

High School Program of Studies 2008 - 2009

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MNPS Mission Statement

The mission of Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools, the heart and soul of the creative spirit of Music City, is to ensure each student realizes his or her ability to excel at levels not previously imagined, through a system distinguished by: safe environments characterized by love, value and acceptance; inclusive communities of learners; engaged students eager to share their thoughts; multiple paths to success; and active support among home, school, and community.

MNPS Strategic Directives

- Strategy 1** - We will ensure all students achieve academic excellence.
- Strategy 2** - We will provide all students with safe and nurturing learning environments.
- Strategy 3** - We will ensure that we have exemplary staff throughout the district.
- Strategy 4** - We will ensure an array of educational options for each student to pursue his/her personal goals.
- Strategy 5** - We will ensure a network of personal support for each student.
- Strategy 6** - We will immerse every family in their child's education.
- Strategy 7** - We will ensure the convergence of schools and communities to achieve student success.
- Strategy 8** - We will establish MNPS as the premier educational system for ensuring every student excels at levels not previously imagined.

Purpose of the Program of Studies

This Program of Studies is the official program for the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) and is in compliance with the State Rules, Regulations and Minimum Standards.

Requirements for the diploma in the MNPS are above the minimum requirement stated in Rules, Regulations and Minimum Standards, Tennessee State Board of Education. Questions pertaining to the minimum standards for the State of Tennessee, and particularly for transfer students, may be answered by referring to Rules, Regulations and Minimum Standards (<http://www.state.Tennessee.us/sos/rules/0520/0520-01/0520-01.htm>).

Any request for exemptions from the policies or rules must be submitted in writing to the principal, and must be approved by the principal and MNPS Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction.

Local School Program of Studies

High schools may choose to print their own program of study listing only those courses available in their school. However, the courses listed in this system-wide Program of Studies are the only State approved courses. Local schools may not change the titles, course descriptions, or prerequisite, nor may other courses be added without specific Board of Education and State Department approval through the adopted procedures.

If a school chooses to add an already approved course to its local curriculum, the Executive Director, Grades 5-12, for Curriculum and Instruction and appropriate subject area coordinator should be notified in the spring prior to the opening of school. Otherwise, needed books and materials may not be available.

Questions concerning this publication may be directed to the Executive Director, Grades 5-12 and Curriculum and Instruction at (615) 259-8774.

"The Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age."

Questions regarding the nondiscrimination policy may be referred to:

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