

# Educators

# Excellence Supports

# Oak Hill Community School

## Employing Highly Educated and Hands-On Staff

Eighty-one percent of licensed staff at Oak Hill possess a master's degree or another advanced degree. Oak Hill teachers are hands-on with students throughout their entire day to provide problem-solving guidance in and out of the classroom. This includes teacher-led and supervised recess.

## Receiving Statewide Recognition

For three consecutive years, the Minnesota Department of Education has recognized Oak Hill as a "Sustaining Exemplar" school for its implementation of the Positive Behavioral and Interventions Supports (PBIS) model. Oak Hill is one of 39 Minnesota schools recognized in 2016 as exemplar in supporting positive behavior, improving school climate and increasing student achievement.



## The "Big Woods"

Oak Hill is surrounded by the "Big Woods" which is full of beautiful oak trees, native Minnesota grasses and 10 varieties of wildflowers. Oak Hill students have the opportunity to cross-country ski, sled, hike, play tennis and enjoy the school's variety of ball fields. The school also boasts an expansive playground area which the community utilizes daily.

## Enrollment

Enroll online at [isd742.org/enrollment](http://isd742.org/enrollment) or at the Welcome Center.

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**St. Cloud Area  
School District**   
*Prepare. Engage. Educate. Empower. Inspire.*

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# Technology

# Talent Development

# Performing Arts

## Providing 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning in the Classroom

All classrooms are supplied with six pieces of technology ranging from Chromebooks to iPads. Students are provided opportunities to progress at their own rate of learning using a variety of software programs.

## Delivering Instruction to High-Achieving Students

Beginning in 2016, all Oak Hill teachers will receive professional development and support from a full-time differentiation specialist. This individual will also provide targeted professional development to classroom teachers who are assigned to deliver instruction to high-achieving students.

## Offering Music Education and Orchestra

Music education teaches skills and promotes values that lead to personal development, such as self-discipline, dedication, teamwork, self-confidence and practice. At Oak Hill, all students participate in classroom music and, beginning in fifth grade, students have the chance to discover new talents by enrolling in orchestra. Band and choir programs are offered to students beginning in sixth grade at the junior high level.

## Extracurricular Choices

Research shows that children who participate in extracurricular activities are more likely to be successful in school and achieve higher grades. Children often acquire new skills and gain confidence in themselves and their abilities. Depending on the type of activity, their physical, cognitive and emotional skills may also improve. Extracurricular activities also provide the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends, which can contribute to successful social skills in the future. Oak Hill offers a variety of choices including:

- Knowledge Bowl
- Math Masters
- Student Council
- United States Academic Triathlon (USAT)
- WordMasters

