



METRO  
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# OPTIONAL SCHOOLS

2021-2022 APPLICATION





# FINDING THE RIGHT SCHOOL

**M**etro Nashville Public Schools is a diverse, vibrant, urban school district that strives for excellence. We are driven by a simple mission: to deliver a great public education to every student, every day.

MNPS is home to 159 schools and a community of dedicated teachers and administrators who provide students with the education they deserve. Students and parents will discover that MNPS offers the rigorous academic standards, engaging instruction, diversity and social-emotional support students need through their education journey.

Every year, the Optional Schools Application allows families to choose among open enrollment schools, in addition to their zoned school. Learn more about your zoned school or an optional school today — we can't wait to show you MNPS.



**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS, VISIT [HTTPS://SCHOOLS.MNPS.ORG](https://schools.mnps.org).**



**IDENTIFY YOUR ZONED SCHOOL BY USING THE ZONE FINDER AT [WWW.MNPS.ORG/EXPLORE](http://www.mnps.org/explore) OR CALL THE FAMILY INFORMATION CENTER AT 615-259-INFO(4636).**



**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW WE'RE RESPONDING TO COVID-19, VISIT [WWW.MNPS.ORG/COVID19](http://www.mnps.org/covid19).**

## 3 Steps to Help You Find the Right School for Your Child

### 1 EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

Visit [www.mnps.org/explore](http://www.mnps.org/explore) to explore your school options. Find your zoned school using Zone Finder and learn additional information about each school's offerings by visiting school websites at <https://schools.mnps.org> or by calling the Family Information Center at 615-259-INFO(4636).

### 2 PARTICIPATE IN VIRTUAL EVENTS

In lieu of in-person tours, schools will be hosting virtual events like live tours and online information sessions. Check the websites or social media channels of schools you're interested in to see how they plan to showcase their school and allow families to connect with staff. School contact information can be found at <https://schools.mnps.org>.

### 3 APPLY BY FEBRUARY 12

If you wish to apply to an open enrollment school, apply at [www.mnps.org/apply](http://www.mnps.org/apply) or use the paper application at the back of this booklet. The random selection process in March 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. Families new to MNPS may apply year-round to optional schools with available seats. Families wanting to select an MNPS charter school may also apply year-round.

# HOW THE OPTIONAL SCHOOLS PROCESS WORKS

## Before You Apply

### WHAT YOU NEED TO APPLY

- » The parent/guardian must be a Davidson County resident before submitting an Optional Schools Application for his/her child.
- » An MNPS-issued student identification (ID) number is required. Families can apply for a student ID number online at [www.mnps.org/register-for-school](http://www.mnps.org/register-for-school). Student ID numbers may also be acquired at any of the district's eight enrollment centers or the MNPS Family Information Center.
- » The parent/guardian must have a valid email address or phone number to submit an application.



### EXPLORE SCHOOL OPTIONS

To fully compare school options and make informed selections on the Optional Schools

Application, families are strongly encouraged to engage with the schools that interest them, including their zoned school. Visit the school's website and social media pages or call the front office to learn about virtual events — an important step to ensure the climate, culture and educational offerings of a school will meet your child's needs.

A list of optional schools with open enrollment seats can be found on pages 13 and 14 of this booklet.



### TRANSPORTATION

In most cases, school bus transportation is not provided to out-of-zone students attending optional schools. See the list of Frequently Asked Questions on page 5 for more details or check with individual schools to determine transportation availability.

Public bus transportation through WeGo Public Transit is provided at no cost to all high school students through the StrIDE program, 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 to receive a StrIDE bus pass. Learn more at [www.mnps.org/transportation](http://www.mnps.org/transportation).



### SPECIAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The following schools have academic entrance requirements: Hume-Fogg High School, Martin Luther King Jr. School, Meigs Middle School and the Early College High School. See pages 9 and 10 for additional details on the academic requirements for these schools.

The following schools require students to audition and/or interview: Isaiah T. Creswell Middle School of the Arts,

Nashville School of the Arts, MNPS Virtual School and Nashville Big Picture High School. The schools will contact applicants to arrange auditions or interviews.

## Filling Out the Application

- » Apply for up to seven schools on the application.
- » School choices must be prioritized from one (highest priority) to seven (lowest priority)—this includes pathway schools and all schools that require an interview or audition.
  - 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. The seat must be accepted or declined by the deadline.
  - 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 — including pathway schools — that were listed as a lower priority 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 by the deadline date, 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 and offered an available seat at any time beginning March 8, 2021, through the fifth day of school in the 2021-2022 school year as seats become available.
  - Families will be notified of their selections by SMS, email and/or by USPS mail.

## Submitting the Application

- » Families are encouraged to apply online at [www.mnps.org/apply](http://www.mnps.org/apply). All changes to an existing application must be made online. If you need internet access, you may visit your nearest Nashville Public Library branch.
- » Paper applications (located at the back of this booklet) are accepted and must be returned to the Office of School Options.
  - Due to ongoing COVID-19 safety precautions, appointments are required to submit an application in person. Please contact the Family Information Center at 615-259-INFO(4636) to make an appointment or for additional help.

- Submit a paper application by mail to:

Office of School Options  
Metro Nashville Public Schools  
2601 Bransford Ave.  
Nashville, TN 37204

- » Paper applications received by Feb. 12, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. CST will be entered into the random selection process. Online applications will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. CST on Feb. 12, 2021. All applications received after the deadline will be added to the end of the waitlist.
- » Continuation on a guaranteed pathway must be confirmed by returning your child's pre-printed pathway letter or submitting an application online. See Frequently Asked Questions on page 5 for more details.



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***[www.mnps.org/apply](http://www.mnps.org/apply)***



## **APPLY BY MAIL**

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**OFFICE OF SCHOOL OPTIONS  
METRO NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
2601 BRANSFORD AVE., NASHVILLE, TN 37204**



## **MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO APPLY IN PERSON**

***Appointments are required due to ongoing  
COVID-19 safety precautions. A limited  
number of appointments are available.***

**MNPS FAMILY INFORMATION CENTER  
2601 BRANSFORD AVE., NASHVILLE, TN 37204**

***Call 615-259-INFO(4636) to make  
an appointment.***



## **QUESTIONS?**

***For further questions about school  
choice in Metro Schools:***

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CENTER AT 615-259-INFO(4636)**

**OR VISIT [WWW.MNPS.ORG](http://www.mnps.org)**

# MNPS OPTIONAL SCHOOLS APPLICATION CALENDAR FOR 2021-2022

## **APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE — MONDAY, JAN. 25, 2021**

The Optional Schools Application will be available online at [www.mnps.org/apply](http://www.mnps.org/apply). Printed applications will be available at schools, enrollment centers and the Family Information Center. Pathway continuation forms for students moving from elementary to middle or middle to high school on an approved pathway will be sent home. This also includes applications for grades 11 and 12.

## **APPLICATION AND PATHWAY DEADLINE — FRIDAY, FEB. 12, 2021 BY 4:30 P.M. CST\***

Families should return forms to the Office of School Options. Applications received by this deadline will be part of the random selection process on Selection Day. *Due to COVID-19, MNPS strongly encourages online submission of applications.* Appointments are required to submit an application in person. Please contact the Family Information Center at 615-259-INFO(4636) to make an appointment. We expect longer wait times for in-person drop-offs due to limited staffing and safety precautions in the Family Information Center. Applications received after Friday, February 12, 2021, will be placed at the end of the waitlist in the order in which they are received. This deadline also 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.*

## **SELECTION DAY RESULTS — MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021**

Results from the random selection process for grades K-10 are available online at [www.mnps.org/school-options](http://www.mnps.org/school-options) or by calling 615-259-INFO(4636). Students entering preschool, Pre-K, 11th and 12th grades are not included. For more, see Frequently Asked Questions.

## **ACCEPTANCE/WAITLIST LETTERS MAILED HOME — WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021**

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 12, 2021 BY 4:30 P.M. CST\***

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

## **DEADLINE TO RETURN ACCEPTANCE LETTERS — FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021 BY 4:30 P.M. CST\***

The acceptance letter must be returned to the Office of School Options by 4:30 p.m. CST. Applicants may also accept a seat online at [www.mnps.org/school-options](http://www.mnps.org/school-options) before 11:59 p.m. CST.

## **11TH AND 12TH GRADE SELECTION DAY RESULTS — FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021**

Results will be available at [www.mnps.org/school-options](http://www.mnps.org/school-options) or you may visit in person at the MNPS Board of Education, 2601 Bransford Avenue, Nashville, TN 37204.

## **STUDENT VERIFICATION / CONTINUATION LETTERS SENT HOME — WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021**

All K-12 students receive a letter to verify the school assignment for the 2021-2022 school year from the Office of Boundary Planning and Enrollment Forecasting.

## **DEADLINE TO RETURN STUDENT VERIFICATION / CONTINUATION LETTERS — FRIDAY, MAY 28, 2021**

Families wishing to change or correct a student's school assignment for the 2021-2022 school year must return the student verification letter by this date to the Office of School Options. Letters can be returned in person to the Family Information Center or by mailing to 2601 Bransford Ave., Nashville, TN 37204.

## **LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR OPTIONAL SCHOOLS WITH LIMITED SEATING — WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2021**

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

## **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL — TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021**

## **DEADLINE FOR CURRENT MNPS STUDENTS TO APPLY TO SCHOOLS WITH AVAILABLE SEATS — FRIDAY, AUG. 27, 2021**

Last day for current MNPS students to apply to schools with available seats. Students new to MNPS may apply year-round to optional schools with available seats. Families wanting to select an MNPS charter school may apply year-round.

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

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## 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.

## DOES MY CHILD NEED A STUDENT ID NUMBER TO APPLY?

Yes. Every child enrolled in MNPS 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 online at [www.mnps.org/register-for-school](http://www.mnps.org/register-for-school) or at one of the district's eight 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.mnps.org/apply](http://www.mnps.org/apply). All families wishing to apply online must create a parent profile that requires a username and password. The username must be a valid phone number or email address. If you need assistance with setting up an email address, please contact the Family Information Center at 615-259-INFO(4636). Free internet access is available at your nearest Nashville Public Library or the MNPS 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 it sent to you by email or text.

Paper applications can be submitted in person or by mail. Due to ongoing COVID-19 safety precautions, appointments are required to submit an application in person. Please contact the Family Information Center at 615-259-INFO(4636) to make an appointment. 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 an application to the Family Information Center, located at 2601 Bransford Ave., Nashville, TN 37204 (Berry Road entrance), by 4:30 p.m. CST, Friday, Feb. 12, 2021.

## HOW DOES THE SELECTION PROCESS WORK?

A random computerized selection will be held to fill available seats in schools listed in this application (see pages 13-14). Only applications submitted and completed by the deadline of Feb. 12, 2021, will be included in the random selection process.

Results from the random selection process will be available on Selection Day, March 8, 2021. Selection Day results will be posted online at [www.mnps.org](http://www.mnps.org) and also available by contacting the MNPS Family Information Center at 615-259-INFO(4636). Your child's Selection Day results will be mailed March 10, 2021, 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 be notified via SMS, email or you will receive an acceptance letter in the mail, which must be returned by March 26, 2021. 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 2021-2022 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, including guaranteed pathway 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. Please note that all waitlists for non-charter schools in grades K-12 are dissolved after the first five attendance days of school.



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 2021-2022 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 from the waitlist.**

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 26, 2021. All completed applications with transcript review documentation must be received on or before March 12, 2021, to be part of the random selection process.

A separate random selection process will be held for Pre-K seats in spring 2021. 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 their current optional school. In May, your child will receive a verification/continuation letter from his or her school to confirm his or her seat assignment for the 2021-2022 school year. No action is needed if your child is moving from one grade to the next in the same school. Do not complete 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 HE OR SHE ATTENDS AN OPTIONAL SCHOOL?**

All MNPS students have a guaranteed pathway to their zoned school. For students attending an optional school outside their zone, there are some additional guaranteed pathways (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 by the deadline 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 to the right and you want him/her to continue in the guaranteed pathway listed, 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. 12, 2021.

#### **Elementary to Middle Pathways**

- » Carter-Lawrence Elementary students who want to go to Rose Park Middle
- » Robert Churchwell Elementary students who want to go to John Early Middle
- » Glendale Elementary students who want to go to John Trotwood Moore Middle
- » Hattie Cotton Elementary students who want to go to Stratford STEM Magnet School (Lower Campus)
- » Jones Elementary students who want to go to Haynes Middle
- » Lockeland Elementary students who want to go to East Nashville Middle
- » Sylvan Park Elementary students who want to go to Haynes Middle

#### **Middle to High Pathways**

- » Isaiah T. Creswell Middle School of the Arts 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 High
- » Head Middle current sixth or eighth grade students who qualify to go to Martin Luther King Jr. School
- » John Early Middle students who qualify to go to Hume-Fogg High
- » LEAD Brick Church students who want to go to LEAD Academy
- » LEAD Cameron students who want to go to LEAD Academy
- » Liberty Collegiate students who want to go to RePublic High
- » KA @ the Crossings students who want to go to Knowledge Academies High
- » Knowledge Academy students who want to go to Knowledge Academies High
- » LEAD Southeast Middle students who want to go to LEAD Southeast High
- » Meigs Middle students who qualify to go to Hume-Fogg High
- » Nashville Prep students who want to go to RePublic High
- » Rose Park Middle students who qualify to go to Martin Luther King Jr. School

There will be a summer pathway offered to students attending Head, Rose Park, John Early or Meigs middle schools who did not qualify in the fall and are now eligible to attend Martin Luther King Jr School and Hume-Fogg



High School based off of TN Ready Scores and a GPA of 85 or higher from the second, third and fourth nine weeks scores with no failing grades. Summer pathway notification will occur either in July or August after the State of Tennessee standardized testing scores are available. If you are expecting a pathway form after June and will be on vacation in July or August, please email [schooloptions@mnps.org](mailto:schooloptions@mnps.org) for more information.

### **MAY I APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE OPTIONAL SCHOOL?**

Yes, and families are encouraged to do so. You may apply for up to seven 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. 12, 2021, deadline, your child will not be included in the random selection process for grades K-10. All late applications (including late re-submitted applications) will be added to the end of the waitlist.

### **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 also includes all Stanford Montessori and Hull-Jackson Montessori preschool (3-year-olds) and Pre-K (4-year-olds) seats. A separate application and random selection process will be held for all Pre-K seats in the spring of 2021.

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

All 11th and 12th grade applicants must provide 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 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 25, 2021. All completed applications received by March 12, 2021, 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 9 and 10 for complete details on the 2021-2022 requirements.

### **WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR SPECIALTY SCHOOLS?**

Nashville School of the Arts (NSA) and Isaiah T. Creswell Middle School of the Arts require students to audition. NSA and Isaiah T. Creswell Middle School of the Arts will notify all applicants about times for auditions. NSA will hold 30 seats for qualifying students who will transition from Isaiah T. Creswell Middle School of the Arts. Students applying to these schools must include them in the list of prioritized schools in their application.

MNPS Virtual School and Nashville Big Picture High School require students to interview. The schools will contact applicants to arrange interviews. Early College High School also has academic requirements (see page 9).

### **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 2021-2022 school year.

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. A student with sibling preference will be offered a seat from the waitlist when a vacancy becomes available.

The following schools do not have sibling preference: East Nashville Magnet High School, East Nashville Middle School, Head Middle School, Hume-Fogg High School, Isaiah T. Creswell Middle School of the Arts, Martin Luther King Jr. School, Meigs Middle School, the Early College High School, MNPS Virtual School, Nashville School of the Arts and Rose Park 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.mnps.org](http://www.mnps.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. **Parents must apply before the application deadline in order to receive cluster preference.**

### **WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION INTO KINDERGARTEN?**

Students eligible for kindergarten must be 5 years of age on or before Aug. 15, 2021. If your child will turn 5 years of age between Aug. 16, 2021, and Sept. 30, 2021, you may contact MNPS to ask about Kindergarten Readiness testing by calling 615-259-INFO(4636). Students eligible for the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment can submit a school choice application, but if selected for an optional school must complete testing and meet the cut off score by March 31, 2021, to complete the acceptance and enrollment process. Students who do not meet the cut off score can apply for Pre-K. Students tested after the March 31, 2021, deadline will not be eligible for enrollment in the school site selected through 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 first grade may apply for Glendale.
- » Applicants in second and third grade will be required to pass a language proficiency test before being accepted to the school.
- » No applications will be accepted for fourth 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 2021-2022 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 WeGo Public Transit is provided at no cost to all high school students through the StrIDe program, 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 to receive a StrIDe bus pass. Parents may contact WeGo customer service by calling 615-862-5960 or visit [www.nashvillemta.org](http://www.nashvillemta.org) to plan a route and view WeGo availability.



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# ACADEMIC MAGNET ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR 2021-2022

To be eligible to apply for a 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 an MNPS-issued student identification number issued by an 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 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 and meet the testing requirements from the 2019-2020 Fall/Winter MAP Test.

## TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY \*

- » For entrance into a magnet school with academic entrance requirements during the 2021-2022 school year, a student can meet the assessment requirements as follows:
  - Students applying to Meigs Middle School, Martin Luther King Jr. School or Hume-Fogg High School for the 2021-2022 school year will meet the test score requirement with national stanine scores in Reading and Math from the 2019-2020 school year that total 13 or higher. An English Learner will meet the requirement with a stanine of 6 or higher in either of the two subjects.
  - For Early College High School, the minimum score for incoming 9th and 10th grade students is a sum of 10 national stanine for Reading and Math combined.

## THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS HAVE ACADEMIC ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:

- MEIGS MIDDLE SCHOOL (*grades 5-8*)
- MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SCHOOL (*grades 7-12*)
- HUME-FOGG HIGH SCHOOL (*grades 9-12*)
- EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL (*grades 9-12*)



- Incoming 11th grade applicants to Early College High School must have:
  - a minimum score of 21 on the ACT or
  - a minimum score of the below on the SAT
    - › 490 in English
    - › 500 in math
    - › 500 in critical reading

### DAVIDSON COUNTY STUDENTS WHO ARE NEW TO MNPS

A Davidson County student who is new to MNPS, 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 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 2021-2022 school year, an English learner (EL) student can meet the assessment requirements in any one of the following ways:
  - An EL student will meet the requirement with a national stanine of 6 or higher in either Reading or Math from a 2019-2020 MAP Test.
  - For Meigs Middle School, Martin Luther King Jr. School and Hume-Fogg High School, an EL student currently enrolled in MNPS will also qualify with recent (2020-2021) test results from a nationally normed achievement test that meet a minimum score of 7 national stanine or above.
  - For Early College High School, an EL student currently enrolled in MNPS will qualify with recent test scores from a nationally normed achievement test that meet a minimum score of 5 national stanine or above.
  - An EL student who is new to MNPS 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.

*\* Note: Normally students need a minimum score of a sum of 14 national stanines for Reading and Math (or a 7 in one subject for English Learners) in order to qualify for Meigs Middle School, Martin Luther King Jr. School and Hume-Fogg High School. While that standard is still in place for tests administered in a secure testing environment in 2020-2021, students qualify this year with a sum of 13 national stanines (or a 6 in one subject for English Learners) for tests administered in 2019-2020. This adjustment is to accommodate students that made significant academic growth in the past year but did not have the opportunity to demonstrate that progress due to the limited opportunities to administer standardized tests in the current school year.*



**HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?  
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AT 615-259-INFO(4636) OR VISIT WWW.MNPS.ORG.**

# DEFINITIONS OF ACADEMIC OPTIONS, THEMES & PROGRAMS

## 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 36 different academies within the largest 12 neighborhood high schools offering a practical, hands-on approach to learning in fields that interest them, ranging from engineering to healthcare with over 300 business and community partners. All Academy pathways are aligned with early college credit opportunities thanks to partnerships with local postsecondary institutions. Students also have the opportunity to earn industry certifications that make them competitive in a knowledge- and skills-based economy. Take an academy tour at [YouTube.com/MetroSchools](https://www.youtube.com/MetroSchools) or call 615-259-INFO(4636) to learn your options.

## ADVANCED ACADEMICS

Metro Schools offers a continuum of advanced academic programs for students Pre-K through 12th grade that builds upon students' individual strengths and maximizes academic potential for all learners. Our programming includes:

### Advanced Placement (AP)

AP focuses on college-level instruction and assessment through an approved teacher syllabus. AP students have the opportunity to dig deeper into subjects that interest them, develop advanced research and communication skills, learn creative problem-solving and engage in rigorous college-level work.

### Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)

AVID's mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society. AVID's one guiding principle is to hold students accountable to the highest standards, while providing academic and social support.

### Cambridge International

Cambridge students build more than just a deep understanding of their subject. They also develop higher order thinking skills so they can apply what they've learned. Cambridge students will be asked to think critically, to learn how to construct an argument and evaluate evidence. Students will also develop an international outlook and become confident, global citizens.

## Dual Enrollment

Dual Enrollment provides an opportunity for students to earn college credit while enrolled in high school. This may include on campus, off campus, virtual/online and summer coursework. To register for dual enrollment courses, students must apply to the post-secondary institution.

## The Gifted and Talented Program

The Gifted and Talented program offers an instructional experience designed specifically for intellectually gifted and academically talented learners. The curriculum is hands-on, interactive and problem-based with a focus on developing students' critical and creative thinking abilities.

## International Baccalaureate (IB)

IB emphasizes a constructivist approach based on inquiry and focused on conceptual understanding. Learning is contextualized, collaborative and differentiated to meet the needs of learners. Through deliberate strategies and attitudes, students will explore thinking, communication, social, self-management and research skills.



## CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

In Metro schools, Career and Technical Education (CTE) is learning that works, preparing students for high-wage, high-skill and high-demand careers through rigorous programs organized among 16 career clusters:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
- Architecture & Construction Arts
- A/V Technology & Communications
- Business Management & Administration
- Education & Training
- Finance
- Government & Public Administration
- Health Science
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Human Services
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
- Marketing
- STEM Transportation
- Distribution & Logistics

## EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Through an early college high school program, 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 offers a rigorous curriculum providing higher education and industry partnership experiences for students. The application process is open to current eighth graders who will enter high school as ninth graders in the 2021-2022 school year. Two MNPS schools offer an early college program. Early College High School, located on the campus of Nashville State Community College, has a total of 100 seats available for qualified applicants. Current ninth graders may also apply. Students will be responsible for their own transportation to and from the school. **New for 2021-2022:** Whites Creek High School will be the district's second early college site, operating this program, as well as the traditional high school programming. The early college program at Whites Creek will phase-in, beginning with ninth grade in 2021-2022. Students who are zoned to WCHS will have transportation provided. Students who live outside the Whites Creek zone are responsible for their own transportation.

## MAGNET PROGRAMS

Magnet schools are visionary, innovative schools where students are attracted by the unique themes such as: STEAM, Arts, IB and more. Magnet schools seek to attract a diverse student body where highly engaging learning occurs. Soft skills, teamwork, acceptance, innovation and engagement make magnet schools a vibrant environment to develop children prepared for future careers and successful community engagement. This real-life preparation has students not only interacting with peers from all backgrounds, but with hands-on experience working with businesses, cultural institutions, universities and community organizations.

## MONTESSORI

The Montessori learning environment fosters respect for others and independent learning while also supporting children as they gain an intrinsic pleasure from learning. The multi-aged classrooms are designed to support a child's natural development through a carefully designed and nurturing environment that is aesthetically pleasing and enticing. The Montessori educator is dedicated to ensuring children are recognized and supported as individuals and encouraged to grow through enriching and engaging experiences that guide students to explore and interact with the Montessori learning materials, artifacts and resources.

## PAIDEIA

Paideia schools center learning around the understanding that education serves to prepare students for citizenship, self-development and livelihood. The Paideia experience focuses on the understanding of ideas and values, Socratic Seminar and active participation, and the discussion of books and art performances.

## STEAM

Metro Schools' STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) instruction provides students with the overarching view of how standards that are typically taught in isolation are interconnected with other content areas and provide views of how real-world problems are solved. The goal of MNPS STEAM is to provide students with experiences as well as integrated coursework that is focused on developing solutions to real world problems through research, design and the 4Cs: collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking.



**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT OPTIONS, PROGRAMS AND THEMES OUR SCHOOLS HAVE TO OFFER, VISIT [HTTPS://SCHOOLS.MNPS.ORG](https://schools.mnps.org).**

# OPTIONAL SCHOOLS FOR 2021-2022

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 AMQUI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 3 ANDREW JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 4 BELLSHIRE 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 EAST END PREP (K-8)\*
- 15 EXPLORE COMMUNITY SCHOOL (K-6)\*
- 16 FALL-HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 17 GATEWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 18 GLENCLIFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **M**
- 19 GLENDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 20 GLENGARRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 21 GOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 22 HATTIE COTTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 23 HERMITAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 24 HULL-JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 25 IDA B. WELLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 26 INGLEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **M**
- 27 JOELTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 28 JOHN B. WHITSITT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **M**
- 29 JONES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 30 LOCKELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 31 MCGAVOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 32 NAPIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 33 NASHVILLE CLASSICAL (K-8)\*
- 34 NEELY'S BEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 35 NORMAN BINKLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 36 PARK AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*

- 37 PENNINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 38 PURPOSE PREP\*
- 39 ROBERT CHURCHWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*

### Rocketship Nashville

- 40 ROCKETSHIP NASHVILLE NORTHEAST ELEMENTARY\*
- 41 ROCKETSHIP UNITED\*
- 42 ROSEBANK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **M**
- 43 RUBY MAJOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 44 SHWAB ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 45 SMITH SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 46 SMITHSON CRAIGHEAD ACADEMY\*
- 47 STANFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 48 SYLVAN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 49 TOM JOY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 50 TULIP GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 51 WARNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **M**
- 52 WAVERLY-BELMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**\*\*New for 2021-2022:** MNPS is working toward the next stage in MNPS:ReimaginED, which includes going to a K-5, 6-8 grade configuration in the Maplewood, Pearl-Cohn and Whites Creek clusters. Elementary schools in these clusters will enroll K-5th grade students. Middle schools in these clusters will enroll 6th-8th grade students. Look for additional information and updates on [www.mnps.org](http://www.mnps.org).

## MIDDLE SCHOOLS (5-8)

- 53 CROFT MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 54 DUPONT HADLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 55 EAST NASHVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL **M**
- 15 EXPLORE COMMUNITY SCHOOL (K-6)\*
- 56 HAYNES MIDDLE SCHOOL\*\*
- 57 HEAD MIDDLE SCHOOL **M**
- 58 ISAAC LITTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 59 ISAIAH T. CRESWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

\* Indicates charter school

**M** Indicates magnet school

# OPTIONAL SCHOOLS FOR 2021-2022

- 60 JERE BAXTER MIDDLE SCHOOL\*\*
- 61 JOHN EARLY MIDDLE SCHOOL\*\* **M**
- 62 JOHN TROTWOOD MOORE MIDDLE SCHOOL (5th Grade Only)

## Knowledge Academies

- 63 KA @ THE CROSSINGS\*
- 64 KNOWLEDGE ACADEMY\*

## LEAD Public Middle Schools

- 65 LEAD BRICK CHURCH\*
- 66 LEAD CAMERON\*
- 67 LEAD NEELY'S BEND\*
- 68 LEAD SOUTHEAST (5-8)\*
- 69 MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 70 MARGARET ALLEN MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 71 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SCHOOL (7-12) **M**
- 72 MEIGS MIDDLE SCHOOL **M**
- 73 MNPS VIRTUAL SCHOOL (5-12)
- 74 MOSES MCKISSACK MIDDLE SCHOOL\*\*
- 33 NASHVILLE CLASSICAL (K-8)\*

## RePublic

- 75 LIBERTY COLLEGIATE\*
- 76 NASHVILLE PREP\*
- 77 ROSE PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL **M**
- 78 STRATFORD STEM MAGNET SCHOOL (5-12) **M**
- 79 STRIVE COLLEGIATE ACADEMY\*
- 80 TWO RIVERS MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 81 WEST END MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 82 WRIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL

## HIGH SCHOOLS (9-12)

- 83 EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL (Open to 9th and 10th Grades Only)
- 84 EAST NASHVILLE MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL **M**
- 85 GLENCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL  
Academy of Environmental and Urban Planning  
Academy of Health and Hospitality  
Ford Academy of Business and Innovation
- 86 HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL  
Academy of Global Health and Science  
Academy of International Baccalaureate  
US Community Credit Union Academy of  
International Business and Communications

- 87 HILLWOOD HIGH SCHOOL  
Academy of Art, Design and Communication  
Academy of Business and Hospitality  
Academy of Health Sciences
- 88 HUME-FOGG HIGH SCHOOL **M**
- 89 HUNTERS LANE HIGH SCHOOL  
Academy of Design and Technology  
Academy of Hospitality, Marketing and Business  
Academy of International Baccalaureate /  
Health and Human Services
- 90 JOHN OVERTON HIGH SCHOOL (Open to 9th Grade Only)
- 91 KNOWLEDGE ACADEMIES HIGH SCHOOL\*
- 92 LEAD ACADEMY\*
- 68 LEAD SOUTHEAST (9-12)\*
- 93 MAPLEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL  
Academy of Entrepreneurship and Innovation  
Academy of Health and Electrical Services
- 71 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SCHOOL (7-12) **M**
- 94 MCGAVOCK HIGH SCHOOL  
Academy of Aviation and Transportation  
Aegis Sciences Corporation Academy of Life Science and Law  
The CMT Academy of Digital Design and Communication  
The Gaylord Opryland Academy of Hospitality and  
USCCU Academy of Business and Finance
- 73 MNPS VIRTUAL SCHOOL (5-12)
- 95 NASHVILLE BIG PICTURE HIGH SCHOOL
- 96 NASHVILLE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
- 97 PEARL-COHN HIGH SCHOOL **M**  
Academy of Entertainment Industry  
Academy of Health Science and Personal Care
- 98 REPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL\*
- 78 STRATFORD STEM MAGNET SCHOOL (5-12) **M**  
Academy of National Safety and Science of Teaching  
Academy of Science and Engineering
- 99 WHITES CREEK HIGH SCHOOL  
The Academy of Alternative Energy, Community  
Health and Law

\* Indicates charter school

**M** Indicates magnet school





# MNPS OPTIONAL SCHOOLS APPLICATION 2021-2022

Apply **ONLINE** at [www.mnps.org/apply](http://www.mnps.org/apply) or return this signed form to the  
Office of School Options, 2601 Bransford Ave., **by 4:30 p.m. CST, Feb. 12, 2021.**

Please detach and return or apply online at [www.mnps.org/apply](http://www.mnps.org/apply).

**Student ID (required):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student 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 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Employee ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional School Application Priority** Please prioritize the schools to which you wish to apply, with 1 being your first choice. School Codes can be found next to the school name on the previous two pages. (Do not list Pre-K 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 Isaiah T. Creswell, Nashville School of the Arts, Hume-Fogg, Martin Luther King Jr., Meigs, Early 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 business days for the principal to review the transcripts.

**Schools with Academic Entrance Requirements:**

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

**Academic Requirements for These Schools (required):** *If you are unable to apply online for an academic magnet school, please take this application to your current principal to complete.*

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 first 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 9 and 10.
- 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**

Early College High School	Grades 9 - 12
MNPS Virtual School	Grades 5 - 12

Early 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.

Isaiah T. 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 (NSA) and Isaiah T. Creswell Middle School of the Arts.*

- NSA audition information will be provided by the school within 2-3 business days after completing the application. For general audition information, visit <http://nashvilleschoolofthearts.com>.
- Creswell students must select two areas. If you have any questions, please contact Isaiah T. Creswell Middle School of the Arts at 615-291-6515.

- |   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| _____ Visual Arts                                   | _____ Choral music |
| _____ Theatre Arts                                  | _____ Guitar       |
| _____ Literary Arts (NSA Only)                      | _____ Piano        |
| _____ Dance   |                    |
| _____ Instrumental Band – Which instrument(s)?      | _____              |
| _____ Instrumental Orchestra – Which instrument(s)? | _____              |

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

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

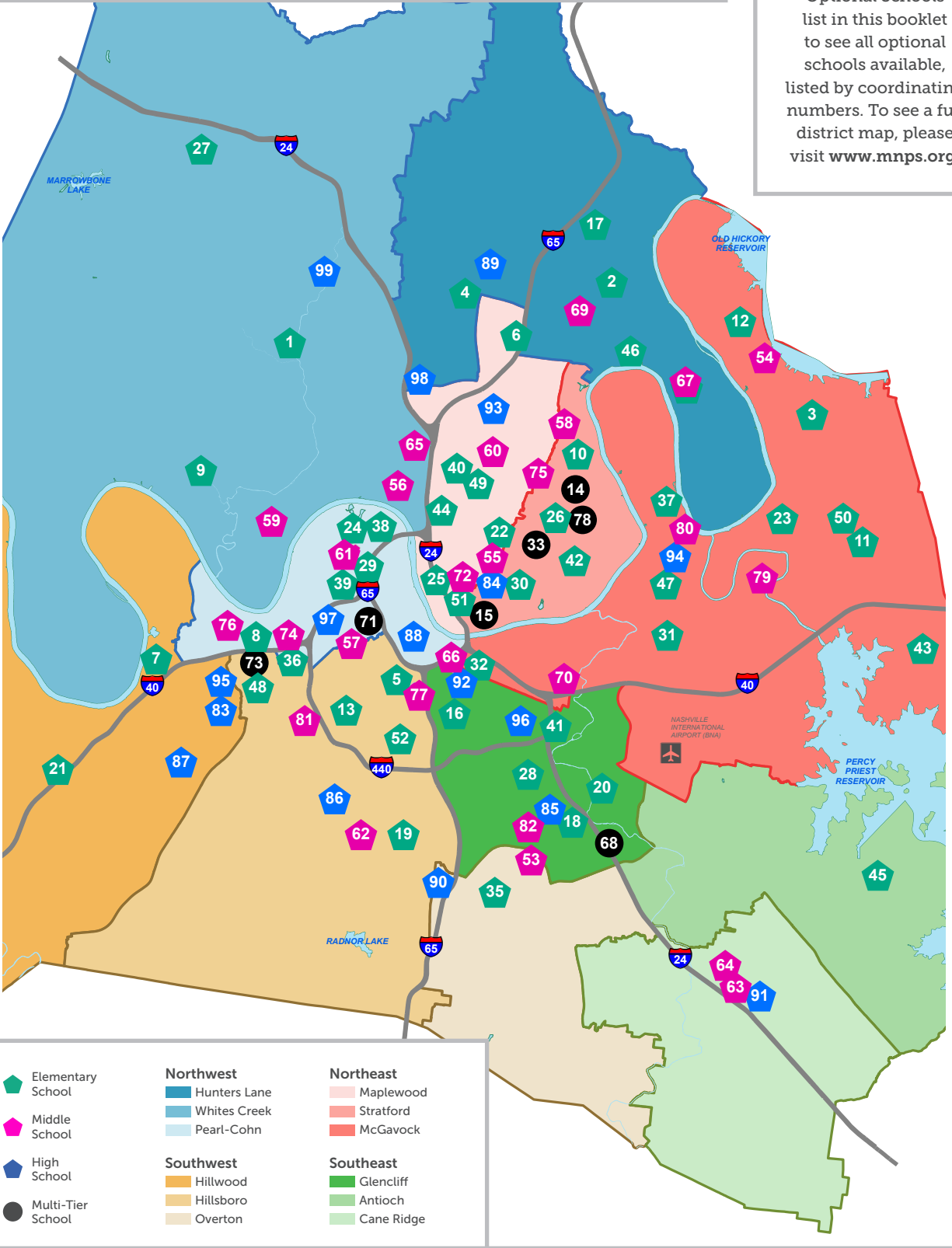
**Important:** *If you are submitting a paper application by mail, obtain a "Return Receipt Requested" form from the U.S. Postal Service. It is the responsibility of parents to make sure that the Office of School Options receives the application. If mailed without a return receipt, the district cannot verify receipt of the application. Completed paper applications should not be submitted to your child's school or to the requested optional school. They must be submitted to the Office of School Options at 2601 Bransford Ave.*

**For more information, please call the Family Information Center at 615-259-INFO(4636) or visit [www.mnps.org/apply](http://www.mnps.org/apply).**



# OPTIONAL SCHOOLS FOR 2021-2022

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](http://www.mnps.org).



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