

ALICE DRIVE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Grades: 6th through 8th
Opening/Closing: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
School Colors: Blue and White
School Mascot: Hawks
School Theme: Soar with the Hawks!
Enrollment: 980
Average Class Size: 28



Brief Summary of Instructional Program

Alice Drive Middle School is proud to be a nationally accredited STEM school through AdvancED, one of only 80 that exist in the country. We help all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by engaging them in a rigorous, integrated, and relevant STEM-based education. In doing so, we seek to create a culture of collaboration, global connections, and STEM-related partnerships to prepare students to be high school ready. Our school provides a variety of courses and opportunities intended to advance STEM education for every student.

Due to an increase in our STEM course offerings, all students receive the opportunity to engage in STEM electives such as Engineering and Robotics, Go-Green, CSI-Forensics, Google CS First, Aeronautics, Coding, TECH FIT, and Future City among others. Through these electives and a strong

partnership and outreach program totaling over 15 community partners (Boeing, Caterpillar, Becton Dickinson, Continental Tire, Honda, Central Carolina Technical College, and USC Sumter among others), our teachers are able to bring excitement, discovery, exploratory learning, and problem-solving to enhance the curriculum. We are committed to a continual learning process, evidenced by the efforts made to address two areas of improvement from our STEM accreditation external review team – increasing the implementation of interdisciplinary curricular learning opportunities in all classes and measuring STEM literacy.

Technology is regularly integrated into instruction through the schools One to Global initiative, which provides every student with a Google Chromebook. Additionally, students have access to iPads, iPods, four computer labs, three 3D printers, and tech-cycle bikes.

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Outstanding Features and Programs

- STEM Journalism
- STEM Tech Global Education
- STEM CSI
- STEM Tech
- STEM Tech CS-First
- PLTW Gateway to Technology
- STEM GoGreen
- STEM Engineering
- STEM Aeronautics
- Weather STEM
- Support Math SMART Class
- ProTeam
- Industrial Tech
- Science Research
- Data Driven, Personalized Approach to Instruction
- Read 180/ALEKS Remediation
- Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports
- Enriched Study Hall
- 21st Century Media Center Design
- STEM Media Specialist
- Instructional Coach
- Multipurpose Room
- Chorus/Strings/Band
- Project Lead the Way-Gateway Curriculum
- \$33,000 in Grants to Enhance the STEM Program
- Total Grants Over the Last 5 Years Exceed \$100,000
- English I & Algebra I
- Duke TIP Program
- STEM Advisory Board
- Active School Improvement Council
- 15 Community Partners
- Multi-Tiered System of Supports
- On-Site WeatherSTEM Data Collection Station

Recent Awards and Honors

- Championship Trophies in all Middle School Sports
- Nationally STEM Accredited School
- Designated a 2016 Teach to Lead School by the US Department of Education
- AdvancED Accreditation
- Duke TIP Junior Scholars
- 5 National Board Certified Teachers
- NASP Excellence in School Safety and Crisis Response Recognition Award

Extracurricular Activities

- STEM Ambassadors
- Pro Team
- Football, Basketball, Golf, Volleyball, Soccer, Track and Cheerleading
- Journalism
- Beta Club
- Military Kids
- National Junior Honor Society
- First Priority
- Hawk Builders
- Choir/Band/Strings
- Student Council
- Step Team
- TECH FIT
- SF3 Sci Fi Club
- Future Business Leaders of America
- Hearts to Hands
- Tech Ninjas
- Math Counts
- Military Kids
- First Engineers of Sumter School District
- Book Club

School Incentives

- Honor Rolls
- Perfect Attendance Awards
- Academic Achievement Awards
- Athletic Awards Banquet
- PASS Celebration Programs
- Band and Chorus Awards
- Positive Pupil Referrals
- Top Hawk

Parent and Teacher Opportunities

- Military Parent Deployment Support Group
- Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- Teacher Advisory Council (TAC)
- School Improvement Council (SIC)
- Parent Workshops

Community Involvement

- United Way Book Drive
- American Red Cross Blood Drive
- American Heart Walk
- Relay for Life
- Volunteer Luncheons
- Shower Shaw with Cookies
- Mentor Breakfasts
- Pennies for Patients
- 2,000 Hours of Community Service During the 2016-17 School Year

Faculty Profile

Alice Drive Middle School employs one principal, three assistant principals, 50 teachers, 14 clerical and paraprofessionals, two school counselors, two career specialists, one registered nurse, one secretary, one receptionist, one instructional coach, ten custodians, and nine cafeteria workers. Of the 50 professional staff, five are special needs teachers. Five teachers are National Board Certified.

