

# Drayton Hall Elementary

Charleston, South Carolina



## Demographics

622 students

60 faculty members

Public School

Pre-K -- 5th grade

## Today

Welcome to Drayton Hall Elementary School located in Charleston, South Carolina. We are a true neighborhood school educating students in Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade. We have approximately 620 students currently attending our school. Each day, our students and staff use Apple devices to assist with mastery of the South Carolina College and Career Readiness Standards.

In 2010, we implemented our 1:1 iPad program, and since then, we have become a lighthouse technology school for Charleston County Schools. In addition to iPads, our teachers utilize MacBooks for designing and executing daily instruction. Almost all of our teachers are Apple Teacher Certified. Our digital learning culture is built around connection, creation, collaboration and personalization.



## Technology for Students

1:1 iPads

## Technology for Teachers

iPads

MacBook Air

Apple Professional Services

Apple Care

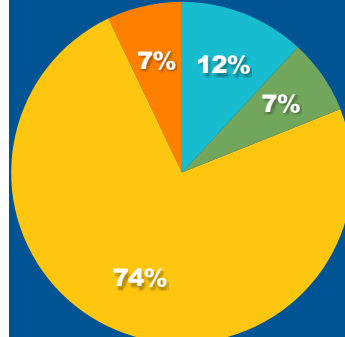
Apple Teacher

94%

APPLE TEACHER  
CERTIFIED

through the Apple Education  
Community Learning Center

## DEMOGRAPHICS



● Black ● Hispanic ● White ● Other

78%

LOW RISK IN MATH

Kindergarten and 1st grade  
scored in the low risk  
category for math FastBridge

## Vision

Since having Apple devices in our classrooms, Drayton Hall has transformed, adapted, and grown in numerous ways. Through it all, the one driving idea that has stayed constant is our strong desire to empower staff, students, and stakeholders to explore and embrace technology in all facets of education. We know it is our responsibility to provide the best education possible for our students to succeed in the 21st century, and we believe through creation, collaboration, and leadership, we can meet the needs of all learners. Our technology team, consisting of administrators and teacher-leaders, meets monthly to brainstorm, review, and advance our school-wide technology initiatives. The team continually reflects on best practice through discussion, observations, and artifacts in order to keep Drayton Hall on the forefront of innovation.

## Learning

At Drayton Hall, students are encouraged to take knowledge learned from daily classroom instruction and apply it using various creation apps such as Keynote, Book Creator, Pic Collage, Sketches and many more. Creating on the Apple devices provides students the flexibility and accessibility to personalize their learning. Students may choose to record a presentation rather than speaking in front of their class or create a book to show their deep understanding of a topic. We believe creation applications on the Apple devices allow students to embrace “sticky” learning experiences that they will retain for many years to come.

Drayton Hall has measurable learning successes even during the Covid-19 shutdowns thanks to the convenience and limitlessness of the Apple devices. The devices connect our teachers and students, and they support students’ learning experiences beyond the school walls. Teachers provide innovative homework alternatives through digital content. They host virtual visits with authors, community workers, and sports teams to support global thinking. Students easily access digital curriculums for a more hands on, engaging learning experience. Functional apps such as Apple Teacher, and Clock/Timers motivate and keep students on track.

We encourage all who enter our building to share and collaborate on innovative project ideas, new Apple apps and reflect on student artifacts. Our students and teachers learn from each other. At Drayton Hall, even our youngest learners are able to safely navigate research paths on their Apple device through guided student and teacher partnerships. As the students move through the grade levels, they are gradually released to create, research, and take full ownership of their learning. These scaffolded collaboration opportunities allow students to meet growth goals at Drayton Hall year after year and enable students to gain necessary career readiness experiences.

### Links

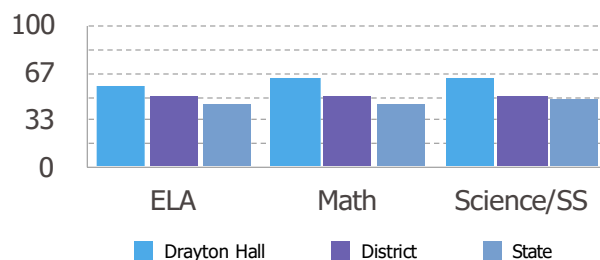
- [Check out our school video!](#)
- [Drayton Hall Student Showcase](#)
- [2022 Digital Tech Night Videos](#)
- [Proven Success at Drayton Hall Elementary](#)



## Success

Educators at Drayton Hall Elementary School work diligently to combine state standards, class learning objectives, and academic data in order to develop and successfully execute innovative, all-inclusive instruction. School leadership and grade-level teams meet regularly to discuss best practices, review progress monitoring data, and reflect on the school-wide vision and goals. Administration and coaches compile school-wide information to create an ever-evolving Data Wall that is the center of discussion each week at professional learning meetings. Through all of these intentional practices, Drayton Hall ensures students are immersed in student-centered learning opportunities and given various possibilities to demonstrate growth and enrichment each and every day. Drayton Hall Elementary has been and continues to be an effective educational institution as shown in our 2021-2022 School Report Card.

21-22 School Report Card



## What's next

As we look toward the future, Drayton Hall will be working to ensure sustainability of our technology program and updating innovative instructional expectations. A post-pandemic staff technology survey highlighted a need for more diverse professional development on creation applications. The technology team will be creating and hosting personalized, professional developments to meet the needs of each teacher and allow for more cross grade level collaboration. Additionally, the technology team will be updating and implementing Drayton Hall’s Technology Scope and Sequence. It will be used to set instructional expectations by grade level for a more structured related arts experience. This allows all students to become proficient in developmentally appropriate creation application skills, and it will free up more in-class time to create, collaborate and present innovative projects. We believe in constantly striving to do better than the day before. The future looks bright at Drayton Hall Elementary!