

We are Oakdale STEAM



Oakdale Elementary a STEAM school has been an integral part of the Rock Hill Community for many years. The original Mount Holly School,

located on Highway 901/Mount Holly Road was destroyed by fire, and students had to be relocated. They first met in the basement of Mt. Holly United Methodist Church and later in the National Guard Armory on Saluda Street. The new Oakdale School building opened in September 1950 to replace the original Mount Holly School. The school was named for a large grove of oak trees in the area when the school was built, most of which are now gone. Oakdale has been renovated twice (1979 and 1998) since the school opened. The colors are Kelly green and white, and the mascot is the Green Dragon. Many generations have attended Oakdale, and we are proud of our rich heritage.

Oakdale Elementary School offers a STEAM program focusing on integration of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. Building upon students' interests in real-life issues and the world around them, Oakdale will prepare students for the 21st Century through project-based learning.

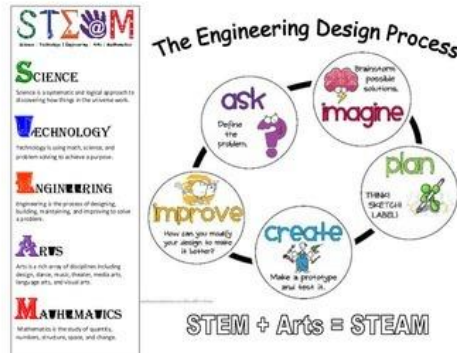
In 2022 – 2023, Oakdale STEAM began Year One of Leader in Me implementation. *Leader in Me* is an evidence-based, comprehensive model that builds leadership and life skills in students, creates a high-trust school culture, and lays the foundation for sustained academic achievement.

Academics

We are committed to providing a strong, well-rounded education through a comprehensive curriculum. Our experienced educators provide the instruction and motivation for students to perform at their instructional level utilizing the highest quality teaching tools, methods, and materials. We open the door to the arts by exposing students to plays, musicals, and other performances at local theatres. Our students also participate in various art and musical productions throughout the year.

Some of our favorite events this year:

- Gettin' Down with Motown Musical
- Robotics Week
- Be the Chemist
- Movie Night Under the Stars
- Opera Xpress – Green Eggs and Ham
- Microsoft Coding Visit



The engineering design process emphasizes open-ended problem solving and encourages students to learn from failure. This process nurtures students' abilities to create innovative solutions to challenges in any subject!

Learning Tools

- 1:1 in grades K-5
- Canvas Learning Management
- Promethean panels
- Discovery Education
- Document Cameras
- MasteryConnect
- Project Lead the Way (Grade 5)



Enrichment

Developing the whole child is very important to us. We provide a high-quality learning environment that is balanced with life-enriching experiences. Our ultimate goal is to establish a solid foundation upon which students can build successful, happy, and prosperous lives.

Clubs and Activities

- Schoolwide Clubs Once
- Safety Patrol
- Dragon News Network Team
- Braggin' Dragons
- First Grade Vegetable Gardeners
- Recycling
- Coding is Fun!
- Boys and Girls Who Code
- Harry Potter Lego Challenge

Purpose of SIC

Mandated by law, School Improvement Council (SIC) serves as an advisory group to our school. SIC brings together parents, school faculty, and community stakeholders to work together to collectively establish, monitor, and evaluate specific long and short range goals for student achievement. In addition, SIC is a resource for parents, community members, and faculty members to share ideas and concerns about our school. Other functions of SIC is to provide an annual school report to parents and the community and increase parental awareness and involvement of SIC initiatives.



2022-23 SIC Leadership

Patricia Buckson, Chair
Miranda Baucom
Lisa Smith
Wendy Weisenfeld
Melisa Smith
Kay Owens
Jacob Moree

2022-23 SIC Action Items

- 1) Step Up, Spruce Up Clean-up Day
- 2) Increase Opportunities for Parent Participation
- 3) SIC Awareness – Increase Membership



Mission of Oakdale STEAM

Oakdale STEAM Elementary School will ensure that ALL students are empowered to think critically, collaborate, and become lifelong learners in a positive learning environment.

Dragons SOAR when they choose to be:

Safe
Responsible
Respectful
Ready to Learn



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Oakdale STEAM Elementary School

"Together, we SOAR!"

Report to Parents
2022 – 2023

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