURSES

## [ 2016-17 ACT AVG. COMPOSITE SCORES ]

