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2023-24 School Letter Grades

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Overview

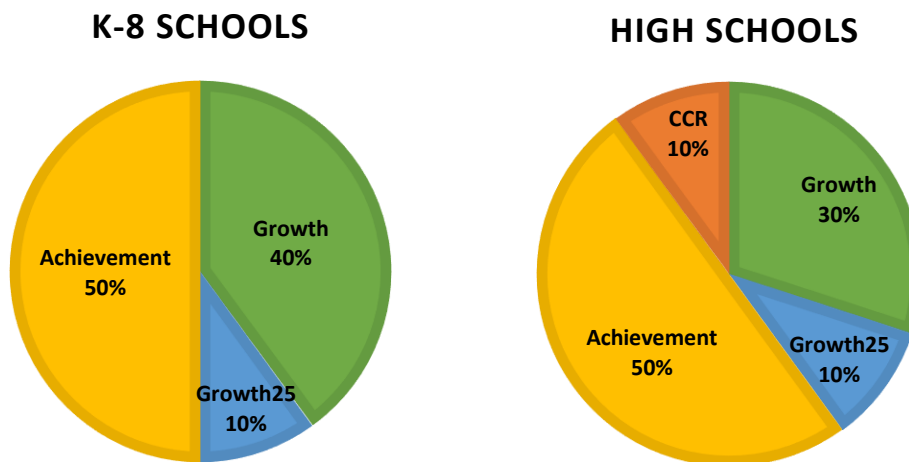
Letter grades are embargoed until Dec. 19th. The Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) developed a school letter grading system to provide parents and families with information that shows how our public schools are performing. The state’s school letter grade rating system provides a snapshot of how each school performed during the previous academic year (2023-24) and compares those results over time. School letter grades are based on the following components:

1. Student performance on the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) Achievement tests and End-of-Course exams (EOCs)
2. Student growth as indicated by Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System (TVAAS) data
3. College and career readiness indicators for high schools

Letter Grade Indicators and Weights by School Type

Grades K-8 schools are evaluated based on three key indicators: Achievement, Growth, and Growth for the Bottom 25% of students (Growth 25). In addition to these indicators, high schools are also evaluated based on the percent of their students who are College and Career Ready (CCR). Figure 1 provides an overview of these indicators and their weights.

Figure 1: Letter Grade Indicators and Weights by School Type





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Letter Grade Calculation

The letter grade formulas are presented below by school type:

- K-8 School Letter Grade Score
= (Achievement Indicator Score x 0.50) + (Growth Score x 0.40) + (Growth25 Score x 0.1)
- High School Letter Grade Score
= (Achievement Indicator Score x 0.50) + (Growth Score x 0.30) + (Growth25 Score x 0.1) + (CCR Score x 0.1)

Once the letter grade scores are calculated for all eligible schools, each school receives a letter grade of A, B, C, D, or F based on the cut scores below:

A	4.5 - 5.0
B	3.5 - 4.4
C	2.5 - 3.4
D	1.5 - 2.4
F	1.0 - 1.4

Overall Letter Grade Comparison of 2022-2023 to 2023-2024 Results

When comparing schools' 23-24 letter grades to their 22-23 letter grades, the following results are observed:

- 36 (18.1%) schools (22 district managed and 14 charters) experienced a **decline** in their letter grade.
- 81 (40.7%) schools (67 district managed and 14 charters) **improved** their letter grade.
- 81 (40.7%) schools (58 district managed and 23 charters) had the **same** letter grade in 22-23 and 23-24.
 - Of these schools, seven (3.5% of all schools) **maintained** an A letter grade from 22-23 to 23-24.
- 1 (0.5%) school, Beacon College Prep, did not have a grade in 22-23, but earned a C in 23-24.

ALL SCHOOLS					
Grade	22-23		23-24		Change From 22-23 to 23-24
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	
A	9	4.5%	16	8.0%	3.5
B	31	15.6%	41	20.6%	5.0
C	73	36.7%	65	32.7%	-4.0
D	44	22.1%	55	27.6%	5.5
F	42	21.1%	22	11.1%	-10.1
Total	199	100.0%	199	100.0%	

- In 23-24, 8.0% of schools earned an A, a 3.5-point increase from 22-23.
- The number of schools that earned an F decreased from 42 in 22-23 to 22 in 23-24.



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Indicator results

The table below shows results for the individual indicators that contribute to the overall letter grade.

Key Points

1. **Achievement Scores:**
 - The majority of schools fell within the 1-1.9 and 2-2.9 Achievement score ranges, comprising 77.9% of the schools.
 - A smaller percentage, 22.1% of schools, have Achievement scores of 3 or higher.
2. **Growth Scores:**
 - A significant number of schools (46.2%) received the highest Growth score of 5, indicating substantial student growth.
 - Lower Growth scores (1-1.9 and 2-2.9) have a combined percentage of 27.6%.
3. **Growth25 Scores:**
 - Nearly half of the schools scored a 5 for the Growth 25 measure (46.7%).
 - The Growth and Growth25 scores suggest that some schools are making significant progress in growing students despite lower Achievement scores.
4. **College and Career Readiness (CCR) Scores:**
 - 40 schools earned a CCR score, and 67.5% of these schools earned a 3 or higher.
 - 89.7% of district-managed schools and 9.1% of charters earned a 3 or higher CCR score.
 - The number of College and Career Ready students in the district increased from 3,753 (49.6%) in 2022-2023 to 4,762 (61.4%) in 2023-2024.

ALL SCHOOLS	ACHIEVEMENT		GROWTH		GROWTH25		CCR	
Score	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
1-1.9	94	47.2%	39	19.6%	6	3.0%	7	17.5%
2-2.9	61	30.7%	16	8.0%	14	7.0%	6	15.0%
3-3.9	19	9.5%	33	16.6%	51	25.6%	9	22.5%
4-4.9	11	5.5%	19	9.5%	32	16.1%	7	17.5%
5	14	7.0%	92	46.2%	93	46.7%	11	27.5%
TOTAL	199	100.0%	199	100.0%	199	98.5%	40	100.0%

Schools' letter grade comparisons are detailed further on the following pages as schools are grouped by their 23-24 letter grade.



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“A” Letter Grade (Charter schools are in red)

- 16 schools (4 HS and 12 K8) earned an A, and 7 of these schools also earned an A in 22-23. One of the schools is a charter school.
- 9 schools improved their score from a B or C to an A

SCHOOL	GRADE POOL	ACH	GROWTH	GROWTH25	CCR	LG SCORE	2024 LETTER GRADE	2023 LETTER GRADE	LETTER GRADE COMPARISON
Delano Elementary	K8	4	5	5		4.5	A	C	Improved
East High	HS	5	5	5	5	5	A	A	Maintained
Leadership Preparatory Charter	K8	4	5	5		4.5	A	B	Improved
Maxine Smith STEAM Academy	K8	5	5	5		5	A	B	Improved
Medical District High School	K8	5	5	5		5	A	A	Maintained
Middle College High	HS	5	5	5	5	5	A	A	Maintained
Newberry Elementary	K8	4	5	5		4.5	A	C	Improved
Oak Forest Elementary	K8	4	5	5		4.5	A	B	Improved
Richland Elementary	K8	5	5	3		4.8	A	A	Maintained
Southwind Elementary	K8	4	5	5		4.5	A	C	Improved
University High School	K8	5	5	5		5	A	A	Maintained
University Middle	K8	5	5	5		5	A	A	Maintained
Wells Station Elementary	K8	4	5	5		4.5	A	C	Improved
White Station High	HS	5	5	5	5	5	A	A	Maintained
White Station Middle	K8	5	5	3		4.8	A	B	Improved
Whitehaven High	HS	5	5	5	5	5	A	B	Improved

*ACH – Achievement and LG – Letter Grade



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“B” Letter Grade (Charter schools are in red)

- 41 schools (8 HS and 33 K8) earned a B: 15 (36.6%) charters and 26 (63.4%) district-managed.
- 24 schools improved their grade from the prior year, and 16 schools earned the same grade as the prior year. One school’s grade declined compared to the previous year.

SCHOOL	GRADE POOL	ACH	GROWTH	GROWTH25	CCR	LG SCORE	2024 LETTER GRADE	2023 LETTER GRADE	LETTER GRADE COMPARISON
Balmoral/Ridgeway Elementary	K8	4	3	3		3.5	B	B	Maintained
Barret's Chapel Elementary/Middle	K8	3.5	5	4		4.1	B	C	Improved
Bellevue Middle	K8	2	5	5		3.5	B	B	Maintained
Brownsville Road Elementary	K8	3	5	5		4	B	C	Improved
Campus School	K8	5	2	2		3.5	B	A	Declined
Cherokee Elementary	K8	2	5	5		3.5	B	C	Improved
Chimneyrock Elementary School	K8	3	5	5		4	B	B	Maintained
Colonial Middle	K8	2	5	5		3.5	B	B	Maintained
Compass School, Hickory Hill Campus	K8	3.5	5	5		4.2	B	B	Maintained
Compass School, Midtown Campus	HS	3	5	5	1	3.6	B	C	Improved
Cordova High School	HS	2	5	5	5	3.5	B	C	Improved
Craigmont Middle	K8	2	5	5		3.5	B	B	Maintained
Crosstown High School	HS	4	3	4	2	3.5	B	B	Maintained
Freedom Prep Elementary - Millbranch	K8	3	5	3		3.8	B	B	Maintained
Freedom Prep Middle - Brownlee	K8	2	5	5		3.5	B	C	Improved
Germanshire Elementary	K8	4	5	4		4.4	B	C	Improved
Germantown High	HS	3	5	5	5	4	B	C	Improved
Grahamwood Elementary	K8	5	3	3		4	B	C	Improved
Hickory Ridge Elementary	K8	2	5	5		3.5	B	F	Improved
Hollis F. Price Middle College	K8	2	5			3.5	B	B	Maintained
Ida B. Wells Academy ES/MS	K8	2	5			3.5	B	D	Improved
Idlewild Elementary	K8	5	3	3		4	B	C	Improved
J. P. Freeman Elementary/Middle	K8	5	3	3		4	B	B	Maintained
Jackson Elementary	K8	3	5	5		4	B	C	Improved
Journey East Academy	K8	3	5	5		4	B	B	Maintained
KIPP Memphis Collegiate Elementary	K8	2	5	5		3.5	B	B	Maintained
KIPP Memphis Collegiate Middle	K8	2	5	5		3.5	B	C	Improved
Memphis Business Academy Elementary	K8	3	5	5		4	B	B	Maintained
Memphis Business Academy High	HS	3	5	5	2	3.7	B	C	Improved
Memphis Grizzlies Preparatory Charter	K8	2	5	5		3.5	B	C	Improved
Memphis Rise Academy	HS	4	5	5	2	4.2	B	B	Maintained
Oakhaven Elementary	K8	2	5	5		3.5	B	D	Improved
Oakshire Elementary	K8	2	5	5		3.5	B	B	Maintained
Parkway Village Elementary	K8	2	5	5		3.5	B	C	Improved
Power Center Academy ES - Southeast	K8	3	5	4		3.9	B	C	Improved
Power Center Academy Elementary	K8	3	5	5		4	B	C	Improved
Power Center Academy Middle	K8	2	5	5		3.5	B	C	Improved
Ridgeway High	HS	2	5	5	5	3.5	B	C	Improved
Snowden Elementary/Middle	K8	2.3	5	5		3.6	B	C	Improved
Southwind High	HS	2	5	5	5	3.5	B	D	Improved
William Herbert Brewster Elementary	K8	2	5	5		3.5	B	B	Maintained



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“C” Letter Grade (Charter schools are in red)

- 65 schools (11 HS and 54 K8) earned a C: 21 (32.3%) charters and 44 (67.7%) district-managed.
- Earning a C was an improvement for 30 schools and a decline for 6 schools. Twenty-eight schools earned the same grade as the previous year. One school did not have a letter grade in 2023.

SCHOOL	GRADE POOL	ACH	GROWTH	GROWTH25	CCR	LG SCORE	2024 LETTER GRADE	2023 LETTER GRADE	LETTER GRADE COMPARISON
A. Maceo Walker Middle	K8	1	5	5		3	C	C	Maintained
Alcy Elementary	K8	1	5	5		3	C	D	Improved
American Way Middle	K8	1	5	5		3	C	F	Improved
Arrow Academy of Excellence	K8	2	4			3	C	B	Declined
Beacon College Preparatory	K8	2	5	3		3.3	C		
Believe Memphis Academy Charter	K8	1	5	5		3	C	C	Maintained
Berclair Elementary	K8	1	4	4		2.5	C	C	Maintained
Bethel Grove Elementary	K8	1	5	5		3	C	D	Improved
Bruce Elementary	K8	2	4	4		3	C	F	Improved
Central High	HS	2	5	5	4	3.4	C	C	Maintained
City University School Girls Preparatory	K8	2	5	4		3.4	C	C	Maintained
Compass Community School, Berclair	K8	1.4	5	5		3.2	C	C	Maintained
Compass Community School, Frayser	K8	2	5	4		3.4	C	C	Maintained
Compass Community School, Orange Mound Campus	K8	1.4	5	5		3.2	C	F	Improved
Cordova Elementary	K8	2	3	5		2.7	C	D	Improved
Cordova Middle	K8	2	4	5		3.1	C	B	Declined
Cummings Elementary/Middle	K8	1.4	5	4		3.1	C	D	Improved
Dexter School	K8	1.5	5	5		3.2	C	F	Improved
E.E. Jeter Elementary/Middle	K8	3	3	3		3	C	D	Improved
Fox Meadows Elementary	K8	2	3	5		2.7	C	C	Maintained
Freedom Prep Elementary - Parkrose	K8	1	5	5		3	C	D	Improved
Freedom Preparatory Academy Flagship	HS	2	5	5	2	3.2	C	C	Maintained
Gardenview Elementary	K8	2	4	3		2.9	C	C	Maintained
Georgian Hills Elementary	K8	1	5	4		2.9	C	D	Improved
Georgian Hills Middle	K8	1	5	5		3	C	C	Maintained
Germantown Elementary	K8	3	4	3		3.4	C	D	Improved
Getwell Elementary	K8	1	4	5		2.6	C	C	Maintained
Hamilton School	K8	1	5	5		3	C	F	Improved
Havenview Middle	K8	1	4	5		2.6	C	D	Improved
Hawkins Mill Elementary	K8	2	4	3		2.9	C	B	Declined
Highland Oaks Elementary	K8	2	4	3		2.9	C	C	Maintained
KIPP Memphis Collegiate High School	HS	2	5	4	1	3	C	F	Improved
Lowrance Elementary/Middle	K8	1.5	5	4		3.1	C	F	Improved
Memphis Academy of Science Engineering Middle/High	HS	1.5	5	5	1	2.8	C	D	Improved
Memphis Business Academy Hickory Hill Middle School	K8	1	5	4		2.9	C	B	Declined
Memphis School of Excellence	HS	1.5	4	5	3	2.7	C	C	Maintained
Memphis School of Excellence Cordova	K8	2.3	5	3		3.4	C	C	Maintained
Memphis STEM Academy	K8	3	2	3		2.6	C	B	Declined
Mitchell High	HS	1	5	4	5	2.9	C	D	Improved
Northaven Elementary	K8	2	5	4		3.4	C	C	Maintained
Oakhaven High	HS	2	5	5	4	3.4	C	C	Maintained
Oakhaven Middle	K8	1	4	5		2.6	C	F	Improved



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“C” Letter Grade Continued

SCHOOL	GRADE POOL	ACH	GROWTH	GROWTH25	CCR	LG SCORE	2024 LETTER GRADE	2023 LETTER GRADE	LETTER GRADE COMPARISON
Overton High	HS	2	3	5	4	2.8	C	D	Improved
Perea Elementary School	K8	2	5	3		3.3	C	C	Maintained
Power Center Academy High School	HS	2	5	3	2	3	C	D	Improved
Promise Academy	K8	2	4	3		2.9	C	C	Maintained
Raleigh-Egypt High	HS	2	5	5	4	3.4	C	C	Maintained
Riverview Elementary/Middle	K8	1.6	5	5		3.3	C	D	Improved
Ross Elementary	K8	2	3	5		2.7	C	D	Improved
Sharpe Elementary	K8	2	4	5		3.1	C	C	Maintained
Shelby Oaks Elementary	K8	2	4	3		2.9	C	C	Maintained
Sherwood Middle	K8	1	5	5		3	C	F	Improved
Soulsville Charter School	HS	1.5	5	5	1	2.8	C	C	Maintained
Treadwell Middle School	K8	1	5	5		3	C	F	Improved
Veritas College Preparatory	K8	1	5	4		2.9	C	C	Maintained
Vision Preparatory Charter School	K8	2	3	3		2.5	C	C	Maintained
Vollentine Elementary	K8	1	4	5		2.6	C	D	Improved
Westhaven Elementary	K8	1	5	5		3	C	D	Improved
Westside Elementary	K8	1	5	3		2.8	C	D	Improved
White Station Elementary	K8	4	1	2		2.6	C	B	Declined
Whitehaven Elementary	K8	2	3	4		2.6	C	C	Maintained
Whitney Elementary	K8	1	5	3		2.8	C	C	Maintained
Willow Oaks Elementary	K8	2	5	4		3.4	C	F	Improved
Winchester Elementary	K8	1	5	3		2.8	C	F	Improved
Woodstock Middle School	K8	1	5	5		3	C	C	Maintained



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“D” Letter Grade (Charter schools are in red)

- 55 schools (14 HS and 41 K8) earned a D: eight (14.5%) charters and 47 (85.5%) district-managed.
- Earning a D in 23-24 was a decline in letter grade performance for 18 schools. For 18 schools, earning a D was a letter grade improvement, and 19 schools received a D both years.

SCHOOL	GRADE POOL	ACH	GROWTH	GROWTH25	CCR	LG SCORE	2024 LETTER GRADE	2023 LETTER GRADE	LETTER GRADE COMPARISON
A. B. Hill Elementary	K8	1	3	3		2	D	F	Improved
Aurora Collegiate Academy	K8	2	1	1		1.5	D	C	Declined
B. T. Washington High	HS	1	5	3	1	2.4	D	D	Maintained
Belle Forest Community School	K8	1	3	5		2.2	D	C	Declined
Bolton High	HS	1	1	4	4	1.6	D	F	Improved
Compass Community School, Binghampton Campus	K8	1.5	3	3		2.2	D	D	Maintained
Craigmont High	HS	2	2	3	5	2.4	D	D	Maintained
Cromwell Elementary	K8	2	1	5		1.9	D	D	Maintained
Douglass High	HS	1	1	4	4	1.6	D	F	Improved
Dunbar Elementary	K8	1	2	3		1.6	D	C	Declined
Egypt Elementary	K8	2	2	4		2.2	D	C	Declined
Evans Elementary	K8	1	2	3		1.6	D	D	Maintained
Ford Road Elementary	K8	1	3	3		2	D	F	Improved
Frayser-Corning Elementary	K8	1	4	3		2.4	D	D	Maintained
Geeter School	K8	1	3	5		2.2	D	F	Improved
Germantown Middle	K8	2	1	3		1.7	D	D	Maintained
Grandview Heights Middle School	K8	1	3	5		2.2	D	C	Declined
Granville T. Woods Academy	K8	1	3	3		2	D	C	Declined
Hamilton High	HS	1	4	4	3	2.4	D	F	Improved
Hanley K-8	K8	1	3	4		2.1	D	D	Maintained
Holmes Road Elementary	K8	1	3	5		2.2	D	C	Declined
Invictus Academy at Airways	HS	1	1	4	3	1.5	D	F	Improved
Kate Bond Elementary School	K8	2	1	4		1.8	D	D	Maintained
Kate Bond Middle School	K8	1	3	5		2.2	D	F	Improved
Keystone Elementary	K8	2	2	3		2.1	D	D	Maintained
Kingsbury Elementary	K8	1	3	3		2	D	C	Declined
Kingsbury High	HS	1	3	5	3	2.2	D	F	Improved
Kirby High	HS	1	2	5	3	1.9	D	F	Improved
Larose Elementary	K8	1	3	4		2.1	D	D	Maintained
Levi Elementary	K8	1	3	3		2	D	F	Improved
Lucy Elementary	K8	1	3	3		2	D	C	Declined
Macon-Hall Elementary	K8	2	1	1		1.5	D	D	Maintained
Manassas High	HS	1	2	3	3	1.7	D	D	Maintained
Melrose High	HS	1	2	4	3	1.8	D	F	Improved
Memphis Business Academy Hickory Hill Elementary School	K8	2	2	2		2	D	B	Declined
Memphis College Preparatory	K8	1	3	5		2.2	D	C	Declined
Memphis School of Excellence Elementary Cordova	K8	2	1	2		1.6	D	D	Maintained
Memphis Virtual School	HS	1	1	5	5	1.8	D	F	Improved
Peabody Elementary	K8	2	1	2		1.6	D	C	Declined
Power Center Academy MS - Southeast	K8	1	2	5		1.8	D	C	Declined



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SCHOOL	GRADE POOL	ACH	GROWTH	GROWTH25	CCR	LG SCORE	2024 LETTER GRADE	2023 LETTER GRADE	LETTER GRADE COMPARISON
Raleigh Egypt Middle School	K8	1	3	5		2.2	D	F	Improved
Raleigh-Bartlett Meadows Elementary	K8	1	2	3		1.6	D	F	Improved
Ridgeway Middle	K8	1	3	5		2.2	D	F	Improved
Riverwood Elementary School	K8	3	1	2		2.1	D	B	Declined
Robert R. Church Elementary	K8	1	4	3		2.4	D	D	Maintained
Scenic Hills Elementary	K8	1	3	3		2	D	D	Maintained
Sea Isle Elementary	K8	3	1	2		2.1	D	B	Declined
Sheffield High	HS	1	2	4	3	1.8	D	D	Maintained
Sherwood Elementary	K8	1	3	5		2.2	D	F	Improved
South Park Elementary	K8	1	2	3		1.6	D	F	Improved
Southern Avenue Charter School	K8	2	1	1		1.5	D	B	Declined
Springdale Elementary	K8	2	1	2		1.6	D	C	Declined
Trezevant High	HS	1	2	3	3	1.7	D	D	Maintained
Westwood High	HS	1	3	4	4	2.2	D	D	Maintained
Winridge Elementary	K8	3	1	3		2.2	D	A	Declined

“F” Letter Grade (Charter schools are in red)

- 22 schools (3 HS and 19 K8) earned an F: seven (31.8%) charters and 15 (68.2%) district-managed.
- 11 schools also earned an F in 2023, and the remaining 11 schools earned a lower score than the previous year.

SCHOOL	GRADE POOL	ACH	GROWTH	GROWTH25	CCR	LG SCORE	2024 LETTER GRADE	2023 LETTER GRADE	LETTER GRADE COMPARISON
Carver College and Career Academy	HS	1	1	2	1	1.1	F	F	Maintained
Chickasaw Middle	K8	1	1	4		1.3	F	F	Maintained
Circles Of Success Learning Academy	K8	1	1	1		1	F	C	Declined
City University School Of Liberal Arts	HS	1	1	1	1	1	F	F	Maintained
Crump Elementary	K8	1	1	3		1.2	F	C	Declined
Double Tree Elementary	K8	1	1	3		1.2	F	D	Declined
Douglass Elementary/Middle	K8	1	1	4		1.3	F	F	Maintained
Downtown Elementary	K8	1	1	2		1.1	F	C	Declined
Hickory Ridge Middle	K8	1	1	5		1.4	F	F	Maintained
Highland Oaks Middle	K8	1	1	5		1.4	F	F	Maintained
Kingsbury Middle	K8	1	1	5		1.4	F	F	Maintained
Lucie E. Campbell Elementary	K8	1	1	3		1.2	F	D	Declined
Memphis Business Academy Middle	K8	1	1	2		1.1	F	F	Maintained
Memphis Delta Preparatory	K8	1	1	1		1	F	D	Declined
Memphis Merit Academy	K8	1	1	3		1.2	F	C	Declined
Memphis School of Excellence ES	K8	1	1	2		1.1	F	C	Declined
Mt. Pisgah Middle/High	K8	1	1	3		1.2	F	F	Maintained
Rozelle Elementary	K8	1	1	2		1.1	F	C	Declined
Sheffield Elementary	K8	1	1	3		1.2	F	D	Declined
Star Academy	K8	1.2	1	3		1.3	F	C	Declined
Treadwell Elementary	K8	1	1	4		1.3	F	F	Maintained
Wooddale High	HS	1	1	2	2	1.2	F	F	Maintained