

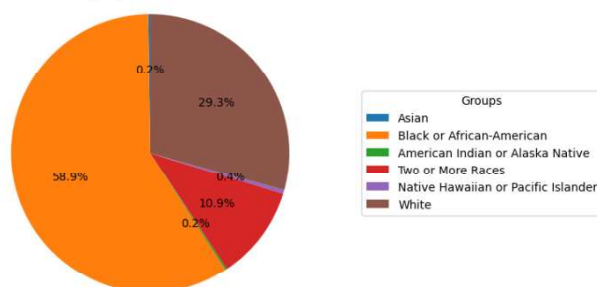
We are Oakdale STEAM



Oakdale Elementary 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 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 the integration of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics with an emphasis on careers. Building upon students' interests in real-life issues and the world around them, Oakdale works to prepare students for the 21st century.

Demographics of Our School



A Leader in Me School

In the 2022–2023 school year, Oakdale STEAM began implementing Leader in Me, an evidence-based model that builds leadership and life skills in students, fosters a high-trust culture, and supports strong academic growth. Grounded in The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People (plus Habit 8), the framework focuses on culture, academics, and leadership. Oakdale is a Leader in Me Lighthouse Candidate School. In April 2026, a Leader in Me Review Team visited our school to determine if we have earned Lighthouse Status. We are proud of our students and staff and look forward to results being shared in May 2026.

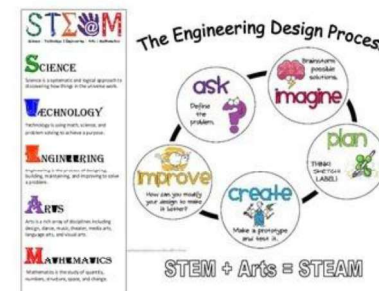


Academics

We are committed to providing a strong, well-rounded education through a comprehensive curriculum that includes the creative arts. Our educators support each student's growth with high-quality instruction, tools, and practices. Students engage in hands-on creative experiences including crochet, mural painting, and school art and music productions, along

with opportunities to perform in the community.

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!



Family Engagement

We value family engagement because strong partnerships between home and school support student success. We offer opportunities for families to learn together so they can better understand, support, and celebrate their child's growth. When families are connected and involved, our entire school community is stronger.

Some of our favorite events this year:

- Grade level Musicals and STEAM Nights
- Pizza + Parents = PREPARED
- Community Learning Day
- Be the Chemist
- Movie Night Under the Stars
- Leadership Day
- Night of the Arts
- Career Week
- Color Run
- Warm Up with Reading and Writing
- STEAM and Sweets: The M in STEAM

Popular Leadership Clubs and Activities

Dragon News Network
Braggin' Dragons
First Grade Vegetable Gardeners
Recycling
Cooking with Caldwell
Litter Critters
Girls Who Code
Girls on the Run
Beta Club
Crochet Club
Chess Club
Dragon Readers
Singing Dragons Chorus
Student Lighthouse



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.

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.

2025-2026 SIC Leadership

Amy Uzzell
Ashley Proffitt
Jen Symons
Kim Johnson
Meredith Horton
Jacob Moree

2025-2026 SIC Goals

- Increase family engagement by expanding opportunities and growing participation across all grade levels.
- Increase parent understanding of Leader in Me, Title I, and our school renewal goals through clear communication and meaningful learning opportunities.

Awards and Achievements

Palmetto Silver for Growth and Achievement
Consecutive Growth on State Report Card
Overall Rating of GOOD
Student Progress Rating of GOOD
Leader in Me Lighthouse Candidate*

*Will find out results in May 2026

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Oakdale STEAM

Elementary School

We are Better Together!



School Improvement Council Report to Parents 2025 – 2026

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