



METRO
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OPTIONAL SCHOOLS

2024-2025 APPLICATION

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**APPLY BY
FEBRUARY 9!**



Finding the Right School

FOR our youngest students all the way to those approaching graduation, there is so much to experience in Metro Nashville Public Schools. We are driven by a simple mission: to deliver a great public education to every student, every day.

The staff and faculties of Metro Nashville Public Schools welcome you to MNPS! Our district offers 160 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 and their school leadership—and that they experience an overall feeling of belonging within 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 optional schools process at mnps.org/school-options.



IDENTIFY YOUR ZONED SCHOOL

by using the Zone Finder at mnps.org/register-for-school or call the Family Information Center at 615-259-INFO(4636).



Accessible formats of the information in this booklet can be found at 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 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 VISIT SCHOOLS

Schools may be hosting either in-person or virtual events, like 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 9

If you wish to apply to an optional school, apply online at www.mnps.org/school-options 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. Student ID numbers may also be acquired at any of the district's eight enrollment centers.
- » 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.



ATTENDANCE

Approval to continue enrollment in an out-of-zone school is given with the understanding that your student's attendance will comply with the district's attendance policy. Failure to comply with the attendance policy can result in revocation of placement in an out-of-zone school.



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. 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 and Nashville Big Picture High School. The schools will contact applicants to arrange auditions or interviews.

MNPS Virtual School also has admission criteria. Please contact the school for more information.

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 22, 2024, through the fifth day of school in the 2024-2025 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/school-options. 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.
 - Submit a paper application in person or by mail to:
Office of School Options
Metro Nashville Public Schools
2601 Bransford Ave.
Nashville, TN 37204
- » Paper applications received by Feb. 9, 2024, 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. 9, 2024. 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 6 for more details.



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SCAN THIS QR
CODE TO APPLY



APPLY BY MAIL

Fill out the paper application at the
back of this booklet and mail it to:

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



QUESTIONS?

For further questions about school
choice in Metro Schools:

**CALL THE MNPS FAMILY INFORMATION
CENTER AT 615-259-INFO(4636)**
OR VISIT WWW.MNPS.ORG

MNPS Optional Schools Application Calendar for 2024-2025

MONDAY, JAN. 22, 2024

Applications Available

The Optional Schools Application will be available online at www.mnps.org/school-options for grades K-12. 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 on an approved pathway. This also includes applications from 11th and 12th grade.

FRIDAY, FEB. 9, 2024 BY 4:30 P.M. CST*

Application and Pathway Deadline

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. This deadline also includes all "pathway continuation forms" for students moving from elementary to middle or middle to high school on an approved pathway. Applications received after Friday, February 9, 2024, will be placed at the end of the waitlist. *This deadline does not apply to applicants for preschool, Pre-K, 11th or 12th grades.*

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024

Selection Day Results

Selection day results for kindergarten through 10th grade are available online at www.mnps.org/school-options or by calling 615-259-INFO(4636). Students entering preschool, Pre-K, 11th and 12th grades are not included.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

Acceptance and Waitlist Letters Sent

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024 BY 4:30 P.M. CST*

11th and 12th Grade Application Deadline

Applications received by this deadline will be part of the random selection process for 11th and 12th grade. Applications received after Friday, March 8, 2024, will be placed at the end of the waitlist.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024 BY 4:30 P.M. CST*

Deadline to Return Acceptance Letters

The acceptance letter must be returned to the Office of School Options on or before this date. Parents may also accept online at www.mnps.org/school-options.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024

11th and 12th Grade Selection Day Results

Results for 11th and 12th grade will be available at www.mnps.org/school-options or contact the Family Information Center at 615-259-INFO(4636).

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024 BY 4:30 P.M. *

Deadline to Accept Seat for 11th and 12th Grade

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024

Student Placement Verification Letters Sent

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2024

Last Day to Apply for Optional Schools with Limited Seating

FRIDAY, AUG. 23, 2024

Last Day for Current MNPS Students to Apply to Schools with Available Seats

New MNPS families may apply year-round to optional schools with available seats. Families wanting to select a MNPS Charter School may also apply year-round.

* 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 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/school-options. 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.

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.**

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. 9, 2024, will be included in the random selection process.

Results from the random selection process will be available on Selection Day, March 4, 2024. Selection Day results will be posted online at www.mnps.org and also available by contacting the Family Information Center at 615-259-INFO(4636). Your child's Selection Day results will be mailed March 6, 2024, 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 22, 2024. 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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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. All completed applications with transcript review documentation must be received on or before March 8, 2024, to be part of the random selection process. The random selection results will be available on March 22, 2024.

A separate random selection process will be held for Pre-K seats in spring 2024. 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 2024-2025 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.

Approval to continue enrollment in an out-of-zone school is given with the understanding that your student's attendance will comply with the district's attendance policy. Failure to comply with the attendance policy can result in revocation of placement in an out-of-zone school.

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 here 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. 9, 2024.

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
- » 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 Cameron students who want to go to LEAD Academy
- » Liberty Collegiate students who want to go to RePublic 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 the 2023-2024 TCAP or Spring District Benchmark and a GPA of 80 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 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, it will not be processed. If your application is received after the Feb. 9, 2024, 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 2024.

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 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 22, 2024. All completed applications received by March 8, 2024, 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 2024-2025 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.

Nashville Big Picture High School requires students to interview. The school will contact applicants to arrange interviews. Early College High School also has academic requirements (see page 9).

MNPS Virtual School also has academic requirements and requires applicants to submit a video. To see specific requirements, visit the school's website.

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 2024-2025 school year.

Additionally, when two siblings apply to the same school (but different grade level) 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 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 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, 2024. If your child will turn 5 years of age between Aug. 16, 2024, and Sept. 30, 2024, you may contact MNPS to ask about Kindergarten Readiness testing by calling 615-259-INFO(4636). Students with eligible Kindergarten Readiness Assessment scores can submit an optional schools application. Students who do not meet the cut off scores can apply for Pre-K.

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 and fifth 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 2024-2025 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.wegotransit.com to plan a route and view WeGo availability.



HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Contact the Family Information Center at 615-259-INFO(4636) or visit mnps.org.

Academic Magnet Entrance Requirements for 2024-2025

ACADEMIC GRADE AVERAGE AND SUBJECT SPECIFICATIONS

- » Students must have an academic average of 80 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 80 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 2023-2024 TCAP or Spring District Benchmark assessment.

TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

- » For entrance into a magnet school with academic entrance requirements during the 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 school year will meet the test score requirement with 2023 TCAP scores of *Met Expectations* or *Exceeded Expectations* in English/Language Arts (ELA) and Math or with 2023 TCAP state stanine scores that total 14 or higher. An English Learner will meet the requirement with a score equivalent to *Met Expectations* or *Exceeded Expectations* in either of the two subjects. Fifth and eighth grade students may also meet the test score requirement with an academic magnet qualifying score on identified portions of the December 2023 District Benchmark ELA and Math assessments.
 - For Early College High School, the minimum score for incoming 9th and 10th grade students is a sum of 10 stanine and/or *Met Expectations* or *Exceeded Expectations* in TCAP ELA and Math combined.
 - 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

THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS HAVE ACADEMIC ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:

- MEIGS MIDDLE SCHOOL (*grades 6-8*)
- MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SCHOOL (*grades 7-12*)
- HUME-FOGG HIGH SCHOOL (*grades 9-12*)
- EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL (*grades 9-12*)



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.
 - If a student has not taken a 2023 TCAP or the 2023-2024 MNPS District Benchmark assessments, scores on a recent (2022-23 or later) nationally normed achievement test that total 14 national stanine or higher for Reading/Language Arts and Math will meet the testing requirement. If a student does not have a recent test score for any of these assessments, parents may choose to pay for a privately administered nationally normed achievement test. However, private testing results will only be accepted when no other recent test scores are available.

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 2024-2025 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 score of Met Expectations or Exceeded Expectations in ELA or Math on the 2023 TCAP assessment.
- An EL student will meet the requirement with a TCAP state stanine of 7 or higher in either ELA or Math.
- A fifth or eighth grade EL student will meet the requirement with a qualifying score in ELA or Math on the Winter 2023 District Benchmark assessments.
- An EL student who is new to MNPS or perhaps even new to Tennessee and who does not have TCAP or District Benchmark scores can qualify by submitting test results from a nationally normed achievement test. For Meigs Middle School, Martin Luther King Jr. School and Hume-Fogg High School, a score of 7 national stanine or above for either Reading/Language/Arts and/or Math will qualify. For Early College High School, a national stanine score of 5 or above will qualify.



HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Contact the Family Information Center at 615-259-INFO(4636) or visit [mnps.org](https://www.mnps.org).

Definitions of Academic Options, Themes & Programs

ACADEMIES OF NASHVILLE

Recognized nationally and internationally, The Academies of Nashville is an exemplary and innovative high school transformation model. The Academies provide students with one of the nation's best college and career prep programs, with every student belonging to one of the 35 academies within Metro Nashville Public Schools' 12 neighborhood high schools offering practical, hands-on learning in small learning communities. All Academy pathways are aligned with early postsecondary credit opportunities thanks to partnerships with local organizations. Students pursue opportunities focused on fields that interest them and meet the needs of the local Nashville community, including audio-visual production, hospitality, IT and finance, engineering, healthcare, and more.

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. Various AP classes are available at each MNPS high school for any student who would like to engage in courses of high rigor. Students have additional options to enroll in virtual, asynchronous AP courses through AP Access for All.

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. Cambridge culminates with an advanced diploma and certification option for 10, 11th and 12th graders with college level coursework and assessments.

Dual Credit

Students are enrolled in a high school course that is identified as a match with a post-secondary course. Students complete a college assessment at the end of the

course to prove mastery of content. If a student passes the test, they can use the college credit at that institution or request a transcript to use at a different institution.

Dual Enrollment

Students are dually enrolled in approved college courses and high school courses. Students must meet college admission requirements and complete all coursework. If a student passes the course, they will be awarded the college credit via a transcript. School counselors should partner with students seeking dual enrollment courses.

Gifted and Talented Education (GATE)

The Gifted and Talented Program provides opportunities for gifted and talented students in grades K to 8 to participate in classes designed specifically for academically gifted and talented learners. The curriculum is hands-on, interactive, and problem-based with a focus on developing students' critical and creative thinking abilities. Instruction is interdisciplinary and aligned with Tennessee content standards.

Industry Credential

Students complete the aligned industry credential assessment by the end of the course to prove mastery of content.

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. IB culminates with an advanced diploma and certification option for 11 and 12th graders with college level coursework and assessments.

ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION (AVID)

AVID's mission is to close the opportunity gap by preparing all students for college and career readiness and success in a global society. AVID's guiding principle is to hold students accountable to the highest standards, while providing academic and social support. Students who enroll in AVID are expected to partner this class with courses of high rigor. AVID is the perfect course for students who may be the first in their family to go to college and provides supports and structures to ensure success.

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, Distribution & Logistics
- STEM
- Transportation

EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

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 2024-2025 school year. 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. Whites Creek High School and Glencliff High School also offer an Early College program, as well as traditional high school programming. Students who are zoned to Whites Creek or Glencliff will have transportation provided. Students who live outside the Whites Creek or Glencliff zones are responsible for their own transportation.

MAGNET PROGRAMS

Magnet schools are visionary, innovative schools where students are attracted by their 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. For a list of magnet schools and their unique themes, visit www.mnps.org/learn/academics/magnet_schools.

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 schools.mnps.org.

Optional Schools for 2024-2025

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-5)

- 1 ALEX GREEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **M**
- 2 AMQUI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (K-7) **M**
- 3 ANDREW JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 4 BELLSHIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 5 CARTER-LAWRENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **M**
- 6 CHADWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 7 COCKRILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 8 CUMBERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **M**
- 9 DODSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 10 DUPONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 11 EAKIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 12 EAST END PREP (K-8)*
- 13 EXPLORE COMMUNITY SCHOOL (K-8)*
- 14 FALL-HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 15 GLENCLIFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **M**
- 16 GLENDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 17 GLENGARRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 18 GOODLETTSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 19 GOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 20 HATTIE COTTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 21 HERMITAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 22 HULL-JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 23 IDA B. WELLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 24 INGLEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **M**
- 25 JOELTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 26 JOHN B. WHITSITT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **M**
- 27 JONES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 28 LOCKELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 29 NAPIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 30 NASHVILLE CLASSICAL EAST (K-8)*
- 31 NASHVILLE CLASSICAL WEST (K-1)*
- 32 NEELY'S BEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (K-7) **M**
- 33 NORMAN BINKLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 34 PARK AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 35 PENNINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 36 PURPOSE PREP*

- 37 ROBERT CHURCHWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 38 ROSEBANK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **M**
- 39 RUBY MAJOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 40 SHWAB ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 41 SMITH SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 42 SMITHSON CRAIGHEAD ACADEMY*
- 43 STANFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 44 SYLVAN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 45 TOM JOY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **M**
- 46 TULIP GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 47 WARNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **M**
- 48 WAVERLY-BELMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOLS (6-8)

- 2 AMQUI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (K-7) **M**
 - 49 ANTIOCH MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - 50 APOLLO MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - 51 BELLEVUE MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - 52 CROFT MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - 53 DONELSON MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - 54 DUPONT HADLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - 55 DUPONT TYLER MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - 56 EAST NASHVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - 13 EXPLORE COMMUNITY SCHOOL (K-8)*
 - 57 GOODLETTSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - 58 H.G. HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - 59 HAYNES MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - 60 HEAD MIDDLE SCHOOL **M**
 - 61 ISAAC LITTON MIDDLE SCHOOL **M**
 - 62 ISAIAH T. CRESWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS **M**
 - 63 JERE BAXTER MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - 64 JOHN EARLY MIDDLE SCHOOL **M**
 - 65 JOHN F. KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - 66 JOHN TROTWOOD MOORE MIDDLE SCHOOL
- Knowledge Academies
- 67 KA @ THE CROSSINGS (5-12)*

* Indicates charter school

M Indicates magnet school

Optional Schools for 2024-2025

LEAD Public Middle Schools

- 68 LEAD CAMERON (5-8)*
- 69 LEAD SOUTHEAST (5-8)*

- 70 MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 71 MARGARET ALLEN MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 72 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SCHOOL (7-12) **M**
- 73 MCMURRAY MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 74 MEIGS MIDDLE SCHOOL **M**
- 75 MNPS VIRTUAL SCHOOL (4-12)
- 76 MOSES MCKISSACK MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 30 NASHVILLE CLASSICAL EAST (K-8)*
- 32 NEELY'S BEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (K-7) **M**

RePublic

- 77 LIBERTY COLLEGIATE*
- 78 NASHVILLE PREP*

- 79 ROSE PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL **M**
- 80 STRATFORD STEM MAGNET SCHOOL (6-12) **M**
- 81 STRIVE COLLEGIATE ACADEMY*
- 82 THURGOOD MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 83 TWO RIVERS MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 84 WEST END MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 85 WILLIAM HENRY OLIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 86 WRIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL **M**

HIGH SCHOOLS (9-12)

- 87 EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL (Open to Grades 9-11 Only)
- 88 EAST NASHVILLE MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL **M**
- 89 GLENCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL
- 90 HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL
- 91 HUME-FOGG HIGH SCHOOL **M**
- 92 HUNTERS LANE HIGH SCHOOL
- 93 JAMES LAWSON HIGH SCHOOL
- 94 JOHN OVERTON HIGH SCHOOL (Open to 9th Grade Only)
- 67 KA @ THE CROSSINGS (5-12)*
- 95 LEAD ACADEMY*
- 69 LEAD SOUTHEAST (9-12)*
- 96 MAPLEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
- 72 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SCHOOL (7-12) **M**
- 97 MCGAVOCK HIGH SCHOOL
- 75 MNPS VIRTUAL SCHOOL (4-12)
- 98 NASHVILLE BIG PICTURE HIGH SCHOOL
- 99 NASHVILLE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
- 100 PEARL-COHN HIGH SCHOOL
- 101 REPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL*
- 80 STRATFORD STEM MAGNET SCHOOL (6-12) **M**
- 102 WHITES CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

* Indicates charter school

M Indicates magnet school



MNPS OPTIONAL SCHOOLS APPLICATION 2024-2025

Apply **ONLINE** at www.mnps.org/school-options or return this signed form to the Office of School Options, 2601 Bransford Ave., by **4:30 p.m. CST, Feb. 9, 2024.**

Please detach and return or apply online at www.mnps.org/school-options

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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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 upload or 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.

Schools with Academic Entrance Requirements:

Meigs Middle School	Grades 6-8
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 80 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

MNPS Virtual School Grades 4-12

Isaiah T. Creswell Middle School of the Arts Grades 6-8
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 _____

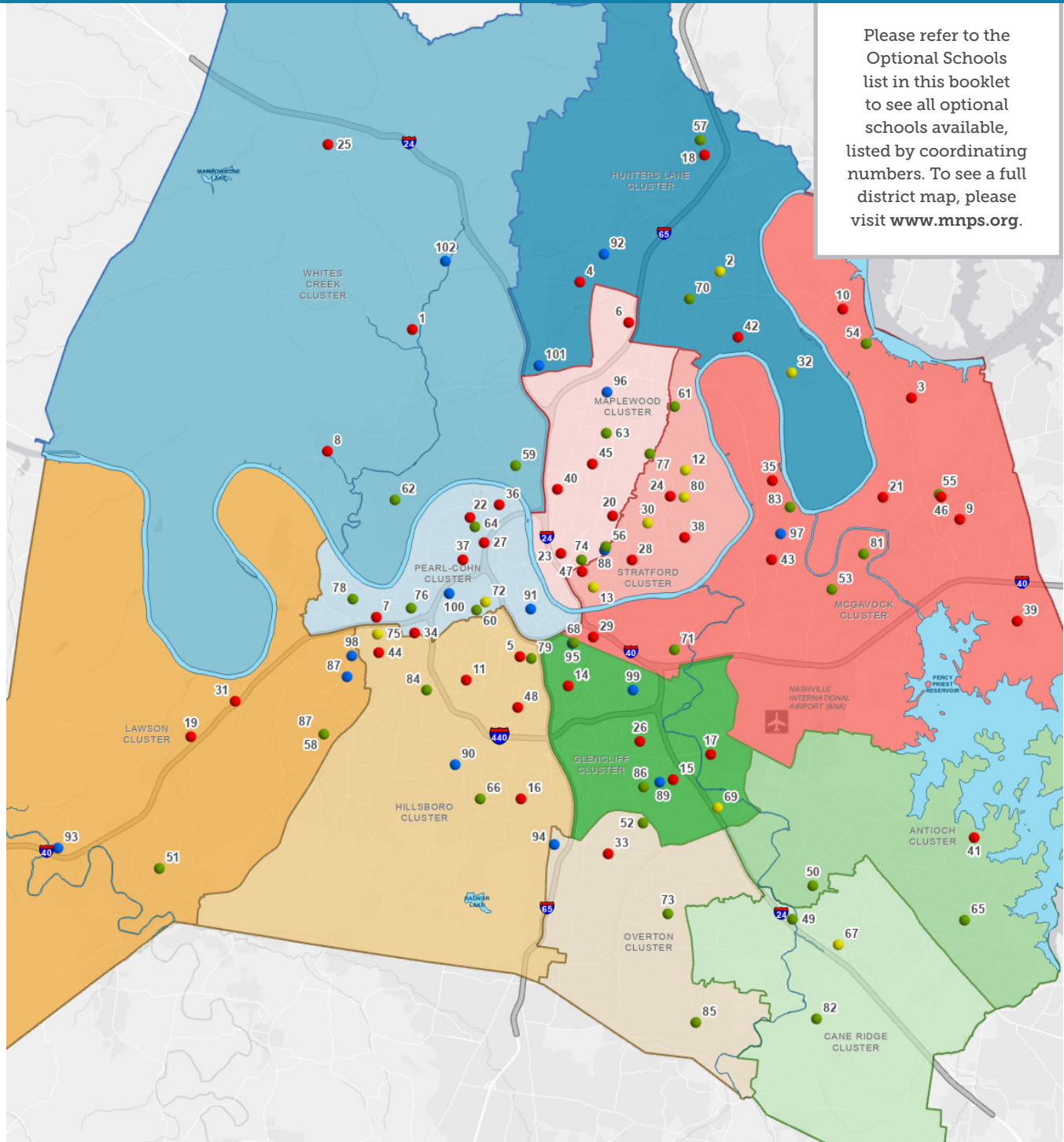
Date _____

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.*

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

OPTIONAL SCHOOLS FOR 2024-2025

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.



- Elementary School
- Middle School
- High School
- Multi-Tier School

- Southwest**
- Lawson
 - Hillsboro
 - Overton

- Northwest**
- Hunters Lane
 - Whites Creek
 - Pearl-Cohn

- Southeast**
- Glenciff
 - Antioch
 - Cane Ridge

- Northeast**
- Maplewood
 - Stratford
 - McGavock



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Accessible formats of the information in this booklet can be found at mnps.org/school-options. To request this information in an alternate format, please contact your building principal or department head. Individuals who need auxiliary aids and services are to make their request known to the building principal or department head prior to the date it is needed. (Interpreters for the deaf or hard of hearing must be requested forty-eight hours prior to the event.)