



METRO
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SCHOOLS

OPTIONAL SCHOOLS

2018-
2019

APPLICATION



SCHOOL CHOICE OVERVIEW

Metro Nashville Public Schools is a diverse, vibrant urban school district that strives for excellence throughout the entire system. Our mission is to deliver a great public education to every student, every day. We want to help families find the right schools for their children and to put them on track for success. We understand that every student is unique and has different needs, and we provide support to students at all levels.

Families in Nashville have 167 public schools available to them, meaning there's a school that's right for your

child. Metro Schools will help ensure your child has a great educational experience and graduates prepared for college, career and life.

Every year, the Optional Schools Application allows you to choose among open enrollment schools, or your child can always attend his or her zoned school. We understand family members have great expectations for their children. Our promise is to work hard not only to meet them, but to exceed them.

3 steps to finding the right school for your child

1. EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

Explore your school options by visiting school websites at www.schools.mnps.org. You can learn about each school's offerings, including academics, extracurricular activities, before and after care and more. You can also call 615-259-INFO (4636) to learn more about your school options.

2. VISIT SCHOOLS DURING TOUR TUESDAYS

School tours are a great way to meet teachers and principals, observe classrooms and learn about academic programs. To learn more, contact the

school using information at www.schools.mnps.org.

3. APPLY BY FEBRUARY 2

Apply at www.mnpsschoolchoice.org or use the paper application at the back of this booklet. The random selection process in February will determine school admittance and waitlists. Late applications will be added to waitlists if a school is full, or will be accepted at schools with open seats. If you are new to MNPS or applying to charter schools, the school application is available year-round.

How the Optional Schools Process Works

- » The parent/guardian must be a legal Davidson County resident before submitting an Optional Schools Application for their child.
- » A Metro Schools-issued student identification (ID) number is required to submit an application. ID numbers for students new to Metro Schools can be acquired at any of the district's 12 enrollment centers or the MNPS Family Information Center.
- » Schools with open enrollment seats are listed in this Optional Schools Application booklet on pages 13 and 14.
- » Apply for up to seven (7) schools on the application.
- » School choices must be prioritized from 1 (highest priority) to 7 (lowest priority).
 - All applications are entered into a computerized random selection process.
 - If your child is selected to attend one of the schools on your application during the random selection process, you will be offered the opportunity to accept a seat in that school.
 - Your child will be put on a waitlist for any schools that were listed higher on your priority list than the school where your child was selected to attend.
 - Your child will be "opted out" of any schools that were listed lower on the priority list than the school where your child was selected to attend.
 - Families who list few options or only list schools in high demand may not be selected for any of the schools on their application.
 - When a family chooses not to accept a seat, that seat is made available to families on the waitlist in the order in which they are numbered.
 - Families will be "pulled" from the waitlist to be offered available seats through the fifth day of school in the 2018-19 school year.
- » Paper applications are accepted. However, families are encouraged to apply online at www.mnpsschoolchoice.org. All changes to an existing application must be made online. If you need internet access, you may visit your nearest Nashville Public Library branch or the Metro Schools Family Information Center, located at 2601 Bransford Ave., Nashville, TN 37204.
- » Continuation on a guaranteed pathway can also be confirmed by submitting an online application. See Frequently Asked Questions on page 8 for more details.
- » Paper applications received by Feb. 2, 2018, at 5 p.m. CST will be entered into the random selection process. Online applications will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. CST on

Feb. 2, 2018. All applications received after the deadline will be added to the end of the waitlist.

In order to fully compare school options and make informed selections on the Optional Schools Application, families are strongly encouraged to tour the schools that interest them, including their zoned school. Visiting ahead of time will ensure the climate, culture and educational offerings of a school will meet your child's needs.

Schools are open for tours on the following Tuesdays in 2018: Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30; Feb. 27; and Mar. 6, 13 and 20. Additionally, you may call the school to schedule a tour on a different date.



TRANSPORTATION

In most cases, school bus transportation is not provided to out-of-zone students attending schools offered in the Optional Schools Application. See the list of Frequently Asked Questions for more details or check with individual schools to determine transportation availability.

Public bus transportation through Nashville MTA is provided at no cost to all high school students through a program called StrIDe, where student ID cards double as city bus passes. The same program is available to middle school students attending an optional school with the exception of charter middle schools. Parent permission for middle school students is required in order to receive a StrIDe bus pass.



SPECIAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The following schools have academic entrance requirements: Hume-Fogg, MLK Magnet, Meigs and Middle College High. See pages 11 and 12 for additional details on the academic requirements for these schools.

The following schools require students to audition and/or interview: Creswell School of the Arts, Nashville School of the Arts, Middle College High, MNPS Virtual School and Nashville Big Picture. The schools will contact applicants to arrange auditions or interviews.



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE METRO SCHOOLS FAMILY INFORMATION CENTER AT 615-259-INFO (4636) OR VISIT WWW.MNPSSCHOOLCHOICE.ORG.



FAMILIES CAN IDENTIFY THEIR ZONED SCHOOL USING THE ZONE FINDER AT WWW.MNPS.ORG OR BY CALLING 615-259-INFO (4636).

What's New for the 2018-19 School Year

NEW ELEMENTARY MAGNET SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Metro Schools will offer five new magnet programs for the 2018-19 school year at the elementary level (grades K-4). Through a highly competitive federal Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) grant, these magnet programs will support the district's goal of delivering and providing access to high quality instruction for all students. Each school will provide students with exciting, rigorous thematic educational opportunities that allow for hands-on, real-world, research-based learning using STEAM-focused curriculum.

Glencliff Elementary School *An Entrepreneurship STEAM Magnet*

Students will participate in STEAM Project Based Learning (PBL) Modules in order to instill an entrepreneurial mindset that fosters innovation, risk-taking and perseverance. The school's goal is to prepare students for careers that do not yet exist as well as develop 21st Century Skills – creativity, collaboration, communication and critical thinking. Entrepreneurial design will be integrated through the use of interdisciplinary thematic curriculum building a foundation within the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. Students will utilize an Innovation Lab and Launch Simulation as they work through the Design Process. Students will learn from partners, entrepreneurs, innovators and other professionals who share the entrepreneurial mindset within the STEAM industry. Students will have time throughout the program to develop their own ideas, build on skills that are most challenging to them, work with specialists to enrich their learning, and dig deeper into their projects.

Inglewood Elementary School *An Environmental Sciences STEAM Magnet*

Inglewood Elementary engages students through critical thinking, collaboration, creativity and communication in a warm, demanding environment. The school's unique approach to learning ensures every student experiences integrated instruction specializing in the Environmental Sciences. Quarterly STEAM Challenges provide students with the opportunity to design potential solutions to real world environmental issues through literacy, math, science and social studies. Solutions are developed utilizing the Engineering Design Process and abundant technology. The school partners with scientists from Vanderbilt University, West Virginia University, the American Alliance for Innovative Systems, and various community experts to provide learning experiences in the classroom, in the STEAM Lab, and in the field. STEAM is further enhanced through enrichment opportunities including a musical band, art studio, onstage performances, STEAM enrichment clubs, creative after-school care, multimedia Maker Space and a hydroponic greenhouse.

Rosebank STEAM Magnet *Integrated Technology and Biological Sciences*

Students will engage in hands-on, immersive, and experiential learning opportunities that will develop investigation, research and procedural skills. Students will develop STEAM-focused technology and coding skills, achieve mastery of science content, and improve their informational writing skills. Partnerships with Vanderbilt



What's New for the 2018-19 School Year

University's Center for Science Outreach, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and the Nashville Zoo will expand students' knowledge and interest in scientific processes in the biological sciences.

Warner Elementary An Arts Magnet

The school's revitalized arts program will add new disciplines and content to the arts curriculum and integrate arts into core subject instruction to help students build skills in critical thinking communication, collaboration and creativity. Warner will foster strong partnerships within the Music City community to provide unique instructional and enrichment experiences to students in a diversity of arts disciplines not currently offered in other MNPS elementary schools. Enhancements to the arts program include a dance studio equipped with mirrors, flooring and ballet bars; individualized music instruction (piano, percussion and string instruments), and an art studio equipped with easels, pottery wheel and kiln. In addition, students will have the opportunity to learn about video production by creating their own daily newscasts.

Whitsitt Elementary An Environmental Engineering STEAM Magnet

The program will provide students with in-depth exposure to environmental engineering through a new thematic curriculum integrated across core content areas.

Enhanced related-arts curricula and a new engineering class, enrichment activities, outdoor lessons, field trips and clubs, and partnerships with local organizations with expertise in science and engineering will provide real-world connections for students. Each grade level will incorporate project-based applications of STEAM concepts and skills using the research-based Engineering is Elementary (EiE) curriculum as a foundation. The school will work with the Adventure Science Center in the areas of environmental sciences, physics and engineering, and with Vanderbilt University's Department of Engineering where students will learn to code robots to perform simple functions.

EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM AT MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

Metro Schools introduces a new Early College High School Program at Middle College High School for the 2018-19 school year. Admitted students can fast track their college plans or begin building a career by simultaneously earning a high school diploma and college associate's degree in just four years — and at no cost to families. The program will offer a rigorous curriculum providing higher education and industry partnership experiences for students. The application process is open to current 8th graders who will enter high school as 9th graders in the 2018-19 school year. A total of 100 seats are open for qualified applicants. Students will be responsible for their own transportation to and from the school.



MNPS School Application Calendar for 2018-19



APPLICATIONS SENT HOME | WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10, 2018

All schools will send applications home with students. This includes “pathway continuation forms” for students moving from elementary to middle or middle to high school into a guaranteed pathway. The Optional Schools Application is also made available online at www.mnpsschoolchoice.org. Students entering 11th or 12th grade may apply beginning Jan. 10. (See Frequently Asked Questions on page 9.)

TOUR TUESDAYS | TUESDAY, JAN. 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2018; TUESDAY, FEB. 27, 2018; & TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 13 & 20, 2018

Tour Tuesday dates are available for families to tour schools before and after the application deadline. Tours provide families an opportunity to meet teachers and principals, observe classrooms, ask questions and learn about academic programming. Tours are conducted between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Families may schedule a tour for a different day or time by calling the school directly. School phone numbers are available on www.mnpsschoolchoice.org or by calling 615-259-INFO (4636).

APPLICATION AND PATHWAY DEADLINE | FRIDAY, FEB. 2, 2018 BY 5 P.M. CST*

This is the deadline for parents to submit applications (grades K-10) online or return the necessary forms to the Metro Schools Family Information Center to the attention of the Office of School Options. Applications received by this deadline will be part of the random selection process. This deadline includes all “pathway continuation forms” for students moving from elementary to middle or middle to high school on an approved pathway. This deadline does not apply to applicants for preschool, pre-K, 11th or 12th grades. Applications submitted after the deadline will be placed at the end of the waitlist in the order in which they are received.

SELECTION DAY | FRIDAY, FEB. 23, 2018

Results from the random selection process for grades K-10 are available online at www.mnpsschoolchoice.org or by calling 615-259-INFO (4636). Students entering preschool, pre-K, 11th and 12th grades are not included. For further explanation, see Frequently Asked Questions.

ACCEPTANCE/WAIT LIST LETTERS MAILED HOME | WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28, 2018

An acceptance or waitlist letter will be mailed to each student’s home address provided on the application.

11TH AND 12TH GRADE APPLICATION DEADLINE | FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2018

Applications received by this deadline date will be part of the 11th and 12th grade random selection process. Applications received after March 2 will be placed at the end of the waitlist.



DEADLINE TO RETURN ACCEPTANCE LETTERS | THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018 *

The acceptance letter must be returned to the Office of School Options on this date by 5 p.m. CST. Applicants may also accept a seat by logging in online at www.mnpsschoolchoice.org. Student ID number, last name and date of birth are required to log in.

11TH AND 12TH GRADE SELECTION DAY RESULTS | WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018

Results are available at www.mnps.org or you may visit in person at the MNPS Board of Education, 2601 Bransford Avenue, Nashville, TN 37204.

ACCEPTANCE LETTERS MAILED – 1ST PULL FROM THE WAITLIST | WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018

Any student pulled from the waitlist will be mailed an acceptance letter for any open seat.

DEADLINE TO RETURN 1ST PULL ACCEPTANCE LETTERS | FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018 *

The acceptance letter must be returned to the Office of School Options on this date by 5 p.m. CST. Applicants may also accept a seat by logging in online at www.mnpsschoolchoice.org. Student ID number, last name and date of birth are required to log in.

ACCEPTANCE LETTERS MAILED – 2ND PULL FROM THE WAITLIST | WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018

Any student pulled from the waitlist will be mailed an acceptance letter for any open seat.

* Online submissions will close at 11:59 p.m. CST

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STUDENT VERIFICATION / CONTINUATION LETTERS SENT HOME | THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018

All students will be mailed a letter to verify the school assignment for the 2018-19 school year.

DEADLINE TO RETURN 2ND PULL ACCEPTANCE LETTERS | FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018 *

The acceptance letter must be returned to the Office of School Options on this date by 5 p.m. CST. Applicants may also accept a seat by logging in online at www.mnpsschoolchoice.org. Student ID number, last name and date of birth are required to log in.

DEADLINE TO RETURN STUDENT VERIFICATION / CONTINUATION LETTERS | FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018

Families wishing to change or correct a student's school assignment for the 2018-19 school year must return the student verification letter to the Office of School Options by this date.

ACCEPTANCE LETTERS MAILED – 3RD PULL FROM THE WAITLIST | WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018

Any student pulled from the waitlist will be mailed an acceptance letter for any open seat.

DEADLINE TO RETURN 3RD PULL ACCEPTANCE LETTERS | FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2018 *

The acceptance letter must be returned to the Office of School Options on this date by 5 p.m. CST. Applicants may also accept a seat by logging in online at www.mnpsschoolchoice.org. Student ID number, last name and date of birth are required to log in.

ACCEPTANCE LETTERS MAILED – 4TH PULL FROM THE WAITLIST | WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2018

Any student pulled from the waitlist will be mailed an acceptance letter for any open seat.

LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR OPTIONAL SCHOOLS WITH LIMITED SEATING | WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2018

After the random selection process, a list of schools with limited seating is published online.

DEADLINE TO RETURN 4TH PULL ACCEPTANCE LETTERS | FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2018 *

The acceptance letter must be returned to the Office of School Options on this date by 5 p.m. Applicants may also accept a seat by logging in online at www.mnpsschoolchoice.org. Student ID number, last name and date of birth are required to log in.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL | TUESDAY, AUG. 7, 2018

DEADLINE FOR CURRENT MNPS STUDENTS TO APPLY TO SCHOOLS WITH AVAILABLE SEATS | FRIDAY, AUG. 24, 2018

Students currently enrolled in MNPS schools must apply by Aug. 24, 2018. Families that are new to Metro Schools may apply throughout the year to schools with available seats.

** Online submissions will close at 11:59 p.m. CST*

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WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR OPTIONAL SCHOOLS?

Any student whose parent or guardian is a Davidson County resident at the time of application may apply for an optional school.

DOES MY CHILD NEED A STUDENT ID NUMBER TO APPLY?

Yes. Every child enrolled in Metro Schools is required to have a nine-digit student ID number that begins with 190. The student ID number for current students can be found on the child's report card or requested at the child's school. An ID number for a new student can be acquired at one of the district's 12 enrollment centers by presenting the child's birth certificate along with parent/guardian's proof of residency and a copy of your driver's license.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Families are encouraged to apply online at www.mnpsschoolchoice.org. Free internet access is available at your nearest Nashville Public Library or the Metro Schools Family Information Center, located at 2601 Bransford Ave., Nashville, TN 37204. After you apply online, you will have the option of printing a confirmation or having one emailed to you. Paper applications can be submitted in person or by mail. If mailing your application, obtain a "Return Receipt Requested" form from the U.S. Postal Service. It is the responsibility of parents to make sure that the Office of School Options receives the application. If mailed without a return receipt, the district cannot verify receipt of the application. **Faxed applications will not be accepted.**

Those interested in being included in the random selection process, must apply online by 11:59 p.m. CST or submit your application to the Family Information Center, located at 2601 Bransford Ave., Nashville, TN 37204 (Berry Road entrance), by 5 p.m. CST, Friday, Feb. 2, 2018.

HOW DOES THE SELECTION PROCESS WORK?

A random drawing will be held to fill available seats in schools listed in this application. Only applications submitted and completed by the deadline of Feb. 2, 2018, will be included in the random selection process.

Results from the random selection process will be available on Selection Day, Feb. 23, 2018. Selection Day results will be posted online at www.mnps.org and also available by contacting the Metro Schools Family Information Center at 615-259-INFO (4636). Your child's Selection Day results will be mailed on Feb. 28, 2018, to the address provided on the application.

School choices must be prioritized on the application from 1 (highest priority) to 7 (lowest priority). If your child is selected for a seat at a school, you will receive an acceptance letter in the mail, which must be returned by March 15, 2018. You may also accept your child's seat online and receive confirmation.



If your child is not selected for a particular school, he or she will be placed on a waitlist for the 2018-19 school year, unless the school was listed lower on your priority list than a school where your child was offered a seat. Your child will be "opted out" of any schools that were listed lower on your priority list than a school that your child was selected to attend. This process is designed to give families the option of attending their highest-ranked school where space is available.

Once a student has accepted a seat at an optional school, his or her name will be removed from any currently attended or previously accepted school for the 2018-19 school year. Students must attend school on the first day or they will be considered a "no-show," and their seat will be filled by another student.

Applicants in the 11th and 12th grade go through a transcript review process for admission to available seats. The random selection results will be available on March 28, 2018. All completed applications with transcript review documentation must be received on or before March 2, 2018, to be part of the random selection process.

A separate random selection process will be held for pre-Kindergarten seats in spring 2018. A separate application is required to apply for a preschool and pre-K seat in all schools, including Stanford Montessori and Hull-Jackson Montessori.

DO I NEED TO RE-APPLY EVERY YEAR TO STAY IN AN OPTIONAL SCHOOL?

No. Current K-12 students do not have to re-apply to remain enrolled in your current optional school. In May, your child will receive a verification/continuation letter from his or her school to confirm their seat assignment for the 2018-19 school year. No action is needed if your child is moving from one grade to the next in the same school. Do not complete

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a new application. Current pre-K students must re-apply for kindergarten even if they have been placed by Exceptional Education or through the pre-K lottery process. Students attending Hull-Jackson Montessori and Stanford Montessori DO NOT have to re-apply.

DOES MY CHILD HAVE A GUARANTEED PATHWAY ON TO MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOL IF THEY ATTEND AN OPTIONAL SCHOOL?

Metro Schools does provide a guaranteed pathway for some schools (see list in following question below). However, due to capacity constraints, the district cannot guarantee pathways into all of the zoned middle and high schools for out-of-zone students who attend those schools through open enrollment. If your child is out-of-zone attending an optional elementary or middle school that is not listed as having a pathway, then your child will need to apply for the zoned feeder school and will be provided priority based on space availability. This is defined as "cluster preference." If the zoned feeder school is not listed in this Optional Schools Application, this indicates the school does not have capacity to accept out-of-zone students and you will not be able to continue to this school.

DO I NEED TO APPLY IF MY CHILD IS IN AN OPTIONAL SCHOOL WITH A GUARANTEED PATHWAY TO ANOTHER OPTIONAL SCHOOL?

Yes. If this is your child's last year to attend a school listed below and you want him/her to continue in the guaranteed pathway (shown below), you must return a pathway continuation form, which will be sent home from your child's school. You may also confirm your pathway continuation by completing the Optional Schools Application online. The pathway continuation form or online application must be submitted by Feb. 2, 2018.

Elementary to Middle Pathways

- » Carter-Lawrence Elementary students who want to go to Rose Park Magnet Middle
- » Robert Churchwell Elementary students who want to go to John Early Museum Magnet Middle
- » Glendale Elementary students who want to go to J. T. Moore Middle
- » Hattie Cotton Elementary students who want to go to Stratford Lower Campus
- » Jones Elementary students who want to go to Haynes Middle
- » Lockeland Elementary students who want to go to East Nashville Magnet Middle
- » Sylvan Park Elementary students who want to go to Haynes Middle

Middle to High Pathways

- » Brick Church students who want to go to LEAD Academy High
- » Cameron students who want to go to LEAD Academy High
- » Creswell Middle students who want to go to Nashville School of the Arts (*limited to 30 seats*)
- » East Nashville Middle students who want to go to East Nashville High
- » Haynes Middle students who want to go to East Nashville Magnet High
- » Head Magnet Middle current 6th or 8th students who qualify to go to MLK Magnet
- » John Early Museum Magnet Middle students who qualify to go to Hume-Fogg Magnet High
- » KIPP Academy Nashville students who want to go to KIPP Nashville Collegiate High
- » KIPP Nashville College Prep students who want to go to KIPP Nashville Collegiate High
- » Knowledge Academy @ the Crossings students who want to go to Knowledge Academy High
- » Knowledge Academy Middle students who want to go to Knowledge Academy High
- » LEAD Southeast Middle students who want to go to LEAD Southeast High
- » Liberty Collegiate Academy students who want to go to Republic High
- » Meigs Magnet Middle students who qualify to go to Hume-Fogg Magnet High
- » Nashville Academy of Computer Science students who want to go to Republic High
- » Nashville Prep students who want to go to Republic High
- » Rose Park Magnet Middle students who qualify to go to MLK Magnet

There will be an additional pull from the waitlist after TNReady scores are available. This pull will be limited to the pathway to MLK Magnet and Hume-Fogg for Head, Rose Park, John Early and Meigs students who did not qualify in the fall. These dates will be posted on the website (www.mnpsschoolchoice.org) as soon as they are known.

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MAY I APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE OPTIONAL SCHOOL?

Yes, and families are encouraged to do so. You may apply for up to seven (7) school options, prioritized in order of preference. Families who list few options or only schools in high demand may not be selected for any of the schools on their application.

WHAT IS A CHARTER SCHOOL?

Charter schools are publicly-financed, privately-operated schools. Based on current state law, all charter school operators in Tennessee must be nonprofit organizations.

CAN I APPLY TO A CHARTER SCHOOL WITH THIS APPLICATION?

Yes. You can apply any time throughout the year to the charter schools that choose to take part in the Optional Schools Application process. Some charter schools choose to use their own application process. Contact the school to apply to a charter school not included on the application.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY APPLICATION IS INCOMPLETE?

Incomplete applications will not be accepted online or in person. If you submit an incomplete paper application by mail, we will mail it back. We will not be responsible if your application does not get back to you in time to resubmit. If your application is received after the Feb. 2, 2018, deadline, your child will not be included in the random selection process for grades K-10.

CAN FAMILIES APPLY TO PREKINDERGARTEN WITH THIS APPLICATION?

No. A separate application is required to apply for a pre-K seat in all schools. This will also include all Stanford Montessori and Hull-Jackson Montessori pre-school (3) and pre-K (4) seats. A separate application and random selection process will be held for all pre-K seats beginning Mar. 1, 2018.

WHAT IS NEEDED TO APPLY IF I AM A RISING JUNIOR OR SENIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL?

All 11th and 12th grade applicants must take a complete copy of their high school transcript, latest report card and optional schools application to the principal of the high school to which they are seeking to transfer. Principals will have up to three (3) business days to review your child's transcript and application. Upon completion of the review, the principal will attach a signed review form to your child's optional schools application before you may submit the application. Applications may be submitted beginning January 10, 2018. All completed applications received by March 2, 2018, will be in the random selection process for rising juniors and seniors.

WHAT ARE THE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ACADEMIC MAGNET SCHOOLS?

A student must meet two requirements to qualify for entrance into an academic magnet school: academic grades

and standardized test scores. Please see pages 11 and 12 for complete details on the 2018-19 requirements.

WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR SPECIALTY SCHOOLS?

Nashville School of the Arts (NSA) and Creswell Middle School of the Arts require students to audition. NSA and Creswell School of the Arts will notify all applicants about times for auditions. NSA will hold 30 seats for qualifying students who will transition from Creswell Middle School.

Middle College High School, MNPS Virtual School and Nashville Big Picture High School require students to interview. The schools will contact applicants to arrange interviews. Middle College High School also has academic requirements (see page 11).

HOW DOES SIBLING PREFERENCE WORK?

Sibling preference is given to students who have a sibling attending the school to which they are applying, as long as the sibling will still be at the school in the 2018-19 school year and the currently enrolled sibling is not attending pre-K.

Additionally, when two siblings apply to the same school and only one sibling is selected, if the parent accepts the seat, the sibling that did not get selected will be moved to the sibling priority waitlist. Sibling preference will be given in the next waitlist pull for all available seats.

The following schools do not have sibling preference: East Nashville Magnet High School, East Nashville Magnet Middle School, Head Magnet Middle School, Haynes Middle School, Hume-Fogg Magnet High School, Creswell Middle School of the Arts, Martin Luther King Jr. Magnet High School, Meigs Magnet Middle School, Middle College High School, MNPS Virtual School, Nashville School of the Arts and Rose Park Magnet Middle School. All other schools, including charter schools, do have sibling preference.

WHAT IS A GEOGRAPHIC PRIORITY ZONE (GPZ)?

A geographic priority zone (GPZ) gives admission preference to families who live in a defined geographic area around an optional school. Admission is not guaranteed for families located in a GPZ. However, they do receive priority placement during the random selection process. Use the Zone Finder tool online at www.mnpsschoolchoice.org or call 615-259-INFO (4636) to determine if you are located in a GPZ for a school.

WHAT IS CLUSTER PREFERENCE?

Some optional schools offer admission preference to families living within a geographic high school cluster. Additionally, out-of-zone students attending an optional school who wish to continue in the zoned feeder pathway will receive admission preference if the feeder school is an optional school.

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WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION INTO KINDERGARTEN?

Students eligible for kindergarten must be 5 years of age on or before Aug. 15, 2018. If your child will turn 5 years of age between Aug. 16, 2018, and Sept. 30, 2018, you may contact Metro Schools to ask about Kindergarten Readiness testing by calling 615-259-INFO (4636). You must provide a letter from the Pre-Kindergarten Education Department, which will be provided by the school if your child qualifies. This letter must be attached to the student's application before the deadline of Feb. 2, 2018, to be considered for the random selection process.

Early admission into kindergarten is available for students who qualify for gifted/talented services. If your child is already enrolled in Encore, a verification letter must be attached to your child's Optional Schools application. If your child is not in Encore, families may request an evaluation by the MNPS Psychology Department to determine if he or she qualifies for gifted services.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR GLENDALE SPANISH IMMERSION?

- » Any student entering kindergarten or 1st grade may apply for Glendale.
- » 2nd and 3rd grade applicants will be required to pass a language proficiency test before being accepted to the school.
- » No applications will be accepted for 4th grade.

HOW LONG CAN A STUDENT REMAIN ON A WAITLIST?

Students in grades K-12 are kept on waitlists through the fifth day of school in the 2018-19 school year. After the fifth day, the waitlists are eliminated with the exception of charter schools. Charter school waitlists continue throughout the entire school year.

IS THERE TRANSPORTATION FOR OPTIONAL SCHOOLS?

In most cases, school bus transportation is not provided to schools offered in the Optional Schools Application. Transportation is provided to students living in the geographic priority zone (GPZ) for Glendale Elementary Spanish Immersion School. In addition, several charter schools provide transportation. Contact individual schools to determine transportation availability.

Public bus transportation through Nashville MTA is provided at no cost to all high school students through a program called StrIDe where student ID cards double as city bus passes. The same program is available to middle school students attending an optional school with the exception of charter middle schools. Parent permission for middle school students is required in order to receive a StrIDe bus pass. Parents may contact MTA customer service by calling 615-862-5960 or visit www.nashvillemts.org to plan a route and view MTA availability.



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
WWW.MNPSSCHOOLCHOICE.ORG OR
CALL 615-259-INFO (4636).



THE FAMILY INFORMATION CENTER IS
LOCATED AT 2601 BRANSFORD AVE.,
NASHVILLE, TN 37204. PLEASE USE
THE BERRY ROAD ENTRANCE.

Academic Magnet Entrance Requirements for 2018-19



The following schools have Academic Entrance Requirements:

- » Meigs Middle School (grades 5-8)
- » MLK Junior High School (grades 7-12)
- » Hume-Fogg High School (grades 9-12)
- » Early College High School Program at Middle College High School (grades 9-12)

To be eligible to apply for a magnet school with academic entrance requirements the following conditions must be met:

- » The child's parent or guardian must be a resident of Davidson County to apply for an optional school as described in Section 1 above and in SBOp 1.117 Legal Residence.
- » The child must have a MNPS issued student identification number issued by a MNPS enrollment center.
- » The child must meet an academic grade average and subject specifications as listed below.
- » The child must meet the eligible testing requirements as listed below.

ACADEMIC GRADE AVERAGE AND SUBJECT SPECIFICATIONS

- » Students must have an academic average of 85 or above for all subjects combined for the spring semester of the previous school year and the first grading period (whether six weeks or nine weeks) of the current school year, with no failing grades for any grading period (whether six weeks or nine weeks) in this time frame.
- » Students attending Head, John Early, Meigs and or Rose Park Middle Magnet schools and who are applying for an eligible summer pathway must have an academic average of 85 or above for all subjects combined for the second, third and fourth nine weeks of the current school year, with no failing grades for any grading period (whether six weeks or nine weeks) in this time frame.

TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

The testing requirement has been altered for the 2018-19 application period. This change has been made due to significant changes in the Tennessee academic standards and the introduction of new district assessments that provide national normative data. Parents will be given a report indicating whether their child met the new testing requirement. This report will include all relevant test scores.

- » For entrance into academic magnets during the 2018-19 school year, a student can meet the assessment requirements in either of the following two ways:
 - A student who took the TNReady assessment under the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program



(TCAP) during the 2016-17 school year will qualify if the student's 2017 TCAP scores were On Track or Mastered for both English/Language Arts and Math.

- A student currently enrolled in an MNPS school will qualify if the NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing from either of the first two test administrations of 2017-18 meets a minimum score.
 - The minimum score is set at a sum of 14 national stanine for Reading and Math combined.
 - A student qualifies by meeting the test requirement for one of the test administrations this 2017-18 school year.

DAVIDSON COUNTY STUDENTS WHO ARE NEW TO MNPS

A Davidson County student who is new to Metro Schools, the state of Tennessee, is currently a home school student, and/or currently enrolled in a private school may qualify with the following:

- » Meeting the academic grade average and subject specifications as stated above.
- » Meeting the testing requirements for eligibility by submitting test results from a nationally normed achievement test that meets a minimum score. Those can be met and or determined by the following:
 - In most cases, a state standardized test from another state, though it could also be a privately given test that is nationally normed and reaching the minimum score set at a sum of 14 national stanine for Reading/English/Language Arts and Math combined. In order to obtain

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these results, the parent(s)/guardian(s) will need to contact their child's previous school or school district.

- If a child has not taken a recent nationally normed achievement test, parents may choose to pay for private testing. The minimum score is set at a sum of 14 national stanine for Reading/English/Language Arts and Math combined for private testing.

ENGLISH LEARNERS

- » English learners who are currently enrolled in MNPS can meet the standardized test requirement with just one subject instead of two: either Reading/English/Language Arts or Math.
- » For entrance into academic magnets during the 2018-19 school year, an English learner (EL) student can meet the assessment requirements in any one of the following three ways:
 - An EL student who took the TCAP/TNReady assessment during the 2016-17 school year will qualify if the student had a score of On Track or Mastered for either English/Language Arts or Math on the 2017 TCAP.

- An EL student currently enrolled in MNPS will also qualify if the MAP Reading or Math score from either of the first two test administrations of the 2017-18 school year meets a minimum score of 7 national stanine or above.
- An EL student who is new to Metro Schools or perhaps even new to Tennessee can qualify by submitting test results from a nationally normed achievement test that meet a minimum score of 7 national stanine or above for either Reading/Language/Arts and/or Math.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE FAMILY INFORMATION CENTER
AT 615-259-INFO (4636) OR VISIT WWW.MNPSSCHOOLCHOICE.ORG.**

Optional Schools for 2018-19



Please use the list of optional schools below and on the next page to complete the application on pages 15 and 16 of this booklet. School codes are listed to the left of school names. When completing the application, please include both the school code and school name for each school to which you would like to apply. If you need assistance or have questions about the school choice process, please call the Family Information Center at 615-259-INFO (4636).

Elementary Schools (K-4)

- 1 ALEX GREEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 2 ANDREW JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 3 BELLSHIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 4 BUENA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 5 CARTER-LAWRENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 6 CHADWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 7 CHARLOTTE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 8 COCKRILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 9 CUMBERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 10 DAN MILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 11 DODSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 12 DUPONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 13 EAKIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 14 EXPLORE! COMMUNITY SCHOOL (K-3)*
 - 15 FALL-HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 16 GLENCLIFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 17 GLENDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 18 HATTIE COTTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 19 HERMITAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 20 HULL-JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 21 INGLEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 22 JOELTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 23 JOHN B. WHITSITT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 24 JONES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- KIPP NASHVILLE
- 25 KIPP KIRKPATRICK ELEMENTARY*
 - 26 KIPP NASHVILLE COLLEGE PREP ELEMENTARY (K-2)*
- 27 LOCKELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 28 MCGAVOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 29 NAPIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 30 NASHVILLE CLASSICAL (K-5)*
 - 31 PARK AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 32 PURPOSE PREP*
 - 33 ROBERT CHURCHWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 34 ROBERT E. LILLARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ROCKETSHIP NASHVILLE

- 35 ROCKETSHIP NASHVILLE NORTHEAST ELEMENTARY*
 - 36 ROCKETSHIP PARTNERS COMMUNITY PREP (K-3)*
 - 37 ROCKETSHIP UNITED ACADEMY*
- 38 ROSEBANK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 39 SHWAB ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 40 SMITH SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 41 SMITHSON CRAIGHEAD ACADEMY*
 - 42 STANFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 43 SYLVAN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 44 TOM JOY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 45 TULIP GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 46 WARNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - 47 WAVERLY BELMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Middle Schools (5-8)

- 48 APOLLO MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - 49 CRESWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
 - 50 CROFT MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - 51 DUPONT HADLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - 52 EAST NASHVILLE MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - 53 GRA-MAR MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - 54 HAYNES MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - 55 HEAD MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - 56 ISAAC LITTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - 57 JERE BAXTER MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - 58 JOELTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - 59 JOHN EARLY MUSEUM MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - 60 JOHN TROTWOOD (J.T.) MOORE MIDDLE SCHOOL
- KIPP NASHVILLE
- 61 KIPP ACADEMY NASHVILLE*
 - 62 KIPP NASHVILLE COLLEGE PREP MIDDLE*
- KNOWLEDGE ACADEMIES
- 63 KNOWLEDGE ACADEMY*
 - 64 KNOWLEDGE ACADEMY @ THE CROSSINGS*

* Indicates charter school

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LEAD PUBLIC MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- 65 BRICK CHURCH – LEAD NORTHEAST CAMPUS*
- 66 CAMERON – LEAD DOWNTOWN CAMPUS*
- 67 LEAD SOUTHEAST MIDDLE*
- 68 NEELYS BEND – LEAD MADISON CAMPUS*

- 69 MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 70 MARGARET ALLEN MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 71 MCKISSACK MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 72 MEIGS MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL

REPUBLIC MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- 73 LIBERTY COLLEGIATE ACADEMY*
- 74 NASHVILLE PREP*
- 75 NASHVILLE ACADEMY OF COMPUTER SCIENCE*

- 76 ROSE PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 77 STRIVE COLLEGIATE*
- 78 THURGOOD MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 79 TWO RIVERS MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 80 WEST END MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 81 WILLIAM HENRY OLIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 82 WRIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle Schools / High Schools

- 94 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MAGNET SCHOOL (7-12)
- 97 MNPS VIRTUAL SCHOOL (5-12)
- 102 STRATFORD STEM MAGNET SCHOOL (5-12)

High Schools (9-12)

- 83 EAST NASHVILLE MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL
- 84 GLENCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL
Academy of Medical Science & Research
The Ford Academy of Business & Innovation
Hands on Nashville Academy of
Environmental & Urban Planning
- 85 HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL
Academy of Global Health & Science
Academy of International Baccalaureate
Diploma Programme
US Community Credit Union Academy of
International Business & Communication
- 86 HILLWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
Academy of Art, Design & Communication
Academy of Business & Hospitality
Academy of Health Sciences
- 87 HUME-FOGG MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL
- 88 HUNTERS LANE HIGH SCHOOL
Academy of Health & Human Sciences

- Academy of International Baccalaureate
- Academy of Hospitality, Marketing & Business
- Academy of Design & Technology

- 89 KIPP NASHVILLE COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL*
- 90 KNOWLEDGE ACADEMY HIGH *

LEAD PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

- 91 LEAD ACADEMY – LEAD DOWNTOWN CAMPUS*
- 92 LEAD SOUTHEAST HIGH (9-10)*

- 93 MAPLEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
Academy of Energy & Power
Academy of Entrepreneurship & Innovation
Academy of Sports Medicine & Wellness
- 94 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MAGNET SCHOOL (7-12)
- 95 MCGAVOCK HIGH SCHOOL
Academy of Aviation & Transportation
Aegis Science Corporation Academy
of Life Science & Law
The CMT Academy of Digital Design & Communication
The US Community Credit Union / Gaylord Opryland
Academy of Hospitality & Finance

- 96 MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL
- 97 MNPS VIRTUAL SCHOOL (5-12)
- 98 NASHVILLE BIG PICTURE HIGH SCHOOL
- 99 NASHVILLE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
- 100 PEARL-COHN ENTERTAINMENT MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL
Academy of Entertainment Communication
Academy of Entertainment Management
- 101 REPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL*
- 102 STRATFORD STEM MAGNET SCHOOL (5-12)
Academy of National Safety & Security Technologies
Academy of Science & Engineering
- 103 WHITES CREEK HIGH SCHOOL
Academy of Alternative Energy,
Sustainability & Logistics
Academy of Community Health
Academy of Education & Law

ACADEMIES OF NASHVILLE

Recognized by the White House as a national high school transformation model, the Academies of Nashville provide students with one of the best college and career prep programs in the nation. Students have a choice of 39 different academies within 12 neighborhood high schools offering a practical, hands-on approach to learning in fields that interest them ranging from engineering to healthcare. Take an academy tour at [YouTube.com/MetroSchools](https://www.youtube.com/MetroSchools) or call 615-259-INFO (4636) to learn your options.

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MNPS OPTIONAL SCHOOLS APPLICATION 2018-19

Apply **ONLINE** at <https://schooloptions.mnps.org> or return this form to the Office of School Options, 2601 Bransford Ave., **by 5 p.m. CST, Feb. 2, 2018.**

Student ID (required): _____

Applicant Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Student Information Student is: Male Female

Legal Street Address: _____ Apt. # _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Apt. # _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____ Current School: _____

Grade for 2018-19 School Year: _____ Twin or multiple birth? Yes No

Mother/Guardian (Print): _____ Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Daytime Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Father/Guardian (Print): _____ Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Daytime Phone: _____ Cell: _____

**If your phone number or address changes, you must first notify your school, then notify the Office of School Options in writing. The student's address on this application will be the one used for the selection process.*

Sibling Preference Complete this section for the currently enrolled sibling at an elementary, middle or high school that offers this option. See FAQ for details. **Note:** If you have a sibling enrolled in a school not listed on this form, you may still apply for sibling preference by using this application.

Name: _____ Student ID: _____

School: _____ Grade for 2018-19 school year: _____

Employee Preference **Note:** If you are employed in a school not listed on this form, you may still apply for employee preference by using the Optional Schools Application.

Is parent/guardian a full-time school-based employee? Yes No

Employee School: _____ EmployeeID#: _____

Optional School Application Priority Please prioritize the schools to which you wish to apply, with 1 being first choice. School Codes can be found next to the school name on the previous two pages. (Do not list Pre-Kindergarten schools.)

School Name	School Code	School Name	School Code
1. _____	_____	5. _____	_____
2. _____	_____	6. _____	_____
3. _____	_____	7. _____	_____
4. _____	_____		

Important: Parent/Guardian must sign the back of this application. If you are applying to Creswell, Nashville School of the Arts, Hume-Fogg Magnet, Martin Luther King Jr. Magnet, Meigs Middle Magnet, Nashville Big Picture, Middle College High or MNPS Virtual School you **MUST** fill out the section on the back of this application. All students applying for grades 11 and 12 must submit a copy of their high school transcript to the requesting school principal. The principal will provide a transcript review form that must be approved by the principal prior to submitting the optional school application. Please provide up to three (3) business days for the principal to review the transcripts.

Magnets with Academic Entrance Requirements:

Meigs Middle Magnet	Grades 5 - 8
Hume-Fogg Magnet	Grades 9 - 12
Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet	Grades 7 - 12
Middle College High School	Grades 9 - 12

Academic Requirements for These Magnets (required): Take this application to your current principal to fill out and sign.

Grade Average: _____ Test Scores: Reading _____ Math _____ Qualifies: Yes No

Principal's Signature: _____

- Academic average of 85 or above for the spring semester of last year and the 1st grading period of the current year with no failing grades for any grading period.
- Test scores that meet one or more of the requirements as outlined on pages 11 and 12.
- If you use the paper application to apply for a school with academic entrance requirements, please attach a copy of your qualifying test scores and report cards from spring semester last year and the first grading period of the current year.
- Please contact the Family Information Center at 615-259-4636 for more details.

Specialty Schools

Big Picture	Grades 9 - 12
Middle College High School	Grades 9 - 12
MNPS Virtual School	Grades 5 - 12

Big Picture, Middle College High School and MNPS Virtual require the completion of an additional information packet. Please contact the school directly to request the additional application packet.

Creswell Middle School of the Arts	Grades 5 - 8
Nashville School of the Arts	Grades 9 - 12

Check which area(s) you wish to audition (no more than two).
If you choose to audition in two areas, place #1 by your first choice and #2 by your second choice. You will audition in both areas.

Remember, you may select no more than two areas. All students must audition to enter Nashville School of the Arts and Creswell Middle School of the Arts.

- NSA will notify applicants about times for auditions. If you have questions, please go to nsahs.mnps.org or call 615-291-6600.
- Creswell students must select two areas. If you have any questions, please contact Creswell Middle School at 615-291-6515.

- _____ Visual Arts
- _____ Theatre Arts
- _____ Literary Arts (NSA Only)
- _____ Dance
- _____ Instrumental Band – Which instrument(s)?

- _____ Instrumental Orchestra – Which instrument(s)?

- _____ Choral music
- _____ Guitar
- _____ Piano

The information on this paper is complete and correct, and I have read the information in this application packet.

Parent Signature _____

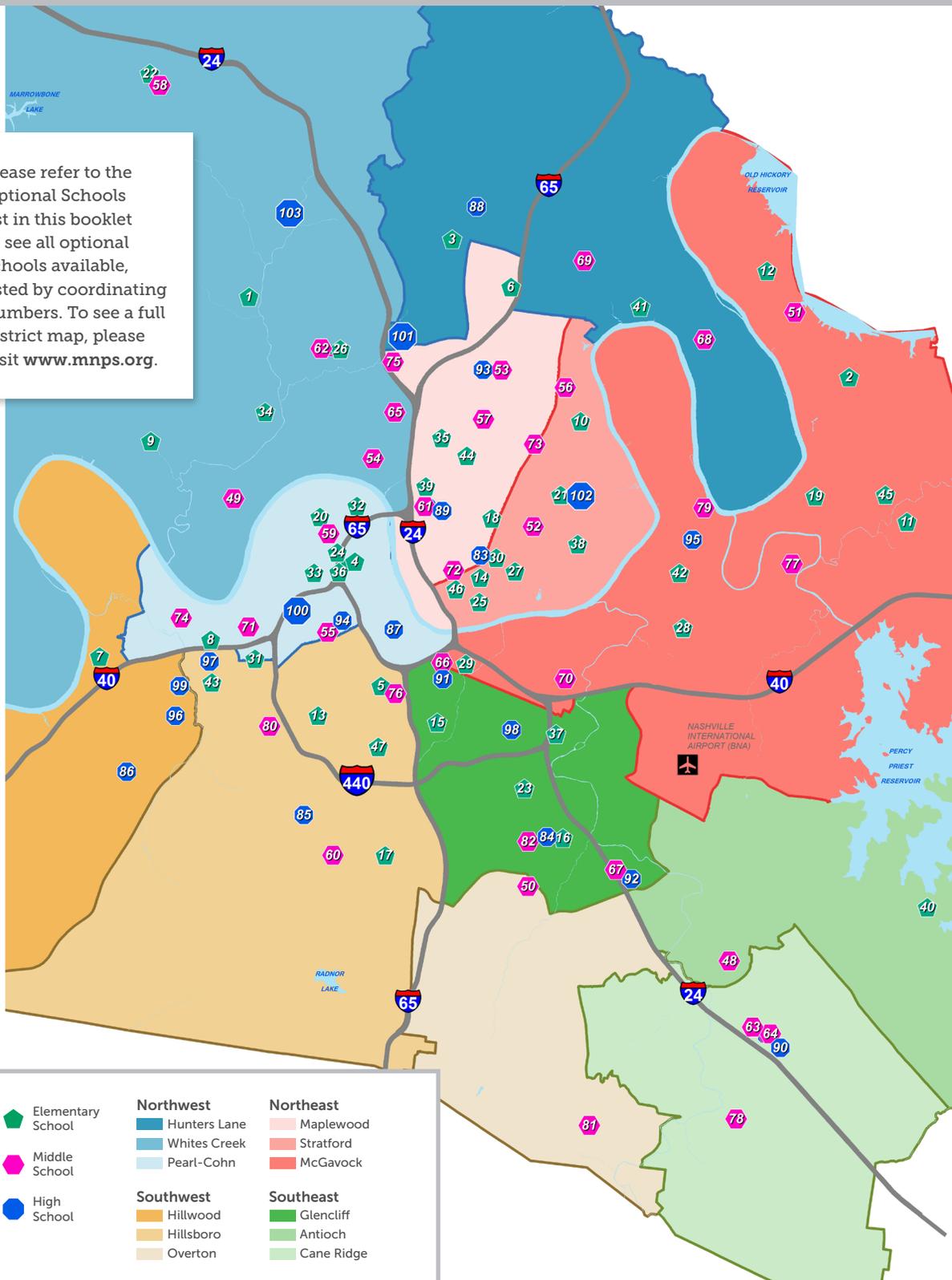
Date _____

Important: If you are submitting a paper application by mail, obtain a "Return Receipt Requested" form from the U.S. Postal Service. It is the responsibility of parents to make sure that the Office of School Options receives the application. If mailed without a return receipt, the district cannot verify receipt of the application.

For more information, please call the Family Information Center at 615-259-INFO (4636) or visit www.mnpschoolchoice.org.

OPTIONAL SCHOOLS FOR 2018-19

Please refer to the Optional Schools list in this booklet to see all optional schools available, listed by coordinating numbers. To see a full district map, please visit www.mnps.org.



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