

## Our History

Oak Mountain Elementary School opened in the Fall of 1990 as a K-5 school. At the time, it was built to accommodate the overflow of children from Inverness Elementary School and Valley Elementary School. By 1995, Oak Mountain Elementary had grown so rapidly that a new school had to be built.

This new school became Oak Mountain Intermediate. Oak Mountain Elementary became a K-3 elementary school and a feeder school for Oak Mountain Intermediate, which houses 4th and 5th grade students. Eventually a middle and high school were built to fit the needs of the growing community.

Students now go on to attend Oak Mountain Middle School and Oak Mountain High School. The Oak Mountain schools offer strong community support and outstanding teachers.



### Our Creed:

I believe in myself and my ability to accomplish any goal, because I am a champion.

I treat myself and others with respect, because I am a champion.

I honor my beliefs and values, because I am a champion.

I make good choices and do my very best, because...

**Oak Mountain Champions  
Expect Success!**



## Oak Mountain Elementary School

### Mission Statement:

Oak Mountain Elementary School, an inclusive school rich in diversity, will provide developmentally appropriate educational experiences in a child-centered environment. This enables students to develop to their full potential and to continue growing as productive members of society.

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**Principal:** Debbie Horton

**Assistant Principal:** Leslie Marshall

**Grade Levels:** K-3

### **Enrollment**

Oak Mountain Elementary has approximately 700 students enrolled.

### **Average Class Size**

Class size is an average of 22 students per classroom.

### **Teaching Staff**

Oak Mountain Elementary currently has approximately 103 staff members, including a principal, assistant principal, office staff, general education teachers, learning support teachers, special area teachers, paraprofessionals, a guidance counselor, a reading coach, a school nurse, cafeteria, maintenance and custodial staff and bus drivers. Approximately 77% of our teaching staff have a master's degree or higher.

### **School Schedule**

Oak Mountain Elementary follows the district calendar for Shelby County Schools. Each weekday morning, students are allowed to enter the building as early as 7:05. The students are dismissed to their classrooms at 7:35 to begin class. The final morning bell rings at 7:50. Dismissal in the afternoon begins with buses loading at 2:50, car riders dismissing at 2:55, and students enrolled in the extended day program dismissing at 3:00.



### **Awards and Recognition**

- CLAS Banner School
- National Blue Ribbon School
- Speak Up 200 School
- Healthier Schools Award Recipient
- Fuel Up to Play 60 Grant Recipient
- AMSTI Math & Science School
- Alabama Counselor of the Year 2011

### **Technology**

- Interactive Promethean Boards
- Nooks or iPads in each classroom
- At least 3 computers per class room
- Computer lab with 30 computers

### **School Highlights**

- Safe atmosphere with strong parent involvement
- Character Education program emphasizes making good choices
- Strong academic focus
- Beautiful, well-maintained campus
- Outdoor classroom and three courtyards
- Hands-on Science Lab
- Participant in the Hand in Paw program
- Involved in philanthropic activities
- Part of the LEAPS program (Learning English and Parenting Skills)
- A Problem-Solving Team that collaborates on intervention strategies for students with academic or behavioral difficulties
- Enrichment programs provided after school through the extended day program



### **Specialized Areas**

- Art – Students are exposed to many forms of fine art through a variety of media.
- Music - Weekly classes involve music appreciation and participation.
- Physical Education - All students receive a daily physical education class for health and physical activity instruction.
- Guidance - Our full-time counselor works with students, parents, and teachers to meet the social, emotional and academic needs of students.
- ELL Services - Small-group English instruction is offered for children who speak a primary language other than English.
- Media Center - The school library offers over 19,000 books for check-out and provides library skills instruction to all grade levels.
- Special Education/Learning Support - The school provides an inclusive setting for students with special needs.
- Reading Coach - The school reading coach provides guidance on curriculum and instruction to help meet the needs of all students.
- Gifted Education Program – Third grade students identified as gifted are served in a pull-out program three hours each week.