



MEMPHIS-SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS

OPTIONAL SCHOOLS

Discover Your Options



2023-24

OPTIONAL SCHOOLS HANDBOOK



"Optional schools are the backbone of excellence in Memphis-Shelby County Schools. Because scholars in the Optional program are expected to step up to more rigorous courses and consistently strive for excellence, they learn how to survive and succeed in any educational environment."

Optional Principal



Optional Schools: Pursue the Possibilities

No matter what your child's goals and interests are, you can find a great fit in one of our unique and competitive Optional programs. With 45 elementary, middle and high school programs across Memphis-Shelby County, you can always find an Optional school close to you!

Parents and family members,

If you are reading this letter, it is because you are taking an active role in your child's education. The search for your child's next educational experience is an extremely important step and an exciting experience.

If you are like me, then there are several core qualities you value most when searching for the perfect fit for your student: rigorous learning opportunities, caring and highly qualified teachers, a safe and nurturing environment, and a well-rounded school experience. The Optional Program at Memphis-Shelby County Schools (MSCS) offers all of the above.

I have had the joy and privilege of directing the Optional Program for over 35 years. Not a week passes without hearing from someone connected to the program – from former graduates thanking us for the challenging experiences that have helped lead them to successful degrees and careers to parents of new students who are simply amazed by the high-quality education available in our Optional schools free of tuition.

Our Optional schools cater to students' unique interests and learning styles and are renowned locally and across Tennessee. Specialized programs include Transportation-Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (T-STEM); College Prep; International Baccalaureate (IB); Dual Language Immersion; Environmental Studies and Community Service; Global Health Studies; Creative and Performing Arts; Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM); Engineering; International Studies; Information Technology and many more.

Optional programs foster an environment of high expectations where your child will learn beside classmates who are similarly driven to succeed. Every year, our students earn prestigious honors, competing against peers statewide, nationwide, and internationally. From Broadway productions to Presidential Scholarships, our students are cultivating the knowledge and skills to realize their dreams.

Every child has their own destination for learning and life, and I invite you to find that destination in one of our 45 Optional schools.

Come see what we have to offer. We look forward to meeting you and your child!

Sincerely,



Linda Sklar
Director of Optional Schools and Advanced Academics
Memphis-Shelby County Schools

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- Cummings (1-8)
- Delano (1-5)
- Double Tree (K-5)
- Douglass School (K-8)
- Downtown (1-5)
- John P. Freeman (1-8)
- Germantown (1-5)
- Grahamwood (1-5)
- Idlewild (K-5)
- Keystone (1-5)
- Oak Forest (1-5)
- Peabody (1-5)
- Riverwood (1-5)
- Rozelle (K-5)
- Sherwood (1-5)
- Snowden School (1-8)
- Springdale-Memphis Magnet (K-5)
- Treadwell (K-5)
- Vollentine (K-5)
- Whitehaven (1-5)
- Willow Oaks (1-5)

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- Ridgeway (6-8)
- Maxine Smith STEAM Academy (6-8)
- Snowden School (1-8)
- White Station (6-8)

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- Douglass (9-12)
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- Overton (9-12)
- Ridgeway (9-12)
- Whitehaven (9-12)
- White Station (9-12)
- Wooddale (9-12)

Arts & Academics

Colonial Middle

Business & Finance

Whitehaven High (9-10)

College Prep

Bellevue Middle

Central High

Cordova Middle

John P. Freeman (1-8)

Germantown Middle

Snowden School (1-8)

Whitehaven High

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White Station Middle

Wooddale High

Community Service &

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Creative and Performing Arts

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Colonial Middle

Germantown High

Overton High

Dual Language Immersion

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Enriched Academics

Cordova Elementary

Cummings School (1-8)

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John P. Freeman (1-8)

Grahamwood Elementary

Keystone Elementary

Sherwood Elementary

Snowden School (1-8)

Willow Oaks Elementary

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Community Service

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Exploratory Learning

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Elementary

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Information Technology

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International Baccalaureate Schools

Balmoral-Ridgeway Elementary

Oak Forest Elementary

Ridgeway Middle

International Studies

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Craigmont High

Craigmont Middle

Germantown Elementary

Peabody Elementary

Public Service & Communication Arts

Douglass High

Douglass School

Science & Technology

Idlewild Elementary

Science Exploration

Vollentine Elementary

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)

Whitehaven Elementary

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math)

William H. Brewster Elementary

Havenview Middle

Maxine Smith STEAM Academy

T-STEM (Transportation, Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)

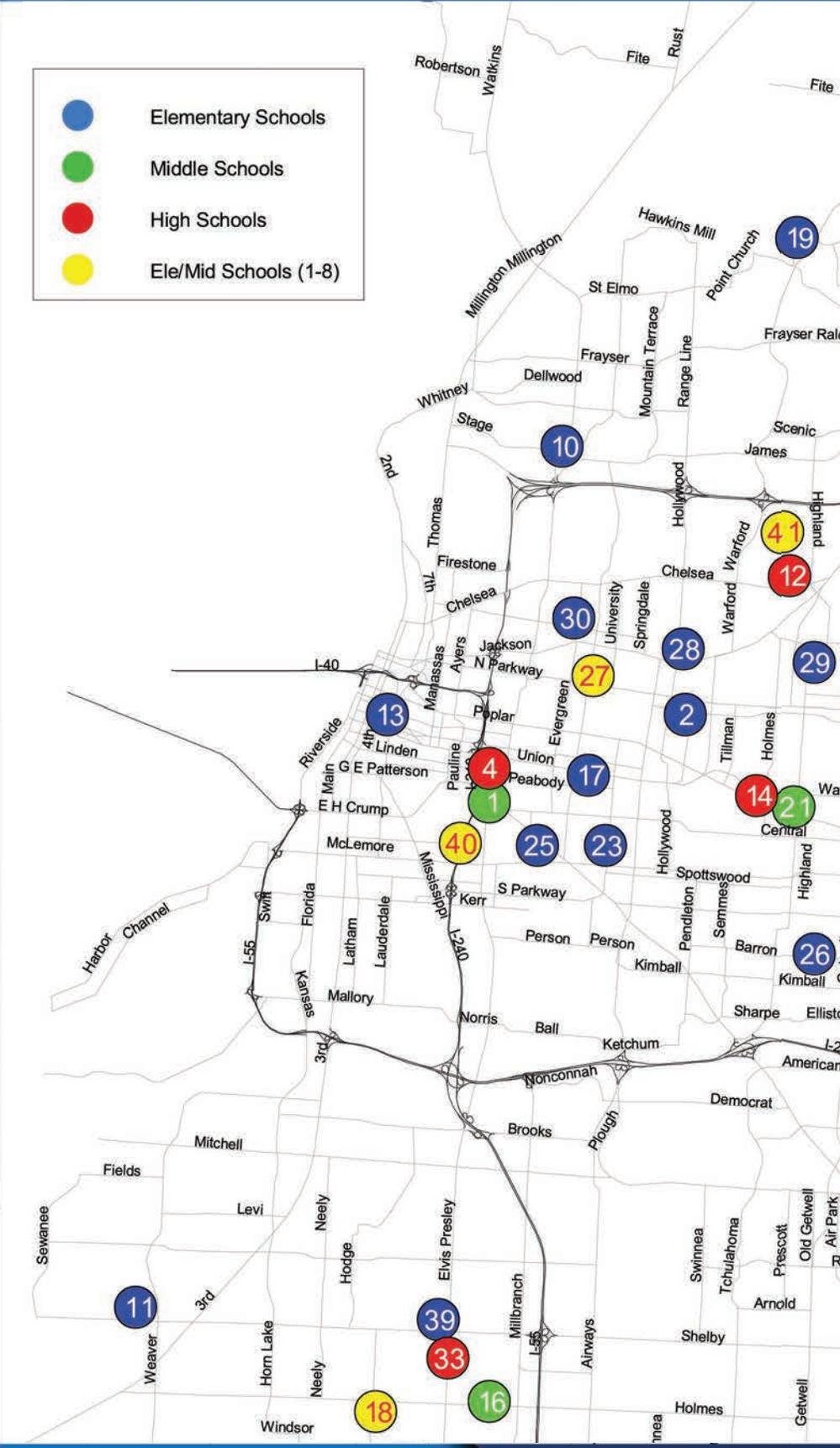
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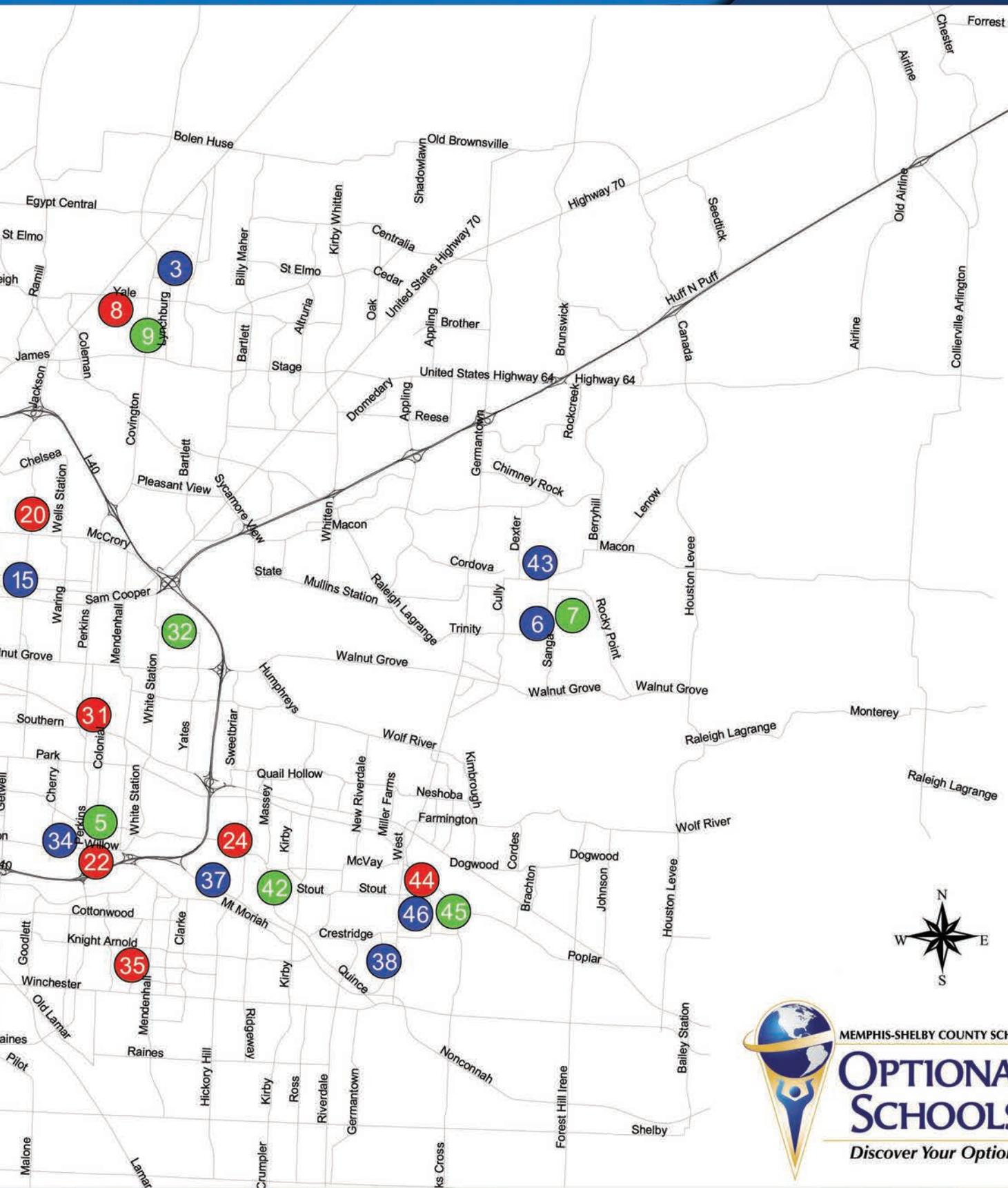
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Optional Program Locations





“The Optional programs provide diverse learning experiences that help enrich student innovation. We are preparing students to be college and career ready through rigorous academics and challenging learning environments. As an Optional Coordinator, I am able to qualify students into this excellent program and watch them flourish into well-rounded scholars.”

Optional Teacher



"At my child's Optional school, there are many learning opportunities inside and outside of the classroom with real-life, hands-on field experiences in science, technology, arts, and mathematics."



Optional Parent



*"Every day, we learn about the 'why.'
The 'why' is what I get excited about!"*

Optional Student

Balmoral Ridgeway Elementary (1-5)

International Baccalaureate (IB)

As an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, our students are empowered to think globally but act locally. We have principled scholars who are risk takers, thinkers, and communicators.



Our IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) is one of only two primary program opportunities for MSCS elementary students. Our students go on to excel in the Middle Years and IB Diploma Programmes.

Points of Pride

- One of two elementary schools in the district that offers an IB-PYP education. Our students are able to excel in Middle Years and IB Diploma Programme.
- We are one of four elementary schools with access to world language, Spanish.
- We have a diverse group of students who are risk takers, thinkers, and communicators.
- Through our IB program, our students participate in action cycles that help them to learn about and give back to our community.

Academics

- Balmoral Ridgeway promotes the education of the whole child, integrating academic, cultural, and global elements into a challenging curriculum.
- Academically gifted students have access to the CLUE program.
- Our teachers work cooperatively to help students develop inquiry and problem-solving skills through the integration of the IB PYP learner profile and transdisciplinary units with our academic programs, ELA, math, science, and social studies.
- Technology-infused lessons

Activities

- Music ensemble
- Enrichment Clubs: art, yearbook, garden, Girls in Pearls, and Boys II Men
- Academic Programs: Student Council and Junior Beta Club
- YMCA Before/After Care
- Music programs: choir and recorder ensemble
- Enrichment clubs: art club, Girls in Pearls, Boys to Men, garden club, book club, and Bible club
- Student leadership opportunities: student council, peer mediation, and National Junior Beta Club
- IB student exhibition
- Community partner service projects

Come See What We Have To Offer!



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(901) 416-2128 | 5905 Grosvenor Ave., Memphis, TN 38119



Located in the heart of Memphis, Bellevue prepares scholars to become creative problem solvers, confident lifelong learners, and responsible citizens through our Enriched Academics College Prep program. Bellevue is the home of the mighty Bobcats, where the race to excellence has no finish line.



Bellevue is in the medical and government districts, giving students opportunities to see how both fields work to support our community, city, and tri-state area. Our students take on a rigorous curriculum while building the confidence to be leaders in the community.

Points of Pride

- Art students host/deejay for radio station 91.7 at the Crosstown Concourse and create props for theater shows at the University of Memphis like *Carnival Vitas: Dance of the Animals*.
- State champions in boys and girls basketball, girls and boys track, and football
- Our award-winning marching band and orchestra perform locally and regionally.
- Our superior majorette and drumline are frequently requested to perform in local and statewide parades.

Academics

- Students can earn high school credits in Algebra I, Geometry, Spanish I, Russian I, Culinary Arts, and Physical Science.
- Students can take up to three years of Russian or Spanish.
- Exploratory classes include drama, dance, Spanish, Russian, culinary arts, PE, band, orchestra, art, STEM, and Facing History.
- Bellevue Middle was designated a level-5 2021-22 Reward school by the Tennessee Department of Education. *Reward schools typically demonstrate high levels of performance and/or growth across all indicators.*

Activities

- Football, basketball (boys and girls), volleyball, track (boys and girls), baseball, softball, soccer (boys and girls), and rugby (boys and girls)
- Students have the opportunity to partner with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.
- Bellevue Beta Club members volunteer on Sundays at the Memphis Union Mission.
- The student council is very active at school and in the community, providing meals for our homeless community at Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- Bellevue Tech Experts assist students with technology needs to get hands on experience.
- Bellevue hosts a schoolwide club day with more than 30 clubs available for students.

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(901) 416-4488 | 575 S. Bellevue Blvd., Memphis, TN 38104

College Preparatory

Bellevue Middle School (6-8)



William H. Brewster Elementary (1-5)

Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM)

The five disciplines of STEAM empower students to be critical thinkers and seek creative ways to problem-solve.



Our academic program promotes biliteracy and positive cross-cultural attitudes in an immersive, multicultural environment.

Points of Pride

- One of four STEM schools, as designated by the state, in MSCS
- Kitchen club and outdoor classroom
- State-of-the-art science and technology lab
- World language course for grades PreK-2

Academics

- Our school's success rate has continued to demonstrate our commitment to student achievement. Brewster was designated a 2021-22 Reward school by the Tennessee Department of Education. *Reward schools typically demonstrate high levels of performance and/or growth across all indicators.*
- STEM students participate and place in the following competitions/events: Eday Egg Design, Knex Bridge Build, and MLGW Blazing Race Competitions: U of M E-Day and Science Olympiad.
- The CLUE program is available for eligible students in grades 1-5.
- Our STEM class and technology lab bring learning to life through hands-on interactive simulations.

Activities

- Student leadership opportunities: Student Council, Peer Mediation, Safety Patrol, and Beta Club
- Partnerships with the Brooks Museum, the Memphis Zoo, Junior Achievement, and Memphis Kids in Nature
- Bookworm Buddies book club
- STEM-focused clubs: FIRST Lego League, VEX IQ Robotics, STEM Music, Digital Yearbook, Broadcasting/Podcasting/Webcasting Teams, SECME, Coding Club, and Builders Club
- Visual arts, ballet, strings, choir, Broadway-style musical productions, and Collage Collective
- National Honor Society and Beta Club
- Amazon Future Engineer Program

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(901) 416-7155 | 2605 Sam Cooper Blvd., Memphis, TN 38112



We develop innovative and culturally compassionate lifelong learners through international studies.



Our students gain global awareness in an internationally enriched academic environment. Students are involved in project-based learning that fosters collaboration.

Points of Pride

- Students develop global awareness as they complete an in-depth exploration of various countries.
- Our International Studies Showcase includes performances written and produced by students.
- Our International Library Center provides students with tools to sharpen their research skills.
- Brownsville Road Elementary was designated a Level 5 2021-22 Reward school by the Tennessee Department of Education. *Reward schools typically demonstrate high levels of performance and/or growth across all indicators.*
- Each grade level learns about the customs, cultures, and languages of a specific country and uses this information to hold a mini cultural celebration.

Academics

- Inquiry-based lessons assist in developing student research and communication skills.
- Academically gifted students have access to the CLUE program.
- National Junior Beta School of Distinction with two top-three finished in the state competition
- Before school tutoring program for all students

Activities

- Brownsville's Got Talent! -- an Orff music club that combines singing, percussion, recorders, and xylophones
- Enrichment activities include book, art, and garden clubs.
- We provide student leadership opportunities through Student Council, Peer Mediation, and Junior Beta Club.
- Our Kitchen Community Learning Garden provides students the opportunity to plant, grow, harvest, and cook vegetables and herbs.

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(901) 416-0251 | 5292 Banbury, Memphis, TN 38135

Enriched Academics/International Studies

Brownsville Road Elementary (1-5)



Known as “The High School” by parents, Central is large enough to offer a great variety of rigorous courses but small enough for a true family and community atmosphere.



Our stimulating and competitive College Preparatory Optional program leads students to top scholarships and acceptance to the most prestigious colleges. Our high standards and diverse interests prepare students to compete in the real world.

Points of Pride

- Seniors average \$20+ million in accepted scholarships every year, and many begin college with multiple credits.
- Central is honored to have multiple National Merit Semi-Finalists annually.
- Every year, at least 25 students are honored as AP Scholars by College Board based on their exemplary performance on multiple AP Exams.
- In 2022, several students received an AP Capstone Diploma.
- Central is represented at every U.S. service academy.
- Tennessee 2022 Music Teacher of Excellence as awarded by the CMA Foundation
- Tennessee 2022 Track and Field Coach of the Year

Academics

- 20 Advanced Placement and 11 Pre-AP courses at all grade levels
- One of only 38 eligible schools in the state offering the Flagship Scholarship for the University of Tennessee-Knoxville
- Dual Enrollment and Dual Credit partnerships with University of Memphis, Bethel University, and Southwest Community College
- Allied Health Sciences partnership with Methodist and University of Memphis
- Health Science partnership with Baptist College of Health Sciences and UT Health Science Center
- Multiple world language options, including Spanish, French, Latin, and Russian, with students winning related national and international contests

Activities

- More than 100 academic and social clubs: Student Council, Peer Mediation, E-Sports, to name a few; each one is connected to various community service projects.
- Award-winning ROTC program dating back more than 100 years
- Band awarded the overall Grand National Champions several years in a row at the National High Stepping Competition
- Championship athletic programs, featuring every sport governed through the SCIAA
- Four-time Tennessee State Boys Track and Field Champions
- Award-winning fine arts department, including some of the highest scoring students in the District on art AP Exams; student artwork is frequently displayed around the city.

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(901) 416-8414 | 306 S. Bellevue Blvd., Memphis, TN 38104

Central High School (9-12)

College Preparatory



“All the world is a stage” for Colonial Middle School’s diverse population of artists, performers, explorers and scholars!



Our students explore the arts and perform on stages across the country and around the world. Cultures are brought to life through enriched instruction in the classroom and exciting learning experiences beyond.

Points of Pride

- Our Creative And Performing Arts (CAPA) program partners with colleges, universities, and arts programs to foster students’ talents in art, band, choir, creative writing, dance, drama, orchestra, and piano.
- Our CAPA students consistently win top awards in local, state, and national competitions.
- Our CAPA art student won the Doodle for Google contest for the state of Tennessee.

Academics

- Through the arts, students obtain a well-rounded, eye-opening education. They learn good judgment, problem solving, and an appreciation for multiple perspectives.
- Projects, debates, student presentations, and competitions help enhance the rigor of core subjects.
- The CLUE program and honors courses are offered for eligible students. High school credit can be earned in 8th grade for Algebra I, Honors Spanish, and Physical Science.

Activities

- Media, photography, writing, research, reporting, editing, film, and graphic design are taught and incorporated into our student-led media programs.
- Clubs and leadership programs include Girls in Pearls, Best Buddies, book club, National Junior Honor Society, CAPA Ambassadors, Beta Club, and student council.
- Our athletics department offers basketball, baseball, soccer, softball, football, track and field, volleyball, step team, cheerleading, and majorettes.

Arts and Academics

Colonial Middle School (6-8)

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(901) 416-8980 | 1370 Colonial, Memphis, TN 38117



Our enriched academics program develops students into global leaders and learners.



Our focus on technology integration enables students to become well-rounded, tech-savvy, creative thinkers and leaders.

Points of Pride

- Our caring and dedicated staff nurture curiosity and creativity. Students are supported academically and emotionally through our nurturing of the whole child.
- We enjoy strong connections with families and community partners, which include Partners in Education (PIE) organization, DuPont, Trinity Baptist Church, and the Boy Scouts. All support us during various family activities throughout the year.
- Students benefit from enriching experiences in weekly support classes, including music, P.E., art, and library.
- Cordova Elementary is one of 20 district schools adopted by Amazon during their recent partnership with MSCS.

Academics

- Faster-paced, higher-level instruction and enrichment best meets the needs of students who are academically advanced.
- The CLUE program is offered for eligible students in all grades.
- We believe enrichment means different work, not more work, and we strive to ensure that students are supported in skills to help them develop as global leaders and learners.
- In-school and after-school tutoring programs assist students with improving academic achievement.
- Arise2Read volunteers work with students to enhance reading and comprehension skills.

Activities

- Orff choir club
- Recorder club
- Folk art dance club
- Student Government Association (SGA)
- Gymnastics
- Art club
- Visual arts art show

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(901) 416-1700 | 750 Sanga Rd., Memphis, TN 38018

Cordova Elementary School (1-5)

Enriched Academics



With an invigorating focus on enriched academics, Cordova Middle engages today's learners in exhilarating tasks that fuel analytical thinking, effective communication, and great collaboration.



We are the heartbeat of Cordova! Our innovative learning inspires our well-rounded scholars to AIM HIGH in pride and excellence.

Points of Pride

- Orchestra and choir students are consistently recognized for All West Honor Choir and West Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Concert Festival with high honors.
- Our students participate in Junior Achievement Biztown, Junior Achievement Finance Park, and the Amazon Future Engineer program.
- Our school features a rain garden.
- Our community partners include Amazon, Trinity Baptist Church, and McDonald's (Houston Levee & Trinity).

Academics

- Students can earn high school credits in Algebra I, Spanish I, and Physical Science.
- The CLUE program is available for eligible students.
- We offer multiple honors and enriched classes featuring technology-driven learning.
- Engaging STEM instruction, activities, and challenges
- Students can earn a Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) PowerPoint certification.

Activities

- Club and leadership opportunities include National Junior Honor Society, student council, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), announcement staff, and Cougar ambassadors.
- Athletics: football, basketball, soccer, volleyball, track, baseball, softball, and cheerleading
- The arts: orchestra, band, piano, and choir; award-winning choir and orchestral programs

Come See What We Have To Offer!



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(901) 416-2189 | 900 Sanga Rd., Memphis, TN 38018

Cordova Middle School (6-8)
Enriched Academics and College Preparatory



Our intensive curriculum and small class sizes allow students to be immersed in world cultures and gain the interpersonal experiences needed to succeed in a diverse and ever-changing global society.



Our program prepares our students to compete globally in a diverse world while consistently performing at higher levels on state and nationally normed assessments.

Points of Pride

- Our Optional students have represented Memphis in May honored countries: Turkey, Chile, Sweden, Panama, Poland, and Canada.
- The class of 2022 exceeded \$6 million in scholarships.
- CHS students compete nationally, including the SeaPerch underwater robotics program, debate, culinary arts, and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA).
- Global awareness is developed as scholars explore the customs and cultures of various countries and complete projects.

Academics

- Our Optional curriculum focuses on intensive English, social studies, and foreign language courses.
- Science and math are emphasized in our STEM program.
- All students can earn college credit in Advanced Placement (AP) and dual-enrollment college courses.
- Our teachers prepare students for college and beyond by challenging students to become critical thinkers and high-achieving scholars.
- International travel opportunities are available.
- AP tutoring and ACT prep

Activities

- Academic Excellence: National Honor Society, Microsoft certification, robotics, Knowledge Bowl, French and Spanish clubs
- Fine Arts: orchestra, band, visual art, yearbook, and dance team
- Professional Organizations: SkillsUSA and FBLA
- Extracurricular Activities: boys and girls athletic teams, quarterly international film festivals, enrichment field experiences, lunch-and-learn series, and Boys and Girls Club

Come See What We Have To Offer!



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(901) 416-4312 | 3333 Covington Pike, Memphis, TN 38128

Craigmont High School (9-12)

College Preparatory / International Studies



We equip scholars to successfully manage the rigors of high school and continue the journey toward college and career readiness. Our international studies program teaches scholars to excel in a diverse and competitive world.



Craigmont Middle School is the only international studies middle school in the District. Our scholars learn about other countries and cultures to prepare them for success in a diverse world.

Points of Pride

- Global awareness is developed as scholars explore the customs and cultures of various countries and complete projects.
- Community partners support CMS and its scholars through recognitions, educational supplies, encouragement, athletics, and much more.
- CMS was designated a Level 5 2021-22 Reward school by the Tennessee Department of Education. Reward schools typically demonstrate high levels of performance and/or growth across all indicators.
- Highly qualified teachers, many of whom hold advanced degrees, including National Board Certification
- Scholars engage in internationally themed activities throughout the year.

Academics

- Optional scholars participate in rigorous content that prepares them for Advanced Placement and honors courses in high school.
- Qualifying eighth-grade Optional scholars can earn high school credit for Algebra I, Spanish I, and CCTE.
- The CLUE program is available for eligible students.
- Beta Club is available for eligible scholars.

Activities

- There are multiple opportunities for scholars to participate in extracurricular clubs and sports activities.
- An annual International Festival features multicultural exhibitions of information, art, food, and music.
- Scholars participate in monthly celebrations highlighting various cultures.
- Scholars serve as ambassadors and on the student tech team.

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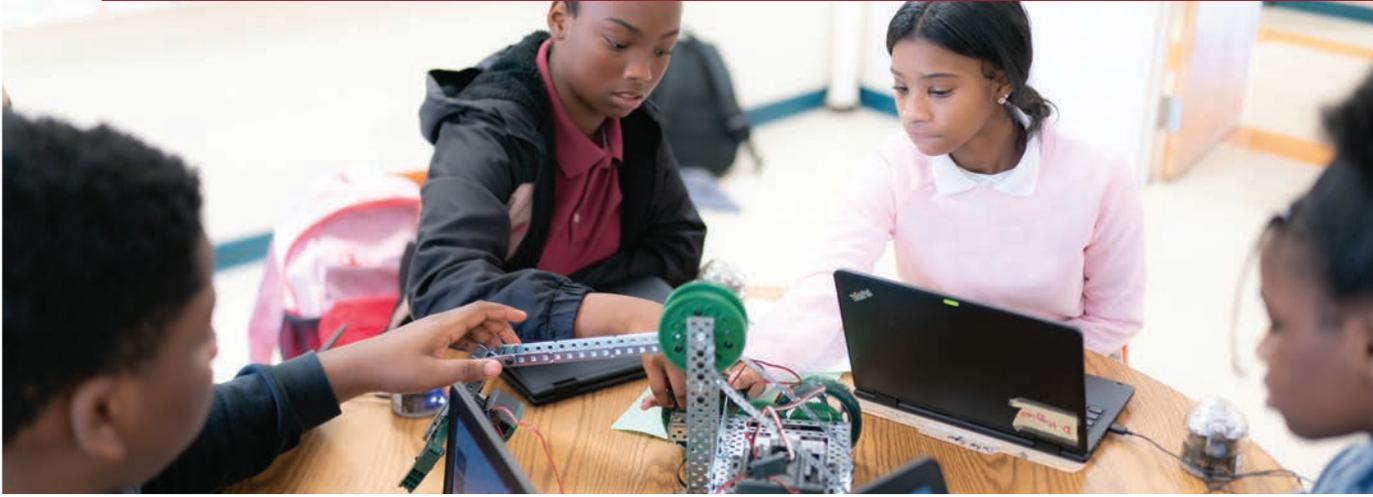
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College Preparatory and International Studies

Craigmont Middle School (6-8)



Our enriched academics program affords our students the opportunity to engage with rigorous curriculum and project-based learning daily. Our students serve as Tech Experts in our Student Technology Expert Program.



Our academic program promotes STEM-enriched projects and programming with partnerships with the West Tennessee STEM Hub and Code Crew.

Points of Pride

- TVAAS Level 5 school for 2021-22
- Awarded \$50,000 for the enhancement of our band and athletic programs from Pure Entertainment Group
- Students learn financial literacy through the R.I.S.E. Foundation.
- 85% of middle school students received CTE certification in Microsoft.

Academics

- Our collaborative learning environment promotes problem-solving skills with a STEM focus.
- Students participate in weekly STEM club meetings where they work on robotics, coding, and STEM based projects.
- Our students can earn industry certifications that count for high school early postsecondary opportunities (EPSOs) toward graduation requirements.

Activities

- Student leadership opportunities: Student council, peer mediation, STEM club, Tech Experts, and Beta Club
- STEM-focused clubs: FIRST Lego League and VEX IQ Robotics
- Sports, including football, basketball, track, and cheerleading

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(901) 416-3629 | 1037 Cummings, Memphis, TN 38106



With the highest expectations for every child, we inspire excellence and confidence in every area of learning and life.

DTV NEWS



Our teachers deliver innovative lessons and incorporate emerging technologies using state-of-the-art equipment and facilities.

Points of Pride

- National Blue Ribbon School
- Delano was designated a Level 5 2021-22 Reward school by the Tennessee Department of Education. *Reward schools typically demonstrate high levels of performance and/or growth across all indicators.*
- 21st century technology annex that includes 21st century classrooms, a TV studio, and a STEM lab
- Title I Distinguished School for exceptional student performance
- "Leader in Me" school that supports student leadership
- Partnerships with West Tennessee STEM Hub, TechEd2Go, and the University of Memphis STEM Ambassadors

Academics

- Learning is enhanced by 21st century technology that prepares students to compete in a technology-based workforce through extensive hands-on learning experiences utilizing computers and digital media.
- Students have the opportunity to produce a daily live news broadcast in our communication and broadcasting studio.
- Technology is integrated school-wide with a wide array of learning experiences to ensure students acquire the tech literacy needed to succeed in college and their future careers.
- The CLUE program is available for eligible students.

Activities

- Amazon Future Engineer program
- DTV-Student News
- National Junior Beta Club and National Elementary Honor Society
- Arts program (performing band, graphic arts, and chorus)
- Enrichment clubs and student council
- STEM competitions
- Award-winning community service projects
- Robotics, basketball, and pom pom dance
- Memphis Construction Junior Competition (civil engineering)

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(901) 416-3932 | 1716 Delano Ave., Memphis, TN 38127

Information Technology

Delano Elementary School (1-5)



Double Tree Elementary School (K-5)

Community Service and Leadership Prep

We are a hidden GEM in the heart of the Westwood Community providing a spirit of care for more than 40 years. We create life-long learners who lead with confidence, inspire others, and serve the community with pride.



ALL our students are Optional students; we focus on developing the whole child.

Points of Pride

- One of only seven schools that begins the Optional program at kindergarten.
- Our open-space learning environment promotes collaboration with teachers, staff, and students.
- Silver recipient of the Response to Intervention and Behavior Award.
- Our Optional program offers social emotional learning courses, STEM activities, leadership development activities, and college and career ready academics.
- We have 45 years educating students in the Westwood community.

Academics

- We emphasize individualized and blended learning centers.
- Academically gifted students have access to the CLUE program.
- Classroom instruction is supported by laptops, SMART boards, and the Digital Den Media Center.
- Students receive extra support from Specialized Educational Assistants in grades K-2.
- Students receive intervention, leadership development, and literacy support from school adopters, including the Shelby County Links and Mt. Vernon Baptist Church.

Activities

- Student Council
- VIP Honors Club
- Community service projects
- Garden Club
- Dancing Dolphins Dance/ Cheer Team

Come See What We Have To Offer!



schools.scsk12.org/doubletree-es

(901) 416-8144 | 4560 Double Tree, Memphis, TN 38109

North Memphis pride starts at Douglass High! Our Optional program propels students to graduation and success beyond.



Douglass High is the catalyst that transforms all stakeholders into life-long learners and community builders. Our program develops scholars and leaders and introduces them to community engagement.

Points of Pride

- Our Optional students benefit from a number of unique activities designed to expose them to real world situations and enhance their overall education.
- Our stakeholders are community leaders who offer internships and job shadowing experiences for our students.
- Our Optional students represent more than 15 countries. We promote a culture of pride and representation for our diverse student population.

Academics

- We set high academic standards for our students, and our goals are met through hands-on, expert instruction.
- We have expanded our course offerings to include more fine arts and technology.
- Our students have the opportunity to enroll in honors, dual enrollment, statewide dual credit, and Advanced Placement courses.

Activities

- We offer a vast selection of programs, clubs, and opportunities to promote social and emotional learning.
- The Douglass JROTC Battalion consistently ranks among the top JROTC programs in Shelby County.
- Our orchestra benefits from a partnership with Memphis Music Initiative, connecting students to the larger Memphis music community.
- Our athletic teams consistently compete in regional and state level competitions.

Douglass High School (9-12)
Public Service and Communication Arts

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schools.scsk12.org/frederickdouglass-hs

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Douglass K8's public service and communication arts program integrates community involvement and communication technologies. This enables students to effectively communicate orally, in writing, and through multimedia formats.



Our program highlights pertinent skills and abilities necessary to be college and career ready. We develop productive researchers, skilled organizers, and persuasive writers.

Points of Pride

- Our orchestra has received Superior and Excellent ratings for solo and ensemble performances.
- Exemplifying public service, our compassionate students play an integral role in Douglass community service campaigns.
- Many of our highly qualified teachers hold advanced degrees, and several are National Board Certified.
- Our Optional students benefit from unique clubs designed to expose them to real-world situations and enhance their overall education.

Academics

- Our STEM program promotes problem-solving in real-world situations.
- The CLUE program is available for eligible students.
- Our communication arts program highlights pertinent skills and abilities necessary for college and career readiness.
- Douglass K8 believes in nurturing the whole child; therefore, we provide myriad extracurricular activities that allow all students the opportunity to explore their interests.

Activities

- National Junior Honor Society and Beta Club
- Debate team
- Orchestra
- Athletics: cheer, volleyball, soccer, basketball, football, and track
- Yearbook and school newsletter

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Douglass School (K-8)

Public Service and Communication Arts



Downtown Elementary provides a multi-faceted Optional program that inspires children to pursue and achieve their fullest potential in efforts to compete globally in the 21st century.



Our students learn from local politicians, professors, doctors, architects, and business leaders who work Downtown and partner with our school. Our students are using state-of-the-art technology every day in our classrooms.

Points of Pride

- Our parents and community groups support us by volunteering to mentor students, tutor, participate as Watch D.O.G. Dads, and by serving on our Site-Based Decision Making Committee.
- Several of our dedicated staff members have received grants for technology and learning materials to extend and enrich learning beyond student textbooks.
- We have an exceptional Orff music program that participates in ChoirFest, Side by Side with the Memphis Symphony Orchestra, and various school programs.
- Our students consistently place in local art competitions.
- We are a National Junior Beta Club School of Distinction.
- The majority of our teachers hold advanced degrees, and several are National Board Certified.

Academics

- Optional students attend enriched classes in language arts, math, science, social studies, and technology.
- The CLUE program is available for eligible Pre-K through 5th grade students.
- Our Optional curriculum is designed to maximize learning experiences and enhance the academic and social development of our students.
- Optional classes feature challenging and creative activities that require students to utilize higher-level thinking skills.
- Technology is integrated daily into our academic programs to ensure students can compete globally in the 21st century.
- Students engage in quarterly field trips that focus on our social studies theme.

Activities

- National Junior Beta Club
- Student council and student advisory committee
- Arts program (chorus)
- STEM club with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- School adopters include St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, the office of Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris, Lights of Glory International Church, C-Fire, and the Mary Small Chapter 70 Order of the Eastern Star.

Enriched Academics / Social Studies

Downtown Elementary School (1-5)

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schools.scsk12.org/downtown-es

(901) 416-8400 | 10 North Fourth St., Memphis, TN 38108



Fueled by prominent business, university, and community partners, we offer world-class STEM instruction along with exciting internships and experiences in Memphis' globally renowned, tech-driven transportation industry.



Our rigorous program emphasizes STEM career opportunities, prepares students for post-secondary education and careers, and maintains a special focus on local needs and opportunities.

Points of Pride

- The only fully Optional high school in MSCS
- Designated a Tennessee STEM school in 2021
- 2022 Level 5 TVAAS school
- Newly renovated, state-of-the-art STEM facility with advanced technology to support student success and learning
- Students engage in practical experiences provided by members of the transportation and STEM workforce.
- We partner with the University of Memphis, FedEx, West Tennessee STEM Hub, Cummins, the City of Memphis, Southeast Transportation Workforce Center, Southwest-Aviation, AutoZone, the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals, Workforce Investment Network, and the Institute of Transportation Engineers.

Academics

- Course offerings include AP, Honors, STEM, and dual enrollment for all students in grades 9-12.
- All incoming students are enrolled in at least one STEM course.
- The FedEx Flight Academy simulator lab helps prepare students to earn a private pilot's license.
- Aviation students who qualify may enroll in dual enrollment Aviation Flight I and II classes with Southwest Tennessee Community College. The majority of the instruction takes place at East with a certified aviation instructor.
- All classes are taught in an interactive, block-scheduling environment.
- During Genius Monday, students experience field trip opportunities where they are able to observe and apply concepts learned.
- Juniors and seniors with a 19+ ACT composite may take dual enrollment classes on the campus of U of M, including Biology I and II, College Algebra, Calculus, and U.S. History I and II.

Activities

- Peer Power tutoring and mentoring is facilitated by area college students and offered to all students.
- Our monthly CEO speaker series features prominent regional executives.
- Our athletics department offers competitive opportunities in a number of sports, including football, soccer, volleyball, and basketball.
- Job shadowing and unique internships are offered through our partnerships.

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schools.scsk12.org/east-hs

(901) 416-6200 | 3206 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38111

East High School (9-12)

T-STEM / College Preparatory



Our Diesel Technology program affords students the opportunity to strengthen the Memphis workforce by graduating high school with industry certifications recognized by governments, markets, and trade groups.



With 17 sites in 11 countries, Cummins has chosen East High as its North American site for the Technical Education for Communities (TEC) Program!

East High School (9-12)
Diesel Technology

Points of Pride

- Students gain the hands-on experience of a technical career college.
- Integral to TEC's implementation and success are coalitions of industry partners, which work together with our education partner, Tennessee College of Applied Technology, and industries to provide students with needed workplace experiences.
- The TEC program is a global initiative that targets the technical skills gap through partnerships with education programs.
- TEC delivers a standardized education program and set of tools to help East High work with its industry and education partners to develop market-relevant curriculum, teacher training, career guidance, and the practical experience needed by students.

Academics

- TEC's Five Element Framework helps East High fill the gaps in current technical offerings to students through these five elements:
 - Market-relevant skills: Students are prepared for what the Memphis workforce needs.
 - Quality curriculum: Students receive lessons and training for Memphis-relevant occupations.
 - Effective teachers: Teachers learn the technical and practical use of equipment and tools.
 - Career guidance: Students receive help to identify the right career.
 - Workplace learning: Students learn from hands-on training internships through industry partners.

Activities

- Diesel industry partners provide quality, hands-on experiences and equipment.
- Training on interpersonal communications and problem solving
- Workplace learning such as internships, apprenticeships, and job shadowing

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"The Optional Program is a great opportunity to expand MSCS students' knowledge. There are many great and different areas to focus in, anything from STEAM, language and fine arts."



"MSCS Optional Department, teachers and staff are always there to answer parent questions and concerns."

Optional Schools Parent

The mission of John P. Freeman Optional School is to empower our students to be leaders, innovators, scholars, and creative problem-solvers.



We strive to build effective relationships, a growth mindset, and rigorous instructional practices that will yield the highest possible academic achievement and growth needed for our students to succeed globally.

Points of Pride

- Strong parental and community support
- 2022 Tennessee STEM School Designation
- Home of the Tennessee 2022 Teacher of the Year
- Ranked among the state's top 5% for student performance since 2013
- National Title 1 Distinguished School for academic achievement
- 2022 Amazon School & Future Engineer Teacher of the Year
- 2016 and 2018 National Blue Ribbon Award School
- Winner of multiple District and city athletic championships

Academics

- Located in the heart of Whitehaven, our award-winning Optional program consistently exceeds state standards for academic achievement and growth.
- Teachers with advanced degrees and National Board Certification lead our school.
- Our enriched academics, college preparatory, and STEM programs prepare students to compete globally.
- The CLUE program is available for eligible students in grades 1-8.

Activities

- We offer a variety of stimulating clubs, programs, and extracurricular and cultural activities to expand academic and social development beyond the school day, including:
 - ◊ Visual arts club, debate club, Spanish club, and STEM robotics
 - ◊ National Elementary Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, student council
 - ◊ Competitive varsity and elementary cheer
 - ◊ Orchestra, band, vocal music, and piano
 - ◊ Gentlemen's League and R.U.B.I.E.S. Club for Girls

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Enriched Academics (elementary) / College Preparatory (middle)

John P. Freeman School (1-8)



Our program challenges students while preparing them for the real world.



Through creative, collaborative, and challenging academics, our students achieve at the highest level. We empower students to be independent thinkers, responsible citizens, and community leaders.

Points of Pride

- Winner of a multi-year Big Green grant, which supports outdoor learning
- Recipient of a 2022 Burroughs Foundation grant, which supports STEM activities
- We host multiple cultural activities throughout the year, including performances celebrating the Memphis in May country.
- Our CLUE Teacher was named 2022 Germantown Kiwanis Club Teacher of the Year.
- Our students and families are committed to ending childhood cancer, collectively raising a total of over \$18,000 for the children at St. Jude since 2016.
- 2022 Best of Show winner at the Mid-South Fair Youth Art Contest

Academics

- We offer enriched academics for higher-level learners in grades 1-5 and the CLUE gifted program for eligible students in K-5.
- Students learn to appreciate the global community by participating in an extensive study of different countries in every grade.
- Students participate in a conversational French class once a week to build self-confidence, enhance overall academic performance, and expand future career opportunities.
- All students participate in quarterly international projects, field trips, and field experiences to enhance their academics, develop presentation skills, and prepare them as leaders in the world.

Activities

- Our students are actively involved in community service events, such as the St. Jude's Walk/Run, the Mitten Tree/Coat Drive, and events that support March of Dimes, Midsouth Food Bank, and Kids Kan.
- We participate with the Memphis Symphony Orchestra in their side-by-side concert series.
- We partner with Big Green to educate students on the importance of gardening.
- Activities such as Literacy Night, Math and Science Night, Holidays Around the World, and our year-end International Festival build and nurture strong relationships with our families.
- Participants in All-City and the Memphis Grizzlies She Can Combine event
- Before and afterschool clubs include piano club, guitar club, chorus, the St. Jude STEM Club, jog club, Beta Club, Kiwanis K-Kids, art club, book club, and Boy Scouts.
- Students in grades 3-5 participate in the Scripps Spelling Bee.

Come See What We Have To Offer!



schools.scsk12.org/germantown-es

(901) 416-9183 | 2730 Cross Country Dr., Germantown, TN 38138

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme at Germantown High School teaches students to believe that their ideas, solutions, and contributions make a difference in the global community.



We celebrate diversity of thought in our International Baccalaureate program through ethical and intellectual development.

Points of Pride

- We are one of only two public high schools in West Tennessee to offer the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme.
- Opening its doors in 1910, GHS is located on a 22-acre campus with 10 academic buildings and gymnasiums.
- GHS seniors earned acceptance to nearly 400 different colleges and universities and were awarded more than \$70 million in scholarships.

Academics

- Our International Baccalaureate program fosters inquiry, critical thinking, and integrity through civil dialogue about global issues.
- We offer more than 100 Honors, AP, dual enrollment, statewide dual credit, and IB classes.
- IB is a rigorous, internationally recognized program of study.
- All IB teachers are certified by IBO (International Baccalaureate Organization).
- GHS is the only school in the District to offer Japanese as a foreign language course of study.

Activities

- IB students create their own community service programs as part of their program of study.
- Our student government association welcomes all students to join and participate in the planning of student activities including homecoming, Make-a-Wish fundraising, and the job and career fair.
- GHS offers a variety of sports including football, basketball, tennis, baseball, swimming, track, majorettes, and cheer.
- Our JROTC program develops students who have leadership skills and desire to be better citizens.
- GHS has more than 75 student clubs and organizations, including Model UN, mock trial, student congress, Bridge Builders, Knowledge Bowl, K-Pop club, anime club, international club, and multiple honor societies.

International Baccalaureate

Germantown High School (9-12)

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(901) 416-2604 | 7653 Old Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN 38138



Germantown High School (9-12)

Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA)

Our nationally recognized CAPA program gives students college-level training in an unmatched professional setting. GHS offers six fine arts disciplines: band, choral music, film and video, orchestra, theatre arts, and visual art.



Our students consistently earn state and national honors for all forms of artistic expression. Our teachers have real-world experience in the discipline they teach.

Points of Pride

- GHS is home to our on-campus, multi-million-dollar television studio, GHS-TV. Each year, students are recognized by the National Association of Television Arts and Sciences, both regionally and nationally, with Student Production Awards. These awards are the equivalent of an Emmy for high school students.
- GHS-TV has been named the Best Educational Station in the nation an unprecedented 17 times, more than any other station in the nation.
- The GHS choral department offers a chamber choir, chorale, women's choir, and an a cappella group, AcaDevels.
- The GHS Red Devil Band participates in band competitions throughout the region.
- The Poplar Pike Playhouse, our on-campus theatre, provides two main-stage performances during the year and is recognized more than any other MSCS school at the yearly High School Musical Theatre Awards sponsored by the Orpheum Theatre.
- The GHS visual art program consistently offers professional-level student work, which is recognized locally as well as nationally.

Academics

- Students are afforded the opportunity to produce a daily live broadcast in our communication and broadcasting studio.
- Students have performance and exhibition opportunities in all areas of the arts.
- Students in the theatre and film and video classes enjoy workshop opportunities each year with professionals in the field.
- Many of our teachers are also alumni!

Activities

- GHS has an active student government association, which offers ways to get involved in school and fun activities for the student body to express school spirit.
- GHS offers a variety of sports, including football, basketball, tennis, baseball, swimming, track, majorettes, and cheer. Students are recognized and recruited for their efforts.
- GHS offers an annual international festival with multicultural exhibitions of art, food, dance, and demonstrations.
- GHS offers more than 75 clubs and organizations where each student can explore their interests and find their place.

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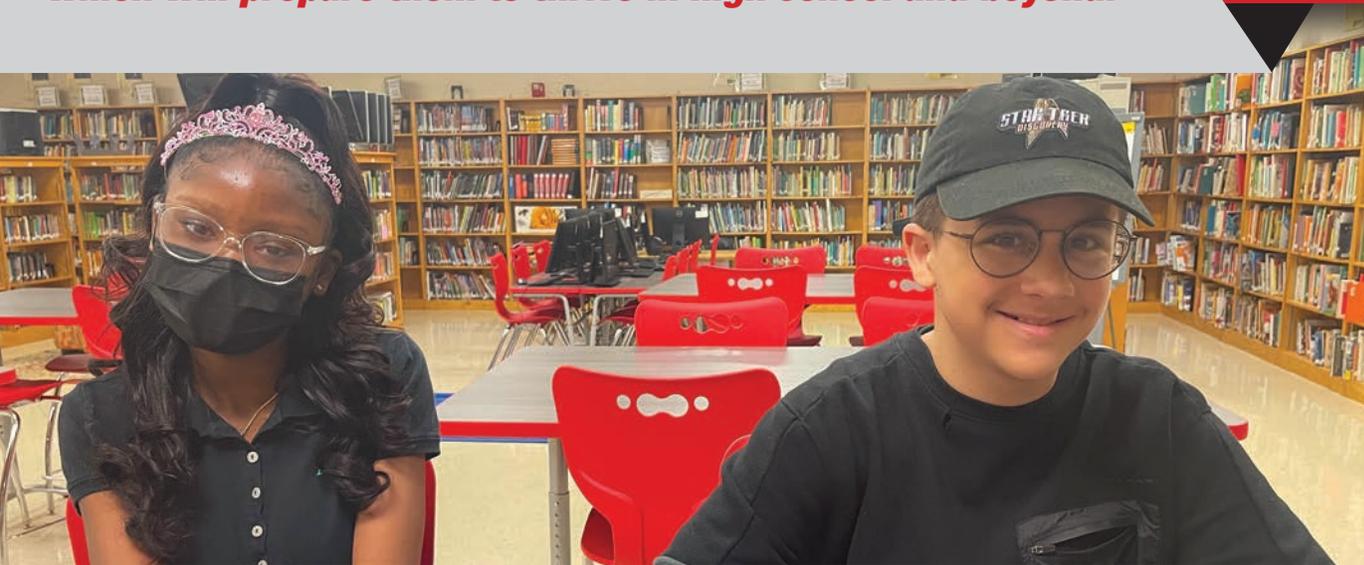


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Our Optional program prepares students to be critical thinkers, which will prepare them to thrive in high school and beyond.



Our culture of high expectations, diversity, and collaboration is bolstered by incredible support from our parents and community. Our students learn to become ethical and respectful leaders who can thrive in a global society.

Points of Pride

- Composite Level 4 School based on most recent TNReady results
- The Mighty Red Devil Band competes and wins in local and state competitions.
- STEM students compete annually at the University of Memphis E-Day
- Diverse student body

Academics

- Our college preparatory program prepares students to be successful in high school and beyond.
- Students are offered a variety of challenging courses, such as Honors level core subjects, French and Spanish, STEM classes, and Algebra I.
- The CLUE program is available for eligible students.
- Our curriculum emphasizes character education that embodies the characteristics of GMS Pride: Prepared, Respectful, Integrity, Disciplined, and Excellence.

Activities

- National Spelling Bee and STEM activities
- National Junior Honor Society and Beta Club
- Battle of the Books
- Student council
- Garden club
- Entrepreneurship club
- Team sports: football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, track and field, baseball, and softball

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schools.scsk12.org/germantown-ms

(901) 416-0950 | 7925 C.D. Smith Rd., Germantown, TN 38138

College Preparatory

Germantown Middle School (6-8)



Our enriched academics Optional Program is the gold standard for excellence in education.



We serve a remarkably diverse student population. Our program meets each child's unique educational needs by utilizing a hands-on approach where the entire community serves as a laboratory for students to explore.

Points of Pride

- 2021-22 Reward school, as designated by the Tennessee Department of Education. Reward schools typically demonstrate high levels of performance and/or growth across all indicators.
- MSCS Principal of the Year
- MSCS first ever District-wide Spelling Bee Champion 2019
- Culturally diverse programs throughout the school year
- Only Tennessee elementary school invited to "Flip the Switch Day" for solar power in Jackson, TN, for Clearloop Corporation.

Academics

- Rigorous academics using hands-on exploratory and discovery learning methods
- 73% of our staff hold advanced degrees
- National Junior Beta Club School Distinction from 2013 to present
- CLUE classes for eligible students in Pre-K through 5
- Science and STEAM labs

Activities

- Music Clubs: Guitar, Orff, advanced recorder, class piano, orchestra, and choir
- Afterschool Clubs: art club, St. Jude STEM Club, Perfect Pearls Etiquette & Mentoring Club, Girl Scouts, and Cub Scouts
- Sport Clubs: Soccer Shots, cheerleading, yoga, and basketball
- Other: International Festival, ESL Night, Mardi Gras Parade, Jump Rope for Heart, and raised garden beds

Come See What We Have To Offer!



schools.scsk12.org/grahamwood-es

(901) 416-5993 | 3950 Summer Ave., Memphis, TN 38122



We are committed to providing all scholars with exceptional learning opportunities that empower, engage, and inspire them to become college and career ready citizens in our global 21st century.



Our scholars achieve and place in state and national STEM competitions. We are the only middle school that offers a year-round equestrian opportunity for students through their senior year of high school.

Points of Pride

- Our STEAM Club Students participate and compete in the following:
 - University of Memphis E-Day,
 - VEX IQ Robotics: 2020 Design Award Champions,
 - HOSA-Future Health Professionals: All participating students are CPR certified and have placed 1st and 2nd in 2022 state competitions, and
 - Technology Student Association: 1st and 2nd place in 2021 and 2022 local, state, and national competitions.
- Through a partnership with the Southern Blues Equestrian Center, we offer year-round riding lessons to our students through their senior year of high school.
- Our adopters and community stakeholders provide extended learning opportunities to create a bridge between school and future career opportunities.
- Havenview is the recipient of a 2021 Big Green \$2,000 grant to support outdoor learning.
- We enjoy an awesome STEM partnership with the West Tennessee STEM Hub, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and Code Crew.

Academics

- Students can earn high school credits in Algebra I, Arabic, Chinese, and Russian.
- The CLUE program is available for eligible students.
- Honors and enriched core subjects are available for eligible students.
- Our engaging STEM instruction emphasizes coding, robotics and CTE student certifications in Microsoft Office PowerPoint.

Activities

- Vocal music, orchestra, performing band, and class keyboarding
- Student leadership opportunities: National Junior Beta Club, Future Business Leaders of America, Tri-M Music Honor Society, and Skills USA
- STEM-focused clubs: Technology Student Association, HOSA-Future Health Professionals, aquaponics club, learning garden, and tech experts
- 12 sports, including BridgeUp GiddyUp (equestrian), football, volleyball, basketball, track, pom, cheerleading, softball, baseball, and rugby

Come See What We Have To Offer!



schools.scsk12.org/havenview-ms

(901) 416-3521 | 1481 Hester Rd., Memphis, TN 38116

Havenview Middle School (6-8)
Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM)



**Guided by our motto, "Children First, EXCELLENCE Always."
Idlewild students excel in science and technology.**



Since 1903, Idlewild Elementary has empowered learners, developed leaders, and celebrated diversity through a student-centered approach. Our holistic, differentiated, and rigorous methodology to teaching and learning develops every student's talents, intellect, creativity, and character.

Points of Pride

- Idlewild was designated a 2021-22 Reward school by the Tennessee Department of Education. *Reward schools typically demonstrate high levels of performance and/or growth across all indicators.*
- Recipient of the Superintendent Innovate Grant for Environmental Science in 2021-22
- School won the Levy Rozman National Chess Scholarship in 2021-22.
- 2021-22 State of Tennessee Rising Star Award winner
- 2021-22 Robotics Coach of the Year
- We raised more than \$33,000 and \$13,000 for Kids Heart Challenge and Go Jim Go as community fundraisers in 2021-22.
- At Idlewild Elementary, every child has the opportunity to engage in Optional programming through science lab and technology.
- Our talented and inspiring teachers, including five who are National Board-Certified, instill confidence in students to be creative and critical thinkers.
- Our active and involved PTO gives parents and teachers the opportunity to work together to enrich the educational experience for all students.

Academics

- Academically gifted students (more than 140) have access to the CLUE program.
- Our school adopters provided more than 670 hours of service learning to our students.
- More than 92% of teachers achieved a level-of-effectiveness score that was above average from the State of Tennessee during the 2021-22 school year.

Activities

- Weekly science lab and technology lab experiences for all students
- Chess Club with a competitive team
- Recorder Ensemble and Choral Ensemble
- Student Council
- STEAM Club, Competitive Robotics Team, and Competitive Math Team
- Run Club
- Vinyl Club
- Conservation Club
- Junior Beta Club
- Garden Club
- Book Club
- Newspaper Club
- Camp Invention
- Enrichment and tutoring

Come See What We Have To Offer!



schools.scsk12.org/idlewild-es

(901) 416-4566 | 1950 Linden Ave., Memphis, TN 38104



Keystone Elementary's Optional focus is SET: Science, Engineering, and Technology! Ready ... SET ... go!



Our Cougars engage in 21st century learning that encompasses science, engineering, and technology concepts to prepare students to be college- and career-ready.

Points of Pride

- Nationally recognized environmental studies and outdoor classroom program
- Designated SCS Green School for focus on energy conservation
- Recognized by the City of Memphis and the Memphis City Beautiful Commission as a Litter Free School
- Partnership with For The Kingdom's Feed The Block program to address food deserts and food insecurity in Raleigh

Academics

- Caring and dedicated teachers who support academic, emotional, social, and physical growth for all students
- School-wide educational focus on Science, Engineering, and Technology (SET)
- Full-time technology teacher who provides Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, coding, and keyboarding instruction for student technology portfolios
- The CLUE program is available for eligible students.
- Two teachers are National Board Certified.

Activities

- Safety Patrol
- Student ambassadors
- SET exhibitions
- Cougar Bucks and Cougar Store
- Partnership with Briarcrest School for tutoring and BookNook
- Extracurricular Activities: garden club, Boys II Men, dance team, Diamonds & Pearls, Beta Club, library club, and healthy choice club

Come See What We Have To Offer!



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(901) 416-3924 | 4301 Old Allen Rd., Memphis, TN 38128

Keystone Elementary School (1-5)
Science, Engineering, and Technology



Our global health studies Optional program prepares a diverse student population for 21st century healthcare by informing, engaging, educating, and empowering students to advocate for the healthcare of all people and their communities.



Scholars can earn the following industry certifications: Basic Life Support, Certified Nursing Assistant, OSHA 10 General Industry, and CPR/First Aid.

Points of Pride

- All 12th grade scholars participate in Gear Up Career Exploration.
- We are diverse! Twenty-three different ethnic groups are represented in our learning community.
- We offer AP, statewide dual credit, and dual enrollment. Topics include physiology and anatomy, health science, medical therapeutics, and nursing education.
- We teach and prioritize integrity, objectivity, professional competence, professional behavior, and confidentiality.

Academics

- The global health studies program areas of focus are:
 - Strategies for effective, equitable healthcare delivery,
 - Decision-making skills in the context of politics, economics, and health,
 - Managing human resources for health,
 - Public-private partnerships, collaboration, and stakeholder alignment,
 - Leadership and management strategies, and
 - Prediction and scenario planning.
- Now offering a new, dual-enrollment Global and Public Health program with the University of Memphis for qualifying juniors and seniors. Classes range from Population Health and Society to Public Health in Action. Students in the program will earn high school and college credit, giving them a jump start on their college careers and paving the way for a college major in global and public health!
- Scholars leave high school as Ready Graduates from our four-year program having benefited from advanced/college prep coursework and equipped with employable skills and required industry certifications that most acquire during their post-secondary education.

Activities

- Our fine arts program includes orchestra, band, choir, vocal music, and piano.
- Scholars can choose from 10 team sports: football, basketball, volleyball, swimming, soccer, cheerleading, softball, golf, tennis, wrestling, and baseball.
- Many of our teams advance to regional and state tournaments.

Come See What We Have To Offer!



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(901) 416-6060 | 1270 N. Graham, Memphis, TN 38122



As an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, our students are taught to believe their ideas, solutions, and contributions can and will make a difference in a global community.



We develop lifelong learners who solve real-world problems, collaborate with peers, respect diversity, and inspire others.

Points of Pride

- Caring and diverse student population, which enhances our world perspective
- Authorized International Baccalaureate World School Primary Years Programme (PYP)
- Greenhouse and Big Green effort to incorporate environmental sustainability
- Computer science partnership with the Amazon Future Engineer BootUp coding program
- School-wide action cycles to donate and help others in our community and world

Academics

- All of our K-5 students receive Mandarin Chinese instruction.
- Students use inquiry-based strategies to research concepts within transdisciplinary units of study.
- Fifth-grade students research and explore topics to change or enhance our community through their PYP culminating exhibition experience.
- Daily incorporation of IB learner profile attributes like *knowledgeable*, *risk-taker*, and *thinker* showcase students' natural curiosity.
- Students are encouraged to reflect and act on their learning experiences at school and at home.

Activities

- Monthly PYP and cultural assembly
- Weekly *impressive behavior* recognition
- Student clubs: visual art, garden, choir, and STEM
- Student ambassador and student media team
- Amazon Future Engineer BootUp coding program
- Monthly parent and family engagement activities

Come See What We Have To Offer!



schools.scsk12.org/oakforest-es

(901) 416-1410 | 7440 Nonconnah View Cv., Memphis, TN 38119

International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme

Oak Forest Elementary School (1-5)



Overton High has been producing stars in the classroom and on the stage in Memphis and Shelby County since 1959!



Our classrooms not only inspire creativity and expression at the highest levels, but also personal confidence and academic excellence.

Points of Pride

- Our CAPA Choir received first place superior finish at Music In The Park Atlanta, as well as a superior rating in sight-reading at the West Tennessee Vocal Music Educators Association (WTVMEA) Festival. More than 20 students were chosen for WTVMEA's All-Southwest Honor Choir.
- The Overton visual art department earned three Gold Keys and two Silver Keys in the 2021-22 Scholastic Arts and Writing competition.
- Student artwork has received national recognition, including being showcased in the office of a Tennessee Congressman in Washington, D.C.
- We have students who receive the highest score (5) on their AP art studio portfolios.
- The work of one of our creative writing students was recently published in the Blue Marble Review literary magazine.
- The Overton Jazz Band received superior rating at the West Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association (WTSBOA) Jazz Festival.
- More than 20 students auditioned and were selected for the All-West Band.
- One of our CAPA dance students received the highest academic honor as the valedictorian of the Class of 2022.
- We partner with the University of Mississippi Symphonic Orchestra to host a joint concert.

Academics

- Students have access to 12 Advanced Placement (AP) courses, five statewide dual credit courses, 61 honors courses, and four dual enrollment courses to prepare them for college success.
- Our Optional students receive an additional hour of instruction beyond the regular school day to develop and practice their individual programs of study.
- Our Optional students have a strong record of academic performance in the classroom that matches their exceptional performance on the stage.

Activities

- An on-site recording studio is available to all aspiring artists at no cost.
- Overton student life includes opportunities to participate in more than 40 academic, athletic, and extracurricular organizations.
- Cultural diversity is celebrated through performances, activities, and guest speakers.
- Collaboration is encouraged among CAPA programs to complete creative performances.
- CAPA students participate in numerous community service projects that support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, LeBonheur Children's Hospital, and other important causes.
- CAPA dance students mentor middle and elementary students throughout the year.
- CAPA theatre students frequently perform at District public events.

Come See What We Have To Offer!



schools.scsk12.org/overton-hs

(901) 416-2136 | 1770 Lanier Ln., Memphis, TN 38117

Overton High School (9-12)

Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA)



Our program brings global learning to our Midtown community!



We are an international studies school that empowers students to grow through rigorous instruction and project-based learning. Our students develop global awareness while building a strong foundation for learning.

Points of Pride

- Our students consistently place in national and local art competitions.
- Our active parent/community group supports Accelerated Reader, volunteer tutoring, a community garden, Watch D.O.G. Dads, and a site-based decision-making committee.
- Peabody students participate in community awareness activities, such as Go Jim Go! for LeBonheur, the World Literacy Foundation's International Literacy Day, and activities in support of Alzheimer's and Dementia Services and the American Heart Association.
- Peabody received \$500 from the District's Fight Free Campaign.

Academics

- Each grade level is immersed in an in-depth study of five different countries.
- Academically gifted students have access to the CLUE program.
- Peabody was designated a Level 5 2021-22 Reward school by the Tennessee Department of Education. *Reward schools typically demonstrate high levels of performance and/or growth across all indicators.*
- Students engage in International Studies-themed projects, field trips, a mid-year carnival, year-end festival, and they learn a world language, such as Russian.
- Peabody is a Responsive Classroom school, which focuses on students excelling academically and socially.

Activities

- We offer 15 teacher-led afterschool clubs that foster positive peer interactions.
- Students plant, harvest, and care for our Learning Garden.
- Our choir and dance ensembles focus on national and international genres of song and dance.
- Students engage in international studies-themed projects and field trips, a mid-year carnival, and a year-end festival.

Come See What We Have To Offer!



schools.scsk12.org/peabody-es

(901) 416-8862 | 2086 Young Ave., Memphis, TN 38104

Enriched Academics / International Studies

Peabody Elementary School (1-5)



In this, our 50th year, Ridgeway High School continues to uphold a rich tradition of success!



As an International Baccalaureate World School, we provide students with a rigorous, world-class, college preparatory education to help propel them along their journey of success after graduation.

Points of Pride

- We are one of only three high schools in West Tennessee to offer the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme.
- Every IB senior the last four years received scholarship offers to college, including five QuestBridge full scholarships, two Posse full scholarships, and many other full-tuition scholarships.
- Our IB students benefit from small class sizes and a family-oriented environment at Ridgeway High School.
- Our IB students consistently excel and win in competitions such as the Orpheum Theatre High School Awards, All-West music competitions, choir competitions, and the Mid-South Scholastic Art Awards.
- IB students are well-rounded individuals who often contribute to community service projects and get involved in all aspects of our school community, including sports and cheer, the arts, and student government.

Academics

- IB is a rigorous, internationally recognized program of study.
- IB students can earn college credit from the scores on their End of Course IB assessments in English, Math, Biology, History, and Spanish.
- To prepare our freshmen and sophomores for the rigor of the IB courses, we offer more than 40 Honors and AP courses.
- IB courses span a two-year period to ensure that students are given time to become immersed in the content.

Activities

- We promote the arts with many programs: visual arts, theater, band, orchestra, and choir.
- Our athletics program excels in all sports and produces state champions, as well as collegiate and professional players.
- We offer many sports, including football, basketball, softball, baseball, track, golf, tennis, cheer, soccer, bowling, and volleyball.
- IB students regularly participate in community building activities in school and in the greater community around us: Best Buddies, Bridges, Ridgeway's Clothes Closet, student council, church programs, and school programs.

Come See What We Have To Offer!



schools.scsk12.org/ridgeway-hs

(901) 416-1802 | 2009 Ridgeway Rd., Memphis, TN 38119

Ridgeway High School (9-12)

International Baccalaureate World School



As an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, our students are taught to believe their ideas, solutions, and contributions can and will make a difference in a global community.



Our International Baccalaureate Programme is the only public IB opportunity for middle school students in West Tennessee.

Points of Pride

- Our students are principled, global, critical-thinkers, and reflective risk-takers. Every day we are helping to shape lifelong learners who are ready to become leaders in our global society.
- Our IB coursework sparks a global awareness, preparing students for success in the rigorous IB high school program.
- The IB curriculum is integrated across all subjects, including world languages and the arts.
- Our STEM students participate and place in the following competitions and events: E-Day Egg Design, K'Nex Bridge Build, MLGW A-Blazing Race Competition, the University of Memphis E-Day, and Science Olympiad.
- Our school's success rate has continued to demonstrate our commitment to student achievement.

Academics

- Students are actively engaged and challenged to be inquirers, as they acquire knowledge and gain valuable learning experiences.
- The CLUE program is available for eligible students.
- Our teachers work cooperatively to help students develop problem-solving and decision-making skills through global, project-based instruction.
- We offer Algebra I, Physical Science, and Spanish for high school credit.
- Our STEM class and technology lab bring learning to life through hands-on interactive simulations.
- An afterschool tutoring program is available for students.

Activities

- Rugby, football, volleyball, track, soccer, basketball, cheer, and dance
- STEM program, visual arts, band, and choir
- National Junior Honor Society, Beta Club, and Student Government Association
- Academic competitions and more than 21 school-wide club/mentoring programs
- Ongoing community service projects for all students
- Summer Bridge Program for 6th grade scholars

Come See What We Have To Offer!



schools.scsk12.org/ridgeway-ms

(901) 416-1575 | 6333 Quince Rd., Memphis, TN 38119

International Baccalaureate

Ridgeway Middle School (6-8)



Riverwood Elementary School (1-5)

Environmental Science and Community Service

Located on a 30-acre natural wildlife habitat, our students learn to value their environment and community.



We focus on science, service, and enriched academics through hands-on learning; caring, highly qualified teachers; and a safe environment. Our unique learning environments include an outdoor community garden, an outdoor classroom, hydroponic growing towers, a woodland path, a butterfly garden, and a science laboratory.

Points of Pride

- Riverwood has been designated a certified wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Federation.
- Riverwood is the recipient of a MSCS Community Adopters of the Year award.
- Students and classes place annually in the city-wide Science Fair; student artwork is featured throughout the city, and student projects have won eight consecutive Memphis City Beautiful awards.
- Our kitchen community garden provides students with hands-on connections to the foods we grow, harvest, and eat.

Academics

- Riverwood's Optional students consistently outperform the District and state on standardized testing.
- Our responsive classroom philosophy emphasizes social, emotional, and academic growth to facilitate optimal student learning. We create a culture of caring, responsibility, and self-motivation for students, staff, and families.
- The CLUE program is available for eligible students.
- Students experience hands-on, authentic learning while conducting investigations in our gardens, woodland path, and science laboratory.
- Our young scholars acquire foreign language skills.

Activities

- Riverwood's woodland path winds through 3 acres of natural habitat. Students investigate, protect, and foster the continued growth of native plants and animals.
- Students engage in a variety of school-wide and classroom community service projects. Participation in these efforts grows a sense of community consciousness among students, parents, and staff.
- Students enjoy an in-depth exploration of various heritages and cultures, which is showcased at a Community Night of Heritage Celebrations.
- Students participate in a variety of club activities; chess, choir, art, strings, stem, 4-H, Beta, student council, and STEM to develop knowledge, leadership skills, and expand social and emotional development.

Come See What We Have To Offer!



schools.scsk12.org/riverwood-es

(901) 416-2310 | 1330 Stern Ln., Memphis, TN 38016



We offer several disciplines of the creative and performing arts: dance, music, theater, visual art, and strings. Our creative and performing arts program is nationally recognized for exemplary performances.



Starting in kindergarten, our students are gaining the skills and knowledge they will need to navigate a dynamic world.

Points of Pride

- Rozelle offers a unique “Superstar” culture that enables students to flourish as artists and scholars in a creative and nurturing environment. Students are surrounded by like-minded, motivated peers and supportive faculty.
- We are launching a new space and rocket science program, along with robotics to promote STEM and rigorous learning activities.
- We have demonstrated significant academic growth over the past few years.
- In 2022, Rozelle was designated a Level 5 Reward school by the Tennessee Department of Education for academic growth.
- Rozelle has developed tremendous community partnerships and was selected as a 2022 NBA Cares project school with the Memphis Grizzlies.

Academics

- Award-winning performing arts department
- Students are taught how to code through both self-paced, game-like courses (Tynker coding platform) and our teacher-led private online classes.
- Teachers receive one and a half hours in professional learning weekly and two hours in arts integration monthly.
- We offer tutoring to our students two days a week and one Saturday per month.
- The CLUE program is available for eligible students.

Activities

- The Dance Repertory Ensemble has won various recognitions at regional and local competitions.
- The Showstoppers Chorus has performed at local, state, and national levels, including at the White House, United Nations, and with the Memphis Symphony Orchestra.
- Our drama troupe recorded and broadcasted with local radio and cable TV stations.
- Our Art Production Company students received numerous grants and funding to support a digital learning environment.
- National Junior Beta Club

Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA)

Rozelle Elementary School (K-5)

Come See What We Have To Offer!



schools.scsk12.org/rozelle-es

(901)416-4612 | 993 Roland, Memphis, TN 38114



We offer an extensive enriched academics Optional program with a focus on arts integration.



Our students are equipped and inspired to become lifelong learners by engaging in hands-on learning and academic enrichment through visual and performing arts.

Points of Pride

- We are nestled deep in the heart of Sherwood Forest where our Ace Archers target EXCELLENCE in all that we do!
- Our students benefit from strong parental and community involvement relationships that support student success.
- We employ advanced technology that enables students to approach learning in a variety of ways.
- We are conveniently located near the University of Memphis area and offer a safe and nurturing environment.

Academics

- Academically gifted students have access to the CLUE program.
- A creative learning environment stimulates academic growth for all students.
- Students are encouraged to experiment, explore knowledge, and express themselves creatively.
- Resources help our students become reflective thinkers, problem-solvers, and active learners.

Activities

- Choir and Orff Music All-City participants
- School and community events promote social emotional learning.
- Dance, drama, art, and other clubs and extracurricular activities
- Youth Career Awareness Programs

Come See What We Have To Offer!



schools.scsk12.org/sherwood-es

(901) 416-4864 | 1156 Robin Hood Ln., Memphis, TN 38111

We are Maxine Smith STEAM Academy—the No. 1 achieving middle school in the District in math, reading, science, and social studies!



The world is a better place because your child was born. We recognize and celebrate your child's talents, abilities, and individuality! Located in the heart of Memphis!

Points of Pride

- National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
- One of the first middle schools in Tennessee to achieve STEM Designation status from the Tennessee Department of Education in 2018.
- Our students have earned awards in local robotics competitions, as well as placing in local, state, and national Technology Student Association (TSA) competitions.
- Collaborations with the Tennessee STEM Innovation Network, the Greater Memphis IT Council, Facing History Innovative Schools Network, Amazon, and the University of Memphis expose students to a variety of opportunities that prepare them for high school and post-secondary learning.

Academics

We prepare students for high school, college, and/or career by emphasizing our KnightsCARE values:

- **Collaboration:** No one is ever alone. We ask for help and offer help when we see others struggle.
- **Attitude:** A positive attitude can make a seemingly impossible task possible. We spread joy wherever we can!
- **Responsibility:** We demonstrate responsibility through our actions, work, and words while meeting daily expectations.
- **Effort:** We try once, twice, 100 times, but we never give up! We celebrate mistakes and use them to overcome difficulties.

Activities

We offer a wide range of activities for our technicians, engineers, and inventors:

- **The Arts:** band, orchestra, dance, theater, choir, media, and visual arts
- **Student Leadership Opportunities:** STEAMBassadors, mentors, recruitment team, Student Council, and Model U.N.
- **Athletics:** baseball, softball, basketball (girls and boys), soccer (girls and boys), volleyball, track, cross-country, and cheerleading
- **Extracurricular Clubs:** film, gamers, newspaper, chess, anime, debate, robotics, culinary, calligraphy, running, and art

Come See What We Have To Offer!



schools.scsk12.org/maxinesmith-ms

(901) 416-4536 | 3 North Holmes St., Memphis, TN 38111

Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics

Maxine Smith STEAM Academy (6-8)



Students from diverse backgrounds are exposed daily to advanced coursework and engaging educational and social experiences that prepare them for success in postsecondary opportunities and the world at large.



Our academic program promotes biliteracy and positive cross-cultural attitudes in an immersive multicultural environment.

Points of Pride

- Numerous local, state, and national awards and recognitions in academics, athletics, and performing and visual arts
- Facing History and Ourselves programming teaches students how to create positive change as citizens in a Democratic society.
- 2022 recipient of new social emotional learning outdoor classroom
- Strong community support and highly involved parents open doors for higher learning, personal growth, and whole-child development at Snowden.
- 1st place winner West Tennessee STEM Hub's Inventor's Competition
- All West Tennessee honorees in choir and band

Academics

- All courses of study include an enriched curriculum for all subjects, complemented by the arts, creative writing, band, choir, Spanish, CTE, STEM, and leadership building.
- High school credit opportunities: Honors Algebra I, Honors Spanish, Honors Physical Science, and Career Technology Exploration
- The CLUE program is available for eligible students in grades K-8.

Activities

- National Junior Honor Society, Junior Beta Club, National Elementary Honor Society, and Student Council are active organizations in our school for students who excel academically.
- Students have opportunities to engage in a variety of activities to enrich their academic experiences and develop leadership skills.
- The arts: band, orchestra, piano, choir, and visual arts
- Athletics: football, cheerleading, volleyball, basketball, soccer, baseball, softball, track
- Clubs: chess, Spanish, drama, game design, film, quiz bowl, yoga, basketball, STEM, journalism
- Student Leadership: Ambassadors, Student Council, Lighthouse, Mentors, Leadership Core, Communications

Come See What We Have To Offer!



schools.scsk12.org/snowden-k8

(901) 416-0257 | 1870 N. Parkway, Memphis, TN 38112

Snowden Optional School (1-8)

Enriched Academics (elementary) / College Preparatory (middle)



Our exploratory learning program provides diverse learning opportunities for students through clubs, STEM ambassadors, and Junior Achievement, while our students explore a variety of STEM careers.



At Springdale, we are preparing our students to be 21st century scholars. Our program exposes students to at least 12 STEM careers by the time they leave us in the 5th grade.

Points of Pride

- One of four schools in the District that received a perfect score in growth for the state's accountability model
- Springdale was designated a 2021-22 Reward school by the Tennessee Department of Education. Reward schools typically demonstrate high levels of performance and/or growth across all indicators.
- Proud to be a Memphis 13 school, one of the first schools integrated by Black children in 1961
- Beautiful outdoor classroom

Academics

- Students participate in a hands-on science lab once a week.
- Students learn about STEM careers, then go on a field trip to see how those careers look in the real world. Each grade level does this twice a year.
- Students complete monthly STEM (engineering design) challenges in the science lab.
- Students are exposed to Project Based Learning activities throughout the year.

Activities

- Thanks to a partnership with Buckman Laboratories, STEM ambassadors from the University of Memphis work with students on robotics and coding.
- Monthly club meetings are based on student interests like STEM, art, tailoring, Pink Panthers, and woodworking.
- A partnership with Memphis Kids in Nature takes students out into nature to observe science concepts outside while also showing them the importance of nature and how we should treat it.
- Springdale has an awesome cheerleader team!
- Our annual STEM career fair brings industry neighbors into the school to discuss careers students can have when they graduate.

Exploratory Learning Program

Springdale-Memphis Magnet Elementary (K-5)

Come See What We Have To Offer!



schools.scsk12.org/springdalememphis-es

(901) 416-4883 | 880 N. Hollywood St., Memphis, TN 38108



We offer a bilingual, biliterate, and multicultural education starting in kindergarten. Our Spanish-English immersion classes provide an enriched academic and linguistic foundation for students, promoting cultural understanding that impacts our neighborhood, our Memphis community, and beyond!



We are home to the ONLY K-5 public dual language immersion program in Tennessee! Our students are learning academic content - in two languages! - while also developing language skills and cultural understanding in the classroom and beyond.

Points of Pride

- Native speakers and bilingual staff from multiple Spanish-speaking countries
- Every classroom is outfitted with the latest Promethean board technology and access to laptops or tablets.
- One of the highest ARISE to READ-TEAM-READ volunteer counts in MSCS
- Involved, supportive parent organization

Academics

- Students learn in an ethnically, culturally, and linguistically rich atmosphere.
- Dual language inspires curiosity and develops higher cognitive and problem-solving abilities. Students become bilingual citizens prepared to lead in an increasingly diverse and competitive community.
- Our students engage daily with native and bilingual Spanish-speaking teachers who provide rich learning opportunities reinforcing reading and language arts in both Spanish and English.
- Optional school transitional routes are available.
- The CLUE program is available for eligible students.

Activities

- For students: garden club, soccer, basketball, cheerleading, Eagles with Voices choir, St. Jude STEM Club, and reading and math tutoring
- For parents/guardians: Partners in Education (PIE), Classroom Parents, Parent Advisory Board, and Conectando Familias en español
- For community: Team Read volunteers and garden club

Come See What We Have To Offer!



schools.scsk12.org/treadwell-es

(901) 416-9527 | 3538 Given, Memphis, TN 38122



Our teachers nurture each student to their fullest potential. Our variety of enrichment classes and extracurricular activities help students develop teamwork and social skills while expanding their interests and talents.



Our Optional program propels students to become STARS: Scholars Tackling Rigor Scientifically! Students participate in weekly, engaging hands-on science experiments in our science lab!

Points of Pride

- Recipient of a 2021-22 Roberts Award for School Innovation—one of only 14 nationwide!
- Recognized as a 2020-21 National Beta School of Merit
- Recipient of the St. Jude after-school STEM program
- Shelby County Sheriff's Office adopter school
- Our kitchen community garden allows students to experience hands-on connections to the foods they grow, harvest, and eat.
- Fully renovated learning environment for students

Academics

- Fully equipped science lab for research, observation, and hands-on experiences
- Progression of zoology, biology, meteorology, engineering, and robotics for students by grade level
- Two state-of-the-art, fully functioning computer labs for student use and parent training
- The CLUE program is available for eligible students.
- Learning programs for PreK-3 and PreK-4

Activities

- Team Read tutoring program for every second grader
- Diamonds mentoring program for fifth grade girls
- J.A.G.S. mentoring program for fifth grade boys
- After-school programs: STEM club, art club, recorder club, cheer, and dance
- Student leadership opportunities: student council and Beta Club

Come See What We Have To Offer!



schools.scsk12.org/vollentine-es

(901) 416-4632 | 1682 Vollintine Ave., Memphis, TN 38107

Vollentine Elementary School (K-5)
Science Exploration STARS - Scholars Tackling Academic Rigor Scientifically



Whitehaven Elementary School (1-5)

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)

STEM education is a unique approach to teaching and learning that fosters creativity and innovative thinking in all students. It is focused on building critical and creative thinking and analysis skills by addressing how students view and experience the world around them.



At Whitehaven Elementary, STEM teaching and learning opportunities rest on inquiry, technology, and project-based learning activities and lessons that are tied to the real world.

Points of Pride

- Students have an opportunity to select and participate in one of 25 after-school STEM clubs.
- The first in the state to receive the Tennessee STEM School Designation and one of the first 15 schools recognized by the Tennessee STEM Innovation Network (TSIN) and the Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE)
- First elementary school in Tennessee to receive National STEM Certification by Advanced ED (Cognia)
- Three-time state champions in VEX Robotics
- Recipients of numerous STEM grants
- STEM partnerships with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Clean Memphis, the University of Memphis, YMCA, and others
- Principal Tommy Elliott is the recipient of the 2020 TSIN Excellence in STEM Leadership Award for supporting and encouraging teachers and schools to continually infuse STEM teaching strategies and embrace classroom innovation.

Academics

- Project-based learning promotes real world engagement through problem-solving skills, critical thinking, creativity, and exposure.
- Project Lead The Way (PLTW) curriculum creates an engaging environment and empowers students to develop in-demand knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in an evolving world.
- Through pathways in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science, students learn problem-solving strategies, critical and creative thinking, and how to communicate and collaborate through hands-on activities, projects, and problems reflective of real-world scenarios and careers.

Activities

- Students engage with STEM-related business/organizations during the school day.
- Students learn computer science during STEM lab.
- Each summer, selected students participate in the Envision 2022 National Youth Leadership Forum: Pathways to STEM.
- Annual STEM Expo
- More than 25 after-school STEM-focused clubs
- STEM-related field trips, quarterly projects, and monthly school-wide assemblies

Come See What We Have To Offer!



schools.scsk12.org/whitehaven-es

(901) 416-7431 | 4783 Elvis Presley Blvd., Memphis, TN 38122

Our business and finance Optional program motivates college- and career-minded students to pursue excellence.



Building upon our historic legacy, our competitive business and finance program exposes students to the rigors they face in a college classroom and prepares them to be successful professionals in today's changing global society.

Points of Pride

- 90.5 percent graduation rate for the Class of 2022
- \$120,132,900 in scholarships for the Class of 2022
- More than 30 current staff members are WHS graduates, including our principal, Dr. Vincent J. Hunter.
- TVAAS Level 5 school
- Multiple Mid-South Scholastic Art Award winners
- 2019 AAA girls track state champions

Academics

- Students take advantage of a wide range of Advanced Placement, dual-enrollment, statewide dual-credit, and honors classes.
- Our extensive world language offerings include Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, and Spanish.
- Industry certifications include MOS (Microsoft Office Specialist), Intuit Quickbooks, Precision Measurement Instruments, and OSHA 10-Hour General Industry (Healthcare).
- Business class offerings include Accounting I and II, Advanced Computer/Application, Banking and Finance, Business Communication, Business Management, Intro to Business, Entrepreneurship, Marketing I, and a Business and Entrepreneur Practicum
- Five business/educational computer labs on site
- The CLUE program is available for eligible students.

Activities

- DECA and FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) regional, state, and national competitions
- Mentoring opportunities for students in grades 9-12
- Job shadowing and paid summer internships for students in grades 9-12
- College tours and annual in-school college fairs
- Annual National Academic Signing Day
- Whitehaven High School Empowerment/Career Expo

Come See What We Have To Offer!



schools.scsk12.org/whitehaven-hs

(901) 416-3000 | 4851 Elvis Presley Blvd., Memphis, TN 38116

Business and Finance

Whitehaven High School (9-12)



Our college preparatory Optional program brings the college experience into focus for our driven future leaders.



We educate, empower, and engage students to reach their fullest potential with a culture of high expectations for academics and character. Our graduates are ready to seize the opportunities ahead in a diverse and competitive world.

Points of Pride

- 90.5 percent graduation rate for the Class of 2022
- \$120,132,900 in scholarships for the Class of 2022
- More than 30 current staff members are WHS graduates, including our principal, Dr. Vincent J. Hunter.
- TVAAS Level 5 school
- Multiple Mid-South Scholastic Art Award winners
- STEM and HVAC classes available

Academics

- Students take advantage of a wide range of Advanced Placement, dual-enrollment, statewide dual-credit, and honors classes.
- Our extensive world language offerings include Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, and Spanish.
- Academic safety nets include teacher tutoring, ZAP, ACT/EOC workshops, college and career planning, and Saturday school.
- Peer Power Foundation success coaches/tutors (University of Memphis students) in all core subject classes
- Founded the nationally recognized 30+ Club for students with a 30 or higher on their ACT
- The CLUE program is available for eligible ninth students.

Activities

- National Honor Society
- Robotics club and chess club
- Mu Alpha Theta
- Debate team and student council
- Black Card/Fortune 500 club
- College tours and annual in-school college fairs
- Annual National Academic Signing Day
- Whitehaven High School Empowerment/Career Expo

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Whitehaven High School (9-12)

College Preparatory



White Station's renowned college prep Optional program has an unparalleled reputation for academic excellence!



With a wide array of Honors and Advanced Placement course offerings, award-winning programs, and competitive athletics, we're consistently recognized among America's best high schools.

White Station High School (9-12)
College Preparatory

Points of Pride

- Ranked in the top 2% of high schools in Tennessee
- 2022 selectee for Best High Schools in U. S. News and World Report
- 12 National Merit Semi-Finalists for 2022 and 10 Commended Scholars; 95 Scholars recognized since 2018
- Annual average of more than \$50 million in scholarships
- Average ACT score of 28 for Optional program seniors
- 183 AP Scholar Awards and 14 AP Capstone Diplomas
- Award-winning music and visual arts programs
- Multiple National Scholastic Art Gold and Silver Award winners annually

Academics

- 31 AP classes offering college level learning in multiple subject areas and a wide array of honors and dual-enrollment level courses
- Offers five world languages including French, Latin, Spanish, Chinese, and Japanese
- One of only 31 schools in Tennessee designated as an AP Capstone School for college-level inquiry, research, collaboration, and writing

Activities

- Multitude of student-led clubs, including academic, service, hobby, world language, and community-based groups
- Nationally ranked Quiz Bowl Team, Mock Trial, and Model UN
- Award-winning DECA, Knowledge Bowl, Science Olympiad, Spartan Robotics, JROTC, and more
- Local, regional, and national winners in world language, science, technology, and math competitions
- Full array of championship caliber athletic teams for boys and girls
- Additional student leadership opportunities through student government, E-Board, and Spartan Ambassadors

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White Station Middle School (6-8)

College Preparatory

As a nationally recognized middle school with a focus on academics, our students are provided the very best college preparatory classes that will thoroughly prepare them for higher education and beyond.



White Station Middle School offers extensive choices in honors-level curriculum, extracurricular activities, award-winning arts, and athletics to develop well-rounded, high-achieving students.

Points of Pride

- Award-winning STEM programs recognized locally, statewide, and nationally through top honors in Math Counts, eCYBERMISSION, and Science Olympiad
- Numerous local, state, and national awards and recognitions in academics, athletics, and the performing and fine arts
- Top ranking in the state for magnet schools, Memphis-Shelby County middle schools, and Tennessee middle school organizations
- Ongoing community service projects that support many local, state, and national charitable organizations

Academics

- Top rankings in National Math and Science League competitions, American Mathematics contests, and the Tennessee Mathematics Teachers Association contest in Algebra I and Geometry
- More advanced high school credit and exploratory options than any other middle school, including five world languages: Spanish, French, Latin, Japanese, and Chinese
- The CLUE program is available for eligible students.

Activities

- Numerous clubs and after-school activities: American Sign Language club, after care, animation club, chamber choir, chess, debate team, drama, fantasy football, majorettes, National Junior Beta Club, National Junior Honor Society, quiz bowl, Science Olympiad, Spartones, step team, student ambassadors, student leadership, and yearbook
- Championship-quality athletic teams and clubs: baseball, softball, cheer, basketball, volleyball, track, cross country, soccer, badminton, and tennis
- Award-winning fine arts, vocal music, orchestra, and band programs

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Willow Oaks is committed to creating learners who will continually pursue college and career readiness. Our goal is to prepare students for the future by enriching their daily learning experiences with art and technology-rich curriculum.



Our academic program is based on high expectations for academic excellence through art and STEM competencies. We cultivate our diversity and support students to prepare for college and career readiness.

Points of Pride

- Community adopters include INSOUTH Bank, Dixon Gallery and Gardens, Aldersgate United Methodist Church, and The Church of Christ at White Station.
- Level 5 for academic growth the past several years
- Technology-rich classrooms and STEM lab
- Culturally inclusive community of learners
- Full-time bilingual mentor

Academics

- Students explore their diverse talents and interests through visual and creative arts, Orff music, and a 21st century STEM lab.
- All students are invited to participate in the annual Science/STEM Fair.
- Students receive quarterly honors and awards for their academic achievements and attendance.
- Our partnership with Dixon Gallery and Gardens exposes our students to world-class art lessons.
- Families are invited to participate in family literacy night, data night, our open house, and various multicultural activities.
- Our STEM/technology lab provides real-world application through hands-on interactive discoveries.
- The CLUE program is available for eligible students.

Activities

- Willow Oaks chorus, strings orchestra, Orff music, and art show
- STEM club
- Go Jim Go
- Student ambassadors
- Clubs, field day, and multicultural celebrations
- Red Ribbon Week activities
- Attendance incentives

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Enriched Academics Through Arts and Technology

Willow Oaks Elementary School (1-5)



Our informational technology Optional program prepares learners for post-secondary opportunities and the ever-expanding digital workplace.



Our students receive foundational knowledge and advanced skills to master computer, interpersonal, and problem-solving concepts necessary for success in computer-related degree and career fields.

Points of Pride

- We are the only school in MSCS district with an IT focus.
- AA boys soccer state champions 2022
- AA boys basketball state champions 2020 (2020 TN Gatorade Player of the Year)
- 23 seniors received full academic scholarships to Tennessee State University; 2 students received full ROTC scholarships to Lincoln University.
- Participation in Nike's Starting Line program designed for students interested in logistics
- Community affiliations with Agape, Communities in Schools, Nike, and Code Crew strengthen our students at school and in the community.

Academics

- Our curriculum offers a variety of learning opportunities involving information technology; students may choose to focus on coding or web design.
- We provide access to challenging advanced coursework, including Advanced Placement, dual enrollment and statewide dual credit opportunities.
- We offer multiple opportunities to earn industry certifications in various IT areas: CompTIA Fundamentals, CIW Web Foundations, CIW Web Design Foundation, CIW Web Design Specialist, Microsoft Technology Associate, and Software Development Fundamentals.
- CTE Pharmacy Technician Program
- Teacher tutoring (ACT Prep and EOC)
- Collaborative teaching program with Code Crew

Activities

- Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society, boys and girls athletics, ROTC rifle and drill teams, drumline, student council, and yearbook
- Clubs: art, student council, FBLA, chess, and robotics

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Application Process & Entrance Requirements

Interested in applying to one of our Optional schools? Here's what you should know:

- ✓ Applications are required for every student interested in enrolling in an Optional Program and must be submitted online.
- ✓ The online application portal will be accessible on the MSCS website, www.scsk12.org, beginning at 10 a.m., Tuesday, January 31, 2023. A valid email address is required in order to submit the application online. Current MSCS students are encouraged to use their PowerSchool student number (also same as lunch number). For non-MSCS students, a social security number is requested. You will receive an email confirmation with the date and time of your application submission.
- ✓ Sibling Preference is available for qualified students who are residents zoned to MSCS with a sibling who is in the Optional Program at the same school and maintaining the Optional requirements. A sibling is a brother or sister who lives at the same address. Slots for qualified siblings are held for 10 working days. February 14, 2023 is the last day for sibling preference.
- ✓ Students are eligible for renewal transfers to the same school if they remain in that specific school's Optional Program all year and maintain the Optional school's renewal requirements. If a student wishes to attend a different Optional school, a new *Application for Optional Schools* must be submitted online.

For additional information about the application process, including application dates and submission details, please download our FAQs at www.scsk12.org/optional.

Optional School Entrance Requirements

- ✓ Specific entrance requirements vary by school and program and are generally based on report cards and nationally normed test scores.
- ✓ All applicants must have satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school, with no more than a total of 15 absences, tardies and/or early dismissals for the year.
- ✓ A copy of the student's current comprehensive report card and nationally normed test scores are required (unless official online access is available).
- ✓ An original copy of the birth certificate is required for all kindergarten applicants.
- ✓ Transportation is the responsibility of the student's parents/legal guardians.
- ✓ Final approval is contingent upon review of student's second semester/final report card issued by June 2, 2023.

Each Optional school's entrance requirements appear in alphabetical order on pages 53 - 67.

Entrance Requirements

Balmoral-Ridgeway Elementary School

- First and second grade applicants must take the Optional Schools admittance tests scoring at or above the 70th percentile in reading and mathematics.
- First grade applicants must have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on the most recent kindergarten report card.
- Second – fifth grade applicants must have a B average or above in all academic subjects and satisfactory grades in special subjects.
- Third - fifth grade applicants must score at or above the 70th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 70th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 70th percentile on the Total Reading/ Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- All applicants must have satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school, with no more than a total of 15 absences, tardies and/or early dismissals for the year.
- To remain in the Optional program, a student must maintain the entrance requirements for grades (academic and support subjects), conduct, skills and behaviors, and attendance.

Bellevue Middle School

Applicants to the program must:

- Have A and B report card grade averages with no more than one C as a semester average in all subjects.
- Score at or above the 50th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 50th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 50th percentile on the Total Reading/Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Have satisfactory conduct and attendance (including promptness to school and to each class), with no more than a total of 15 absences and/or tardies.
- To remain in the program, a student must maintain a semester average of C or above, with no D's or below in all subjects, as well as satisfactory conduct and attendance (including promptness to school and to each class).
- Students must remain in the required Optional courses for each grade.

William H. Brewster Elementary School

- First and second grade applicants must take the Optional Schools admittance tests, scoring at or above the 60th percentile in reading and mathematics.
- First grade applicants must have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on the most recent kindergarten report card.
- Second – fifth grade applicants must have no grade below a B for a semester or final average in all academic subjects and satisfactory grades in special subjects.
- Third – fifth grade applicants must score at or above the 60th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 60th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 60th percentile on the Total Reading/ Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- All applicants must have satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school, with no more than a total of 15 absences, tardies, and/or early dismissals for the year.
- To remain in the Optional program, students must maintain the entrance requirements for grades (academic and support subjects), conduct, skills and behaviors, and attendance.

Entrance Requirements

Brownsville Road Elementary School

- First and second grade applicants must take the Optional Schools admittance tests, scoring at or above the 60th percentile in reading and mathematics.
- First grade applicants must have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on the most recent kindergarten report card.
- Second – fifth grade applicants must have no grade below a B for a semester or final average in all academic subjects and satisfactory grades in special subjects.
- Third – fifth grade applicants must score at or above the 60th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 60th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 60th percentile on the Total Reading/ Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- All applicants must have satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school with no more than a total of 15 absences, tardies and/or early dismissals for the year.
- To remain in the Optional program, a student must maintain the entrance requirements for grades (academic and support subjects), conduct, skills and behaviors, and attendance.

Central High School

Applicants to the program must:

- Score at or above the 70th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 70th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 70th percentile on the Total Reading/Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Score at or above the 70th percentile on a TCAP English and Mathematics End of Course test and/or another acceptable nationally normed achievement assessment, including the ACT (Reading and Math), PSAT or SAT (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Mathematics) with the assessment being administered in person no more than one year prior to the date of application for Optional Schools.
- Have a semester average of 3.0 in academic subjects with no grade below a C for the semester.
- Have satisfactory conduct and attendance (including promptness to school and to each class), with no more than a total of 15 absences and/or tardies.
- Applicants for eleventh grade must submit a transcript showing all high school work to date.
- Students must enroll and remain in the required Honors level courses (Honors, Pre-AP, Advanced Placement, Dual Credit and Dual Enrollment) each semester.
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must submit a Renewal Optional Application and maintain the entrance requirements for required courses, grades, conduct, and attendance.

Colonial Middle School

Applicants to the Creative and Performing Arts program must:

- Have report card grades of A's and B's with no grades below a C as a semester average.
- Have satisfactory audition/interview/portfolio (Colonial staff will contact students who meet minimum entrance requirements).
- Score at or above the 50th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 50th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 50th percentile on the Total Reading/Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/ Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Have satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class with no more than a total of 15 absences and/or tardies.
- To remain in the Creative and Performing Arts Optional Program, students must maintain at least a C average with no semester or final grade of D or below, fulfill all requirements of the major department, and have satisfactory conduct and attendance.

Applicants to the Enriched Academics program must:

- Score at or above the 70th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 70th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 70th percentile on the Total Reading/Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/ Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Have report card grades of A's and B's with no more than one C as a semester average.
- Have satisfactory conduct and attendance (including promptness to school and to each class), with no more than a total of 15 absences and/or tardies.
- To remain in the Enriched Academics Optional Program, students must maintain a C average or above in Enriched/Honors classes with no semester or final grade of D or below.

Entrance Requirements

Cordova Elementary School

- First and second grade applicants must take the Optional Schools admittance tests, scoring at or above the 65th percentile in reading and mathematics.
- First grade applicants must have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on the most recent kindergarten report card.
- Second – fifth grade applicants must have all A's and B's with no more than one C as a semester average in all academic subjects and satisfactory grades in special subjects, conduct and attendance, including promptness to school, with no more than a total of 15 absences, tardies, and/or early dismissals for the year.
- Third – fifth grade applicants must score at or above the 65th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 65th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 65th percentile on the Total Reading/ Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- To remain in the Optional program, a student must maintain the entrance requirements for grades (academic and support subjects), conduct, skills and behaviors, and attendance.

Cordova Middle School

Applicants to the program must:

- Score at or above the 65th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 65th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 65th percentile on the Total Reading/Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/ Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Have A's and B's with no more than one C as a semester average in all subjects on the most recent comprehensive report card and satisfactory grades in special subjects, conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class (no more than a total of 15 absences and/or tardies).
- To remain in the program, students must maintain A's, B's and C's in all academic subjects and satisfactory grades in special subjects, conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class (no more than a total of 15 absences and/or tardies).

Craigmont High School

Applicants to the program must:

- Score at or above the 65th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading assessment (2022-23); or score at or above the 65th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts; or score at or above the 65th percentile on the Total Reading/ Reading Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Score at or above the 65th percentile on a TCAP English End of Course test and/or another acceptable nationally normed achievement assessment, including the ACT (Reading), PSAT or SAT (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing) with the assessment being administered in person no more than one year prior to the date of application for Optional Schools.
- Have A or B semester averages with no more than one C as a semester average in any academic subject prior to admission.
- To remain in the program, students must remain in advanced courses in English, social studies, and world language every year. Also, students must maintain an average of C or above in each subject each semester, with no grade lower than a C in any academic subject.
- Students must participate in after school tutoring, ACT Prep course, all enrichment activities and projects.
- The students must maintain a record of satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class with no more than a total of 15 absences and/or tardies.
- Students who maintain the Optional renewal requirements for Craigmont Middle School will be accepted into Craigmont High School's Optional Program.

Entrance Requirements

Craigmont Middle School

Applicants to the program must:

- Score at or above the 65th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading assessment (2022-23); or score at or above the 65th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts assessment; or score at or above the 65th percentile on the Total Reading/ Reading Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Have A or B report card grades with no more than one semester average of C in any academic subject prior to admission and satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class (no more than a total of 15 absences and/or tardies).
- To remain in the program, students must maintain an overall C or above average each semester with no grade less than C in any academic subject as well as satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class (no more than a total of 15 absences and/or tardies).
- Students who maintain the Optional renewal requirements for Craigmont Middle School will be accepted into Craigmont High School's Optional Program on a continuation basis.

Cummings School

- First and second grade applicants must take the Optional Schools admittance tests, scoring at or above the 50th percentile in reading and mathematics.
- First grade applicants must have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on the most recent kindergarten report card.
- Second – eighth grade applicants must have a B average or above in all academic and support subjects and satisfactory conduct.
- Third – eighth grade applicants must score at or above the 50th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 50th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 50th percentile on the Total Reading/ Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- All applicants must have satisfactory attendance, including promptness to school, with no more than a total of 15 absences, tardies and/or early dismissals for the year.
- To remain in the Optional Program, a student must maintain an average of C or S in each subject, each semester. All students must maintain the entrance requirements for standards in academic and support subjects, conduct, skills and behaviors, and attendance.

Delano Elementary School

- First and second grade applicants must take the Optional Schools admittance tests, scoring at or above the 50th percentile in reading and mathematics.
- First grade applicants must have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on the most recent kindergarten report card.
- Second – fifth grade applicants must have no semester or final grades below C and satisfactory or above grades in special subjects.
- Third – fifth grade applicants must score at or above the 50th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 50th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 50th percentile on the Total Reading/ Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- All applicants must have satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school, with no more than a total of 15 absences, tardies and/or early dismissals for the year.
- To remain in the Optional program, students must maintain the entrance requirements for grades (academic and support subjects), conduct, skills and behaviors, and attendance.

Double Tree Elementary School

- Kindergarten applicants must submit an original copy of the birth certificate.
- First - fifth grade applicants must provide a copy of most recent comprehensive report card.
- First - fifth grade applicants must have satisfactory conduct and/or skills and behaviors.
- All applicants must have satisfactory attendance, including promptness to school, with no more than a total of 15 absences, tardies and/or early dismissals for the year.
- If a family chooses to move outside of Double Tree's boundaries, the student must meet the Optional Program's requirements to remain at the school.
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain all of the entrance requirements.

Entrance Requirements

Douglass High School

Applicants to the program must:

- Score at or above the 50th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading assessment (2022-23); or score at or above the 50th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts assessment; or score at or above the 50th percentile on the Total Reading/ Reading Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Score at or above the 50th percentile on a TCAP English End of Course test and/or another acceptable nationally normed achievement assessment, including the ACT (Reading), PSAT or SAT (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing) with the assessment being administered in person no more than one year prior to the date of application for Optional Schools.
- Have A's or B's with no more than two C's as semester averages.
- Have satisfactory conduct and attendance (including promptness to school and to each class), with no more than a total of 15 absences and/or tardies.
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain grades of A's, B's, or C's, with no grade lower than a C for a semester average in any class, and have satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class (no more than a total of 15 absences and/or tardies).
- The PSAT/NMSQT is required in the 10th and 11th grades.

Douglass School (K-8)

- Kindergarten applicants must submit an original copy of the birth certificate.
- First grade applicants must have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on most recent kindergarten report card.
- Second - fifth applicants must have satisfactory conduct, C's or above in all academic subjects, as well as satisfactory grades in all support subjects on most recent comprehensive report card.
- Sixth- eighth grade applicants must score at or above the 50th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading assessment (2022-23); or score at or above the 50th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts assessment; or score at or above the 50th percentile on the Total Reading/ Reading Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- All applicants must have satisfactory attendance, including promptness to school and to each class, with no more than a total of 15 absences, tardies and/or early dismissals for the year.
- To remain in the Optional program, students must maintain all of the entrance requirements, including grades (academic and support subjects), conduct, skills and behaviors, and attendance.
- Students who are accepted into the Optional Program at Douglass Middle School and who meet renewal requirements will be accepted into the Douglass High School Optional Program on a continuation basis.

Downtown Elementary School

- First and second grade applicants must take the Optional Schools admittance tests, scoring at or above the 65th percentile in reading and mathematics.
- First grade applicants must have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on the most recent kindergarten report card.
- Second – fifth grade applicants must have no semester or final grades below C and satisfactory or above grades in special subjects.
- First – fifth grade applicants must have satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school with no more than a total of 15 absences, tardies and/or early dismissals for the year.
- Third- fifth grade applicants must score at or above the 65th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 65th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 65th percentile on the Total Reading/ Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain the entrance requirements for grades, conduct, and attendance.

Entrance Requirements

East High School - Diesel Technology (Grades 9 and 10)

Applicants to the program must:

- Have a comprehensive report card with a 2.5 GPA with no D's or F's as a semester average in any subject.
- Have satisfactory or above conduct and attendance, with no more than a total of 15 absences and/or tardies/early dismissals to school and to class.
- Students and parents/guardians are required to sign a Parent Guardian/Student Agreement.
- An interview will be scheduled for students who meet the minimum requirements.
- Preference will be given to qualified students who live within two miles of the school for 50 percent of the available slots for the first 10 working days of the Optional Application process. The remaining slots will be open to students who qualify.
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain the entrance requirements for grades, conduct, and attendance and take the required courses.
- ** Students who maintain the renewal requirements for Maxine Smith STEAM Academy will be accepted into East High School on a continuation basis.

East High School T-STEM (Entry Grade 9)

Applicants to the program must:

- Score at or above the 50th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 50th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 50th percentile on the Total Reading/ Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Score at or above the 50th percentile on a TCAP English and Mathematics End of Course test and/or another acceptable nationally normed achievement assessment, including the ACT (Reading and Math), PSAT or SAT (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Mathematics) with the assessment being administered in person no more than one year prior to the date of application for Optional Schools.
- Submit a copy of the most recent comprehensive report card showing a 3.0 GPA with no grade below a C for the semester average in any subject.
- Have satisfactory or above conduct and attendance, with no more than a total of 15 absences and/or tardies/early dismissals to school or to class.
- Students and parents/guardians are required to sign a Parent Guardian/Student agreement. An interview will be scheduled for students who meet the minimum requirements.
- Preference will be given to qualified students who live within two miles of the school for 50 percent of the available slots for the first 10 working days of the Optional Application process. The remaining slots will be open to students who qualify.
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain a semester average of C or above in each subject, remain in four years of a T-STEM program, and maintain the entrance requirements for conduct and attendance.
- **Students who maintain the renewal requirements for Maxine Smith STEAM Academy will be accepted into the STEM Academy at East High School on a continuation basis.

John P. Freeman Optional School (1-8)

Applicants to the program must:

- Take the Optional Schools admittance tests, scoring at or above the 65th percentile in total reading and total math (applicants for first and second grades).
- Have satisfactory skills and behaviors and demonstrate mastery of standards in academic and support subjects on most recent report card (applicants for first grade).
- Third – eighth grade applicants must score at or above the 65th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 65th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 65th percentile on the Total Reading/ Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Have satisfactory conduct in academic and support subjects and all A's and B's, with no more than one C as a semester average in all subjects on latest comprehensive report card (applicants for second through eighth grades).
- For renewals, applicants must maintain an overall C average or above in academic courses and satisfactory or above grades in support subjects for semester averages, with no F's or U's on the report card.
- For all grades, all new and renewal applicants must have satisfactory conduct, skills and behaviors, and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class (no more than a total of 15 absences, tardies and/or early dismissals for the year).

Entrance Requirements

Germantown Elementary School

- First and second grade applicants must take the Optional Schools admittance tests, scoring at or above the 70th percentile in reading and mathematics.
- First grade applicants must have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on the most recent kindergarten report card.
- Third – fifth grade applicants must score at or above the 70th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 70th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 70th percentile on the Total Reading/ Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Second through fifth grade applicants must have all A's, B's, E's, G's and S's in all subject areas on most recent comprehensive report card.
- All applicants must have satisfactory conduct (E's, G's and S's) and attendance, including promptness to school, with no more than a total of 15 absences, tardies and/or early dismissals for the year.
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain the listed requirements for grades (academic and support subjects), conduct, skills and behaviors, attendance, and parent support. Application for admission must be renewed yearly.

Germantown High School – International Baccalaureate (IB) & College Prep

Applicants to the program must:

- Submit a copy of the most recent comprehensive report card showing A's and B's, with no more than one C as a semester average in academic subjects, with no D's or F's as a semester average in any subject.
- Score at or above the 75th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 75th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 75th percentile on the Total Reading/ Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/ Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Score at or above the 75th percentile on a TCAP English and Mathematics End of Course test and/or another acceptable nationally normed achievement assessment, including the ACT (Reading and Math), PSAT or SAT (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Mathematics) with the assessment being administered in person no more than one year prior to the date of application for Optional Schools.
- Have satisfactory conduct grades and attendance (including promptness to school and to each class), with no more than a total of 15 absences and/or tardies.
- To remain in the program, a student must maintain an average of C or above in each subject per semester. Students must enroll in the appropriate courses each year to meet the program's requirements. The entrance requirements for conduct and attendance must be maintained.

Germantown High School – Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA)

Applicants to the program must:

- Submit a copy of the most recent comprehensive report card showing A's, B's, and no more than three C's in academic subjects, with no D's or F's as a semester average in any subject.
- Score at or above the 65th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 65th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 65th percentile on the Total Reading/ Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/ Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Score at or above the 65th percentile on a TCAP English and Mathematics End of Course test and/or another acceptable nationally normed achievement assessment, including the ACT (Reading and Math), PSAT or SAT (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Mathematics) with the assessment being administered in person no more than one year prior to the date of application for Optional Schools.
- Have satisfactory conduct grades and attendance records (including promptness to school and to each class), with no more than a total of 15 absences and/or tardies.
- Schedule an appointment with the Creative and Performing Arts Faculty Council for an interview and/or audition.
- Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) students are required to participate in preparation, rehearsals, business management, and performances beyond the regular school day. Students enrolled in the CAPA program pursue a major in one area of the Creative and Performing Arts while working to meet all state requirements for graduation.
- To remain in the program, a student must maintain an average of C or above in each subject per semester. Students must enroll in the appropriate courses each year to meet the program's requirements. The entrance requirements for conduct and attendance must be maintained.

Entrance Requirements

Germantown Middle School

Applicants to the program must:

- Have A's and B's, with no more than one C on the most recent comprehensive report card as a semester average.
- Score at or above the 70th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 70th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 70th percentile on the Total Reading/ Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/ Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Have satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class (no more than a total of 15 absences and/or tardies).
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain an average of C or above in each subject each semester, as well as satisfactory conduct and attendance.

Grahamwood Elementary School

- First and second grade applicants must take the Optional Schools admittance tests, scoring at or above the 80th percentile in reading and mathematics.
- First grade applicants must have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on the most recent kindergarten report card.
- Third – fifth grade applicants must score at or above the 80th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 80th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 80th percentile on the Total Reading/ Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Second - fifth grade applicants must have A's, B's, E's, and S's in all subject areas and satisfactory conduct on most recent comprehensive report card.
- All applicants must have satisfactory attendance, including promptness to school, with no more than a total of 15 absences, tardies and/or early dismissals for the year.
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain the listed requirements for grades, conduct, skills and behaviors, academic and support subjects, attendance, and parent support. Application for admission must be renewed yearly.

Havenview Middle School

Applicants to the program must:

- Have A's and B's, with no more than one C as a semester average in all subjects on the most recent comprehensive report card.
- Score at or above the 55th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 55th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 55th percentile on the Total Reading/Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/ Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Have satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class (no more than a total of 15 absences and/or tardies).
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain a semester average of C or above in all subjects, with no D's or below in any subject. The entrance requirements for conduct and attendance must be maintained. Students must enroll in the required Optional courses for each grade to remain in Havenview's Optional Program.

Idlewild Elementary School

- Kindergarten applicants must submit an original copy of birth certificate.
- First - fifth grade applicants must provide a copy of most recent comprehensive report card.
- First grade applicants must have satisfactory skills and behaviors on most recent kindergarten report card.
- Second – fifth grade applicants must have satisfactory conduct on most recent comprehensive report card.
- All applicants must have satisfactory attendance, including promptness to school, with no more than a total of 15 absences, tardies and/or early dismissals for the year.
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain entrance requirements.
- If a family chooses to move outside Idlewild School's boundaries, the student must meet the Optional Program's requirements to remain at the school.

Entrance Requirements

Keystone Elementary School

- First and second grade applicants must take the Optional Schools admittance tests, scoring at or above the 50th percentile in reading and mathematics.
- First grade applicants must have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on most recent kindergarten report card.
- Third – fifth grade applicants must score at or above the 50th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 50th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 50th percentile on the Total Reading/ Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Second - fifth grade applicants must have a C average or above in all academic subjects and satisfactory grades in special subjects and conduct on the most recent comprehensive report card.
- All applicants must have satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school, on most recent comprehensive report card, with no more than a total of 15 absences, tardies and/or early dismissals for the year.
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain an overall C average in all academic subjects, S's or E's in support classes, and satisfactory conduct, skills and behaviors, and attendance (including promptness to school, early dismissals and tardies).

Kingsbury High School

Applicants to the program must:

- Have all A's and B's, with no more than one C on the most recent report card.
- Score at or above the 50th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 50th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 50th percentile on the Total Reading/Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Score at or above the 50th percentile on a TCAP English and Mathematics End of Course test and/or another acceptable nationally normed achievement assessment, including the ACT (Reading and Math), PSAT or SAT (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Mathematics) with the assessment being administered in person no more than one year prior to the date of application for Optional Schools.
- Have satisfactory conduct and attendance (including promptness to school and to each class), with no more than a total of 15 absences and/or tardies.
- The PSAT/NMSQT is required in the tenth and eleventh grades.
- To remain in the program, students must maintain the program requirements, a C or above in each course per semester and satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class.

Oak Forest Elementary School

- First and second grade applicants must take the Optional Schools admittance tests, scoring at or above the 65th percentile in reading and mathematics.
- First grade applicants must have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on the most recent kindergarten report card.
- Third – fifth grade applicants must score at or above the 65th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 65th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 65th percentile on the Total Reading/ Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Second - fifth grade applicants must have a B average or above in all academic subjects and satisfactory grades in special subjects and conduct on most recent comprehensive report card.
- All applicants must have satisfactory conduct, skills and behaviors, and attendance, including promptness to school, as shown on most recent report card, with no more than a total of 15 absences, tardies or early dismissals for the year.
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain a B average in all academic areas, as well as the entrance requirements of satisfactory conduct, skills and behaviors, academic and support subjects, and attendance. If a family chooses to move outside Oak Forest's boundaries, the student must meet the Optional Program requirements to remain at the school.

Entrance Requirements

Overton High School

Applicants to the program must:

- Have a 2.0 grade point average with no grade lower than a D for each semester or final grade, along with satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class, with no more than a total of 15 absences and/or tardies.
- Score at or above the 50th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 50th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 50th percentile on the Total Reading/Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/ Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Score at or above the 50th percentile on a TCAP English and Mathematics End of Course test and/or another acceptable nationally normed achievement assessment, including the ACT (Reading and Math), PSAT or SAT (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Mathematics) with the assessment being administered in person no more than one year prior to the date of application for Optional Schools.
- Successfully complete an interview and audition, in addition to the academic, conduct, and attendance requirements.
- Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) students must attend an extra hour each day in a specialized CAPA class and agree to meet all the requirements of the student's major department. Students transferring on a continuation basis from Colonial Middle School's CAPA Program must complete an audition to determine class-level placement.
- Students will be contacted by Overton's CAPA staff to schedule audition and interview.
- To remain in the CAPA program, students must maintain program requirements and maintain the admission requirements for grades, attendance, and conduct.

Peabody Elementary School

- First and second grade applicants must take the Optional Schools admittance tests, scoring at or above the 60th percentile in reading and mathematics.
- First grade applicants must have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on the most recent kindergarten report card.
- Third – fifth grade applicants must score at or above the 60th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 60th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 60th percentile on the Total Reading/ Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Second - fifth grade applicants must have A's, B's, E's, and S's in all subject areas and satisfactory conduct on most recent comprehensive report card.
- All applicants must have satisfactory attendance, including promptness to school, with no more than a total of 15 absences, tardies and/or early dismissals for the year.
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain the listed requirements for grades, conduct, skills and behaviors, and attendance. Application for admission must be renewed yearly.

Entrance Requirements

Ridgeway High School

Applicants to the program must:

- Score at or above the 70th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 70th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 70th percentile on the Total Reading/Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/ Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Score at or above the 70th percentile on a TCAP English and Mathematics End of Course test and/or another acceptable nationally normed achievement assessment, including the ACT (Reading and Math), PSAT or SAT (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Mathematics) with the assessment being administered in person no more than one year prior to the date of application for Optional Schools.
- Have A's or B's and no more than one C as a semester average in an academic subject. D's or F's are not acceptable for a grade in any semester average. Applicant's report card must show satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class, with no more than a total of 15 absences and/or tardies.
- Students must enroll in at least six IB courses in their junior year and complete their required IB coursework in their senior year. Participation in Ridgeway's IB Preparatory Program or equivalent honors courses in ninth and tenth grades is required for students to enroll in the IB Diploma Programme in the eleventh grade. Other specific admissions criteria, including coursework and End-of-Course requirements, must be fulfilled prior to admission. Such criteria are grade-specific and are available to parents and students once the initial Application for Optional Schools is approved.
- In addition to the IB Diploma Programme requirements, students are required to take all courses required for graduation by the State of Tennessee.
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain a yearly average of 3.0 in academic subjects with no semester average below a C, enroll in the required courses and maintain satisfactory conduct and attendance.

Ridgeway Middle School

Applicants to the program must:

- Score at or above the 70th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 70th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 70th percentile on the Total Reading/Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/ Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Have A's and B's, with no more than one C as a semester average in an academic subject. D's or F's are not acceptable for a grade in any semester average.
- Have satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class (no more than a total of 15 absences and/or tardies) on report card.
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain an overall C average or above in all subjects, as well as satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class.

Riverwood Elementary School

- First and second grade applicants must take the Optional Schools admittance tests, scoring at or above the 70th percentile in reading and mathematics.
- First grade applicants must have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on the most recent kindergarten report card.
- Third – fifth grade applicants must score at or above the 70th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 70th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 70th percentile on the Total Reading/ Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Second - fifth grade applicants must have a B average or above in all academic subjects and satisfactory grades in special subjects, conduct, and attendance, with no more than a total of 15 absences, tardies or early dismissals on the most recent comprehensive report card.
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain the listed requirements for grades (academic and support subjects), conduct, skills and behaviors, attendance, and parent support.

Entrance Requirements

Rozelle Elementary School

- Kindergarten applicants must submit an original copy of the birth certificate.
- First grade applicants must have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on most recent kindergarten report card.
- Second – fifth grade applicants must have a C average or above in all academic subjects and satisfactory grades in special subjects, conduct, and attendance, with no more than a total of 15 absences, tardies or early dismissals.
- Demands placed on students as a result of the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) Program dictate that students demonstrate self-motivation, discipline, and a high standard of academic performance. Students may be required to participate in after school CAPA activities.
- All of the entrance requirements must be maintained to remain in the Optional Program.

Sherwood Elementary School

- First and second grade applicants must take the Optional Schools admittance tests, scoring at or above the 55th percentile in reading and mathematics.
- First grade applicants must have earned Mastery for 85 percent or more of the Kindergarten Report Card Skills; and have earned a grade of S or above in all skills and behaviors that support learning.
- Third – fifth grade applicants must score at or above the 55th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 55th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 55th percentile on the Total Reading/ Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Second – fifth grade applicants must have a C average or above in all academic subjects and satisfactory grades in special subjects, conduct, and attendance, with no more than a total of 15 absences, tardies or early dismissals.
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain the above listed requirements for report card grades, conduct, skills and behaviors, and attendance.

Maxine Smith STEAM Academy

Applicants to the program must:

- Have grades of A's and B's, with no more than one C as a semester average, on most recent report card.
- Score at or above the 65th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 65th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 65th percentile on the Total Reading/ Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/ Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Have conduct grades of satisfactory or above.
- Have satisfactory attendance (no more than a total of 15 absences and/or tardies to school or to class).
- All students will be on an Optional transfer and must meet and maintain the minimum entrance requirements.
- Preference will be given to qualified students who live within two miles of the school for 50 percent of the available slots for the first 10 working days of the Optional Application process. The remaining slots will be open to students who qualify.
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain an average of C or above in each subject, each semester, and meet the entrance requirements for conduct and attendance.

Snowden School (1-8)

- First and second grade applicants must take the Optional Schools admittance tests, scoring at or above the 70th percentile in reading and mathematics.
- First grade applicants must have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on the most recent kindergarten report card.
- Third- eighth grade applicants must score at or above the 70th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 70th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 70th percentile on the Total Reading/ Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Second - eighth grade applicants must have all A's and B's with no more than one C as a semester average, satisfactory grades in conduct, and satisfactory progress in the non-academic subject areas on the most recent comprehensive report card.
- All applicants must have satisfactory attendance, including promptness to school and to each class, with no more than a total of 15 absences, tardies and/or early dismissals.
- To remain in the Optional Program, a student must maintain an average of C or S in each subject, each semester. All students must maintain the entrance requirements for standards in academic and support subjects, conduct, skills and behaviors, and attendance.

Entrance Requirements

Springdale-Memphis Magnet Elementary School

- Kindergarten applicants must submit an original copy of the birth certificate.
- First grade applicants must have satisfactory skills and behaviors on the most recent kindergarten report card.
- Second - fifth grade applicants must have satisfactory conduct on the most recent report card.
- All applicants must have satisfactory attendance, including promptness to school, with no more than a total of 15 absences, tardies and/or early dismissals.
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain all of the entrance requirements.

Treadwell Elementary School (Entry Grade: Kindergarten)

- Kindergarten applicants must submit an original copy of the birth certificate.
- Parents/legal guardians must sign the Parent Agreement annually.
- Kindergarten students must earn M (Mastery) or C (Completion) for 80 percent or more of the report card standards in order to remain in the program.
- Satisfactory attendance is required. A total of 15 or more absences, tardies and/or early dismissals a year is considered unsatisfactory.
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain A's, B's, and C's in all academic subjects and satisfactory grades in special subjects, and satisfactory conduct.

Vollentine Elementary School

- Kindergarten applicants must submit an original copy of the birth certificate.
- First grade applicants must have satisfactory skills and behaviors and satisfactory grades in conduct on the most recent report card.
- First – fifth grade applicants must provide a copy of the most recent report card.
- Second - fifth grade applicants must have a C average or above in all academic subjects and satisfactory grades in special subjects and conduct on the most recent report card.
- All applicants must have satisfactory attendance, including promptness to school, with no more than a total of 15 absences, tardies and/or early dismissals.
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain all of the entrance requirements.

Whitehaven Elementary School

- First and second grade applicants must take the Optional Schools admittance tests, scoring at or above the 55th percentile in reading and mathematics.
- First grade applicants must have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on the most recent kindergarten report card.
- Third- fifth grade applicants must score at or above the 55th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 55th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 55th percentile on the Total Reading/ Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Second – fifth grade applicants must have a B average or above in all academic subjects and satisfactory grades in special subjects and conduct.
- All applicants must have satisfactory attendance, including promptness to school, with no more than a total of 15 absences, tardies and/or early dismissals for the year.
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must meet all of the entrance requirements for grades, academic and support subjects, conduct, skills and behaviors, and attendance.

Entrance Requirements

Whitehaven High School – Business & Finance

Applicants to the program must:

- Have a 2.5 semester GPA, with no D's or F's for semester or yearly average, and satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class, with no more than a total of 15 absences and/or tardies.
- Score at or above the 50th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 50th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 50th percentile on the Total Reading/Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Score at or above the 50th percentile on a TCAP English and Mathematics End of Course test and/or another acceptable nationally normed achievement assessment, including the ACT (Reading and Math), PSAT or SAT (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Mathematics) with the assessment being administered in person no more than one year prior to the date of application for Optional Schools.
- Students must actively participate in a co-curricular club (FBLA or DECA) and complete the recommended course of study. Students must complete an elective focus program of study in Office Management, Business Management, Accounting, Business Finance, or Marketing. Students are required to take the corresponding certification exam for the appropriate elective focus.
- To remain in the Optional Program, a student must enroll in the required courses, maintain a 2.5 semester GPA with no D's or F's for semester or yearly average, with satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class. Renewal applications must be submitted annually.

Whitehaven High School – College Prep

Applicants to the program must:

- Have a 3.0 semester GPA in academic courses, with no D's or F's for semester or yearly average, and satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class, with no more than a total of 15 absences and/or tardies.
- Score at or above the 70th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 70th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 70th percentile on the Total Reading/Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/ Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Score at or above the 70th percentile on a TCAP English and Mathematics End of Course test and/or another acceptable nationally normed achievement assessment, including the ACT (Reading and Math), PSAT or SAT (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Mathematics) with the assessment being administered in person no more than one year prior to the date of application for Optional Schools.
- To remain in the Optional Program, a student must maintain a 3.0 semester GPA in academic subjects, with no D's or F's for semester or yearly average, and satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class. Required coursework for Optional students includes taking Honors English and Honors Mathematics each year and at least one other Honors-level course. Students must take the coursework required for college entrance. Optional students must take the PSAT/NMSQT and/or the ACT in the tenth and eleventh grades.

White Station High School

Applicants to the program must:

- Submit a copy of the most recent comprehensive report card showing A's and B's, with no more than one C as a semester average in academic subjects and no D's or F's as a semester average in any subject.
- Score at or above the 80th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 80th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 80th percentile on the Total Reading/Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/ Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Score at or above the 80th percentile on a TCAP English and Mathematics End of Course test and/or another acceptable nationally normed achievement assessment, including the ACT (Reading and Math), PSAT or SAT (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Mathematics) with the assessment being administered in person no more than one year prior to the date of application for Optional Schools.
- Have satisfactory conduct grades and attendance records, including promptness to school and to each class, with no more than a total of 15 absences and/or tardies.
- Students are required to enroll in Honors level or above courses beginning in grade nine and continuing through grade 12. Students are required to take all courses required for graduation at the Honors, Pre-AP/AP level.
- Students who maintain the Optional renewal requirements for White Station Middle School will be accepted into White Station High School's Optional Program on a continuation basis.
- To remain in the Optional Program, a student must maintain an average of C or above in each subject per semester. The entrance requirements for conduct and attendance must also be maintained.

Entrance Requirements

White Station Middle School

Applicants to the program must:

- Have A's and B's, with no more than one C on the most recent comprehensive report card as a semester average.
- Score at or above the 80th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 80th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 80th percentile on the Total Reading/Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Have satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class (no more than a total of 15 absences and/or tardies).
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain an average of C or above in each subject, each semester, and the entrance requirements for conduct and attendance.
- Students who are accepted into the Optional Program at White Station Middle School and who meet renewal requirements will be accepted into the White Station High School Optional Program on a continuation basis.

Willow Oaks Elementary School

- First and second grade applicants must take the Optional Schools admittance tests, scoring at or above the 60th percentile for Total Reading and Total Math.
- First grade applicants must have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in academic and support subjects on the most recent kindergarten report card.
- Second – fifth grade applicants must have a semester or final report card grade of a C or better in all academic subjects, with an E, G, or S in conduct and support subjects (P.E., Art, Computer, and Music).
- Third- fifth grade applicants must score at or above the 60th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 60th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 60th percentile on the Total Reading/ Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- All applicants must have satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school, with no more than a total of 15 absences, tardies and/or early dismissals for the year.
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain the entrance requirements for grades (academic and support subjects), conduct, skills and behaviors, and attendance.

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Applicants to the Information Technology program must:

- Score at or above the 50th percentile on school-based administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math assessments (2022-23); or score at or above the 50th percentile on the TCAP Achievement English Language Arts and TCAP Achievement Mathematics assessments; or score at or above the 50th percentile on the Total Reading/Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests in person must be dated Spring 2022 or later.
- Score at or above the 50th percentile on a TCAP English and Mathematics End of Course test and/or another acceptable nationally normed achievement assessment, including the ACT (Reading and Math), PSAT or SAT (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Mathematics) with the assessment being administered in person no more than one year prior to the date of application for Optional Schools.
- Have a minimum semester GPA of 2.5, no grade below a C as a semester average and satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class (no more than a total of 15 absences and/or tardies).
- To remain in the program, students must maintain a C or above in each course for the semester average. Students must also maintain satisfactory attendance, including promptness to school and to each class, and satisfactory conduct.

"I have been a principal at an MSCS Optional school for numerous years. During this time, I have had the privilege to work with students who function at the highest academic levels. This is possible because students are given options. Optional schools can provide an academically challenging choice for all students.



I have witnessed students at the lowest socioeconomic levels achieve at the same academic levels as their higher socioeconomic peers. The different programs offered in the Optional schools present students an education tailored for them."

Optional Principal



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