

# OPTIONAL SCHOOLS

2022-2023 APPLICATION

**T**he staff and faculties of Metro Nashville Public Schools welcome you to MNPS! Our district offers 159 schools with a variety of programs and opportunities to meet your family's needs. More importantly, we are focused on providing each of our students with the individual instruction, services and relationships they need to succeed.

Our goal is to ensure that every student is known in our schools — by their teachers, their school leadership and experience an overall feeling of belonging to their school community.

Every year, the Optional Schools Application allows families to apply for optional 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.



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SCHOOL OPTIONS  
PROCESS AT [WWW.MNPS.ORG/SCHOOL-OPTIONS](http://WWW.MNPS.ORG/SCHOOL-OPTIONS)

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

### 1 EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

Visit [www.mnps.org/school-options](http://www.mnps.org/school-options) 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 or by calling the Family Information Center at 615-259-INFO(4636).

### 2 PARTICIPATE IN SCHOOL EVENTS

Schools may be hosting either in-person or 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.

### 3 APPLY BY FEBRUARY 11

If you wish to apply to an optional school, scan the QR code shown on this page, go online at [schooloptions.mnps.org](http://schooloptions.mnps.org) 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 that have open seats. Families new to MNPS may apply year-round to optional schools with available seats. Families wanting to select a 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 enrollment centers or the MNPS Family Information Center.
- » The parent/guardian must have a valid email address or phone number to submit an application.



### TRANSPORTATION

In most cases, school bus transportation is not provided to out-of-zone students attending optional schools. For more details, see the list of Frequently Asked Questions at [www.mnps.org/school-options](http://www.mnps.org/school-options) or check with individual schools to determine their specific 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 Early College High School. Go to [www.mnps.org/school-options](http://www.mnps.org/school-options) 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.

## Complete the Application

- » Families are encouraged to apply online at [schooloptions.mnps.org](http://schooloptions.mnps.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.
- » Submit paper applications (included in this packet) to  
*Office of School Options  
Metro Nashville Public Schools  
2601 Bransford Ave.  
Nashville, TN 37204*
- » Paper applications must be received by 4:30 p.m. CST on Feb. 11, 2022 to be included in the random section process. Online applications will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. CST on Feb. 11, 2022. Applications received after that deadline will be added to the end of the waitlist.
- » 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.
  - Families will be “pulled” from the waitlist and offered an available seat at any time beginning March 7, 2022, through the fifth day of school in the 2022-2023 school year as seats become available.
  - Families will be notified of their selections by SMS, email and/or by USPS mail.

## Follow the Optional Schools Calendar

- **APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE:  
MONDAY, JAN. 24, 2022**
- **APPLICATION AND PATHWAY DEADLINE:  
FRIDAY, FEB. 11, 2022**  
*Printed application deadline is 4:30 p.m. CST  
Online applications close at 11:59 p.m. CST*
- **SELECTION DAY RESULTS:  
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022**
- **DEADLINE TO RETURN ACCEPTANCE LETTERS:  
FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022**  
*Printed letter deadline is 4:30 p.m. CST  
Online letter submissions close at 11:59 p.m. CST*



**VIEW THE FULL OPTIONAL SCHOOLS CALENDAR  
AT [WWW.MNPS.ORG/SCHOOL-OPTIONS](http://WWW.MNPS.ORG/SCHOOL-OPTIONS)**

# OPTIONAL SCHOOLS FOR 2022-2023

School codes are listed to the left of school names. When completing the application in this packet, 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\*\* (M)
- 2 AMQUI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 3 ANDREW JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 4 BELLSHIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 5 CARTER-LAWRENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\* (M)
- 6 CHADWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 7 COCKRILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 8 DODSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 9 DUPONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 10 EAKIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 11 EAST END PREP (K-8)\*
- 12 EXPLORE COMMUNITY SCHOOL (K-7)\*
- 13 FALL-HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 14 GLENCLIFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (M)
- 15 GLENDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 16 GLENGARRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 17 GOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 18 HATTIE COTTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 19 HERMITAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 20 HULL-JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 21 IDA B. WELLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 22 INGLEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\* (M)
- 23 JOELTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 24 JOHN B. WHITSITT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\* (M)
- 25 JONES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 26 LOCKELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 27 NAPIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 28 NASHVILLE CLASSICAL (K-8)\*
- 29 NASHVILLE CLASSICAL II (KG only)\*
- 30 NEELY'S BEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 31 NORMAN BINKLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 32 PARK AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 33 PENNINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 34 PURPOSE PREP (K-5)\*
- 35 ROBERT CHURCHWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*

- 36 ROSEBANK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\* (M)
- 37 RUBY MAJOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 38 SHWAB ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 39 SMITH SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 40 SMITHSON CRAIGHEAD ACADEMY (K-5)\*
- 41 STANFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 42 SYLVAN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 43 TOM JOY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\* (M)
- 44 TULIP GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\*
- 45 WARNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\*\* (M)
- 46 WAVERLY-BELMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*\*\*New for 2022-2023: MNPS is working toward the next stage in MNPS ReimaginED, which includes going to a K-5, 6-8 grade configuration. Elementary schools will enroll K-5th and middle schools will enroll 6th-8th grade students.*

*Look for additional information and updates online at [www.mnps.org/school-options](http://www.mnps.org/school-options).*

## MIDDLE SCHOOLS (5-8)

- 47 CROFT MIDDLE SCHOOL\*\*
- 48 DUPONT HADLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL\*\*
- 49 EAST NASHVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL (M)
- 50 EXPLORE COMMUNITY SCHOOL (K-7)\*
- 51 HAYNES MIDDLE SCHOOL\*\*
- 52 HEAD MIDDLE SCHOOL (M)
- 53 H.G. HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL\*\*
- 54 ISAAC LITTON MIDDLE SCHOOL\*\*
- 55 ISAIAH T. CRESWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS (M)
- 56 JERE BAXTER MIDDLE SCHOOL\*\*
- 57 JOHN EARLY MIDDLE SCHOOL\*\* (M)
- 58 JOHN TROTWOOD MOORE MIDDLE SCHOOL (5th Grade Only)

# OPTIONAL SCHOOLS FOR 2022-2023

## Knowledge Academies

- 59 KA @ THE CROSSINGS\*
- 60 KNOWLEDGE ACADEMY\*

## LEAD Public Middle Schools

- 61 LEAD BRICK CHURCH\*
- 62 LEAD CAMERON\*
- 63 LEAD NEELY'S BEND\*
- 64 LEAD SOUTHEAST (5-8)\*
- 65 MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL\*\*
- 66 MARGARET ALLEN MIDDLE SCHOOL\*\*
- 67 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SCHOOL (7-12) **M**
- 68 MEIGS MIDDLE SCHOOL **M**
- 69 MNPS VIRTUAL SCHOOL (4-12)
- 70 MOSES MCKISSACK MIDDLE SCHOOL\*\*
- 71 NASHVILLE CLASSICAL (K-8)\*

## RePublic

- 72 LIBERTY COLLEGIATE\*
- 73 NASHVILLE PREP\*
- 74 ROSE PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL **M**
- 75 STRATFORD STEM MAGNET SCHOOL\*\* **M**
- 76 STRIVE COLLEGIATE ACADEMY (6-8)\*
- 77 TWO RIVERS MIDDLE SCHOOL\*\*
- 78 WEST END MIDDLE SCHOOL\*\*
- 79 WRIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL\*\*

## HIGH SCHOOLS (9-12)

- 80 EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL (Open to 9th-11th Grades Only)
- 81 EAST NASHVILLE MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL **M**
- 82 GLENCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL  
The Academy of Agriculture, Automotive, and Technology  
Academy of Health and Hospitality  
Ford Academy of Business and Innovation
- 83 HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL  
Academy of Global Health and Science  
Academy of International Baccalaureate  
US Community Credit Union Academy of  
International Business and Communications
- 84 HILLWOOD HIGH SCHOOL  
Academy of Art, Design and Communication  
Academy of Business and Hospitality  
Academy of Health Sciences
- 85 HUME-FOGG HIGH SCHOOL **M**

- 86 HUNTERS LANE HIGH SCHOOL  
Academy of Design and Technology  
Academy of Hospitality, Marketing and Business  
Academy of International Baccalaureate /  
Health and Human Services
- 87 JOHN OVERTON HIGH SCHOOL (Open to 9th Grade Only)
- 88 KNOWLEDGE ACADEMIES HIGH SCHOOL\*
- 89 LEAD ACADEMY\*
- 90 LEAD SOUTHEAST (9-12)\*
- 91 MAPLEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL  
Academy of Entrepreneurship and Innovation  
Academy of Health and Electrical Services
- 92 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SCHOOL (7-12) **M**
- 93 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
- 94 MNPS VIRTUAL SCHOOL (4-12)
- 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\*
- 99 STRATFORD STEM MAGNET SCHOOL **M**  
Academy of National Safety and Science of Teaching  
and Learning  
Academy of Science and Engineering
- 100 WHITES CREEK HIGH SCHOOL  
Academy of Alternative Energy, Community  
Health and Law  
Early College Program



**HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?  
CONTACT THE FAMILY INFORMATION  
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# MNPS OPTIONAL SCHOOLS APPLICATION 2022-2023

Apply **ONLINE** at [schooloptions.mnps.org](http://schooloptions.mnps.org) or return this signed form to the  
Office of School Options, 2601 Bransford Ave., **by 4:30 p.m. CST, Feb. 11, 2022.**

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 2022-2023 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 the FAQ online at [www.mnps.org/school-options](http://www.mnps.org/school-options) for more 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 2022-2023 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 goes through a transcript review process and must submit a copy of their high school transcript to the requesting school principal. Please provide up to three business days for the principal to review the transcripts.

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

**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 at [www.mnps.org/school-options](http://www.mnps.org/school-options).
- 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 4 - 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.

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| _____ 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.*

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