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Invictus Leadership Academy

Keeping Our Families Informed & Connected



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Invictus Secures Funding for a New Campus!

Invictus Leadership Academy

Invictus Leadership Academy has reached a landmark milestone – the school has successfully secured funding to acquire a brand-new campus.

The funding is structured in two parts. Half comes as a grant – money we will never have to repay. The remaining half is a loan with repayments beginning in 2030, ensuring our programs remain fully supported.

The new campus will be located within three miles of our current site, so families can rest assured: there will be no impact on transportation.

We will not move into the new campus until two conditions are fully met – the property is officially purchased, and all upgrades meet state standards for safety and learning environments. Our anticipated move-in is the 2028–29 school year.



This achievement does not happen without exceptional people.

A heartfelt thank you to Dr. Derbigny, our Executive Director and grant writer, whose vision and persistence made this funding possible.

We honor our Governing Board: Board President Cheryl Trinidad, Dr. Yvette Mayhorn-Harps, Eleanor Sison-Derbigny, Lydia Friend, and Wendy Brown — whose steadfast leadership made this a reality.

And our real estate partners — Matthew Palumbo, Trauger Ralston, and Scott Caswell — whose expertise has been essential in finding our school a new home.

Together, this team has opened a door to a future full of possibility.

"Half of our funding is a grant — money we will never have to repay. This is a testament to the strength of our school community."

Our Students Are Growing — And the Numbers Prove It

2025–2026 i-Ready Diagnostic Results

End-of-year i-Ready results for 2025–2026 show remarkable gains in both Reading and Math, surpassing national benchmarks at every grade level. 178 out of 180 students were assessed.

In Reading, our school achieved 136% of Annual Typical Growth — meaning students grew 36% more than expected. Students at or above grade level climbed from 3% to 29%.

In Math, our school achieved 117% of Typical Growth. Students at or above grade level grew from 1% to 18%. Pages 3 and 4 highlight our standout performers. Meet our new 2026–27 team members on page 4.



Student Spotlight: Reading Stars

2025–2026 School Year

While every grade at Invictus showed meaningful Reading growth in 2025–2026, three grade levels stood in a class of their own.

6TH GRADE: 455% OF TYPICAL GROWTH
Our 6th graders grew more than four times the national expectation — the standout reading result in the entire school. An incredible 91% of 6th grade students met their annual growth target, and 86% improved their reading placement level.

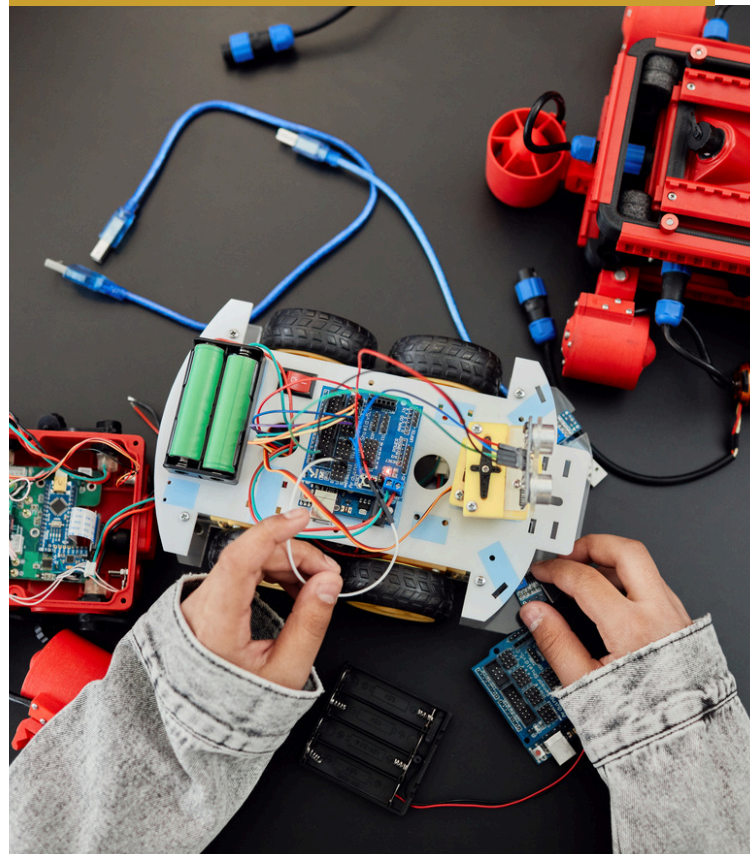
4TH GRADE: 176% OF TYPICAL GROWTH
4th graders achieved nearly twice the expected reading growth, with 77% of students meeting or exceeding their annual target. A strong and steady performance.

7TH & 8TH GRADE: 227% OF TYPICAL GROWTH
Our combined 7th and 8th grade students more than doubled the national reading growth expectation. 63% of students improved their reading placement level — a remarkable achievement for our oldest learners.

School-wide, students reading at or above grade level grew from just 3% to 29% — nearly ten times higher than where we began the year.



**"6th graders grew more than
FOUR TIMES the national
expectation — 455% of typical
reading growth. Our students
are extraordinary."**



Math Stars & Welcome to Our Team!

The same three grade levels that led in Reading delivered equally impressive Math results.

6TH GRADE: 266% OF TYPICAL GROWTH

6th graders nearly tripled the national Math expectation. 86% of students improved their Math placement level — an extraordinary back-to-back performance in both Reading and Math.

4TH GRADE: 166% — 100% OF STUDENTS IMPROVED

4th graders achieved 166% of typical Math growth and reached a milestone that speaks for itself: 100% of 4th grade students improved their Math placement level from start to finish. Every. Single. Student.

7TH & 8TH GRADE: 150% OF TYPICAL GROWTH

Our 7th and 8th graders achieved 150% of typical Math growth, with 80% of students improving their Math placement level.

School-wide, students at or above grade level in Math grew from 1% to 18%. Students two or more grade levels below fell from 44% to just 19%.



Exciting New After-School Options. Sign up Today!

We now have an incredible list of enriching after-school activities, which include:

- Cheer
- Chess
- Band
- Choir
- Dance
- Gymnastics
- Ceramics
- Pilates
- Martial Arts

Activities change daily- See Mr. Lara to sign your child up.



WELCOME TO OUR TEAM!

Invictus Leadership Academy is excited to welcome our new team members to the Invictus family! Their fresh ideas and expertise will make our team even stronger as we continue to grow together. With more than 100 years of combined experience, our students will absolutely benefit from this increase in capacity.

Let's give them a big round of applause and a warm welcome!

Welcome OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS!



Ms. Silva
Vice Principal,
returning



Mr. Williams
Culture and Climate
Coordinator



Ms. Eubanks
Special Education Lead



Dr. Yates
Reading
Specialist/Coach



Mr. Lara
Afterschool Programs Lead



Ms. Gomez
2nd Grade Teacher



Ms. Pesina
1st Grade Teacher



Ms. Smith
1st Grade CoTeacher



Mr. Max
3rd Grade CoTeacher



Mr. Garcia
7th Grade CoTeacher



Ms. Guy
5th Grade CoTeacher



***Get linked to your child's grades
and attendance
Call us if you need help.***

***"The single most powerful
thing a family can do to
support their child's learning
is to make sure they are at
school — every day, on time,
and ready to learn."***

Every Day and Every Minute Matters

A Message to Our Families

Even a few missed days each month can add up over the school year, leading to gaps in learning that are hard to make up. Being in school every day also helps our students feel like a true part of our school community. Here's how you can help:

- Aim for your child to attend school every day, barring illness or emergencies
- Try to schedule appointments outside of school hours when possible
- Talk with your child about the importance of showing up, even on tough days
- Reach out to us if something is making regular attendance difficult — we're here to help



Upcoming Events & Important Dates

2026–2027 School Year

As we close out a remarkable 2025–2026 school year, we look ahead with great excitement to everything that is coming for our school community.

Our students have demonstrated extraordinary growth — in Reading, in Math, and in their readiness to take on the challenges ahead. Our new campus funding is secured. And our entire team is committed to building on this momentum in the year to come.

We are grateful for every family, every partner, and every student who makes Invictus Leadership Academy what it is. Together, we are building something truly special.

We look forward to seeing you at the start of the 2026–27 school year. Stay connected — more updates are coming soon.

With pride and gratitude,
Invictus Leadership Academy

Please add your upcoming dates and events here.

Labor Day Weekend

No school on Sept. 4th and 7th

Perfect Attendance Awards

September 16th

School Board Meeting

September 17th at 6:30pm

Spirit Week

September 21st –25th

Teacher Grams- Appreciate yours

September 23rd



Upcoming Events

**call us at 323-792-4403 ask for Ms. Haydee
or visit www.invictusla.com for more info**