SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS

OPTIONAL SCHOOLS

Discover Your Options

2016-17
Optional Schools Handbook
"It's more than a school, it's a community. My teachers are almost like college professors. The level of education is just superior to what I've had in the past."

Student
No matter what your child’s goals and interests are, you can find a great fit in one of our unique and competitive Optional programs. With 47 elementary, middle and high school programs across Shelby County, you can always find an Optional school close to you!

Parents and family members,

If you are reading this letter, it is because you are taking an active role in your child’s education. The search for your child’s next educational experience is an extremely important step and an exciting experience.

If you are like me, then there are several core qualities you value most when searching for the perfect fit for your student: rigorous learning opportunities, caring and highly qualified teachers, a safe and nurturing environment, and a well-rounded school experience. The Optional Program at Shelby County Schools (SCS) offers all of the above.

I have had the joy and privilege of directing the Optional Program for over 30 years. Not a week passes without hearing from someone connected to the program – from former graduates thanking us for the challenging experiences that have helped lead them to successful degrees and careers to parents of new students who are simply amazed by the high-quality education available in our Optional schools free of tuition.

Our Optional schools cater to students’ unique interests and learning styles and are renowned locally and across Tennessee. Specialized programs include College Prep; International Baccalaureate (IB); Dual Language Immersion; Montessori; Global Health Studies; Creative and Performing Arts; Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM); Engineering; International Studies; Information Technology and many more.

Optional programs foster an environment of high expectations where your child will learn beside classmates who are similarly driven to succeed. Every year, our students earn prestigious honors, competing against peers statewide, nationwide, and internationally. From Broadway productions to Presidential Scholarships, our students are cultivating the knowledge and skills to realize their dreams.

Every child has their own destination for learning and life, and I invite you to find that destination in one of our 47 Optional schools.

Come see what we have to offer. We look forward to meeting you and your child!

Sincerely,

Linda Sklar
Director of Optional Schools
Shelby County Schools
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“As soon as you walk in the door here, you feel like you’re part of a family.”

Parent
Our challenging IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) is one of only four in the state. We are part of West Tennessee’s only K-12 IB feeder pattern, located in East Memphis.

Balmoral Ridgeway promotes the education of the whole child, integrating academic, cultural, and global elements into a challenging curriculum. Our PYP focus develops inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

- All students receive the challenging, globally recognized International Baccalaureate curriculum, learning how to become critical thinkers at an early age.
- IB students explore world beliefs, values and relationships; personal and world history; forms of communication; the interdependence of people and other living things; the impact of technology on societies and science; and world laws and economics.
- Our unique, open space classroom environment promotes student collaboration and builds a strong sense of community among students.
- Students who graduate from Balmoral Ridgeway are ready to excel in the IB Middle Years Programme at Ridgeway Middle and the IB Diploma Programme at Ridgeway High School.

Our teachers motivate students to always give their best in academics and their community.
Our teachers have diverse backgrounds, strengths and interests. The Balmoral Ridgeway faculty and staff believe that building student’s confidence and giving them the opportunity to experience success fosters a life-long love of learning. Many of our teachers have received grants that further enhance students’ learning experience.

Our extracurricular activities and strong community connections help expand student opportunities and cultural exposure.
- CLUE for eligible students | Spanish | Music
- Our Learning Garden serves as an outdoor classroom and experiential play space.
- Our adopters, such as Ridgeway Baptist, Baptist Women’s Hospital, Embassy Suites and more, connect students with resources and hands-on learning opportunities.

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/BalmoralRidgewayElementary
(901) 416-1403 \ 5905 GROSVENOR AVE., MEMPHIS, TN 38119
Located in a historic Midtown neighborhood and boasting many alumni who have become leaders in the Memphis community and elsewhere, Bellevue Middle School has a proud heritage of excellence.

Our teachers prepare students to enter rigorous high school college preparatory programs with confidence. They meet the needs of our learners through a challenging, nurturing and safe environment.

We promote excellence in all areas of a student’s life by rewarding and recognizing student accomplishments in academics, citizenship, and athletics.

The uniqueness of our fine arts and athletic programs provide opportunities for all students to participate and excel in activities of their choice.

- CLUE for eligible students
- Spanish I & Russian I for high school credit
- Boys & girls sports
- Debate Club
- Visual Arts Club
- Wordsmith
- Science Olympiad and much more

Bellevue has received numerous accolades in the areas of All West Choir, Orchestra, and Band. We also have a winning debate team and drama program.

- Bellevue prides itself on community service being an integral part of student life.
- Beta Club, Student Council, and NJHS play an active role in positively shaping our community.

Bellevue is very active in the community. Our students collected over 1 million food items for Kids Kan & donated holiday baskets to families in need.
Our hands-on Automotive Technology & Information Technology programs give students the skills they need to succeed in the careers they want!

We offer interactive courses in the growing fields of Automotive Technology and Information Technology. Our students are trained using modern technology utilized by today’s industry professionals.

- Automotive Technology students learn key concepts needed for a lucrative career in the automotive field, such as general electrical systems, batteries, lighting and more.
- Information Technology students take courses in programming, software development, web design and robotics.
- Automotive Technology students recently earned several awards in competitions hosted by the national SkillsUSA organization and had the highest written test scores in the state.

Our instructors are highly trained and provide students with hands-on learning opportunities.

Bolton teachers create an environment that allows students to build confidence and technical skills. With the guidance and encouragement of teachers, students gain the expertise they need to succeed in high-demand fields, as well as the confidence and professional skills needed to collaborate with others.

Our vast range of courses, extracurricular activities and student-fueled service organizations provide a well-rounded high school experience for all students, no matter what their interests may be.

- SkillsUSA teams in Robotics, Automotive Tech & more
- Boys and girls athletic teams in over 10 sports | Theater | Band | Chorus
- Several student-created service organizations that benefit local charities, including Links of Luv and Barrett’s Buddies

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www.SCSK12.org/BoltonHighATIT
(901) 416-1877 | 7323 BRUNSWICK RD., ARLINGTON, TN 38002
Our International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme provides students with a competitive global education.

We offer the rigorous, globally recognized International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, which prepares students for success in challenging college courses and a culturally diverse world.

- Our students experience global influence as they are immersed in hands-on language and cultural learning opportunities.
- IB students travel to Spain and Costa Rica where they are immersed in language and culture.
- The average ACT score for our IB students is 30.
- Our IB students are accepted to some of the country's most prestigious colleges and earn millions of dollars in scholarships.

Our teachers are committed to creating an environment in which students are driven to succeed while receiving the highest level of individualized, quality instruction.

Bolton teachers promote a culture of acceptance, multiculturalism and academic excellence. Our teachers' passion and enthusiasm for lifelong learning inspires students to continuously seek challenging and fulfilling opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. With the guidance and encouragement of teachers, students evolve into exceptional communicators, critical thinkers and problem solvers who are ready to succeed in college.

Our vast range of courses, extracurricular activities and student-fueled service organizations provide a well-rounded high school experience for all students, no matter what their interests may be.

- Honors and AP courses starting in ninth grade | Rigorous IB Diploma Programme for juniors and seniors
- Boys and girls athletic teams in over 10 sports | Theater | Band | Chorus
- Bolton High School is the only school with an authorized Mid-South Food Bank.
- Several student-created service organizations, that benefit local charities, including Links of Luv and Barrett’s Buddies

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(901) 416-1877 | 7323 BRUNSWICK RD., ARLINGTON, TN 38002
We offer enriched academics and a vast selection of extracurricular opportunities for students, located in Midtown on the edge of the Broad Avenue Arts District.

We provide our students with a strong foundation that they can continue to build upon when they graduate from Brewster.

- Students learn to think critically, communicate effectively, analyze complex problems and demonstrate teamwork skills.
- As one of the newest school buildings in the District, we provide a modern setting that is equipped with technology to enhance students’ learning experiences.
- Students see and benefit from the outstanding support of our 10 community partners.
- Brewster students won first, second and third place in the district-wide Science Fair.

Our teachers don’t just teach from a book – they incorporate their professional experiences, passions and talents into daily instruction.

Our staff includes artists who integrate arts instruction into their daily programs, scientists who use experimental projects and scientific technology to engage students and writers who use high-level writing techniques to teach students to draft their own stories and personalize illustrations.

Our wide selection of clubs and extracurricular activities allows students to foster their academic interests and expand their social skills.

- CLUE for eligible students in all grades
- String Orchestra | ORFF Music
- Science Club | Drama Club | Urban Garden Club
- Boys & Girls Basketball | Cheerleading

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www.SCSK12.org/BrewsterElementary
(901) 416-7155 | 2605 SAM COOPER BLVD., MEMPHIS, TN 38112
Our students are going places, and our Enriched Academics and International Studies program provides the foundation they need to get there!

We offer a creative, collaborative and challenging academic environment that enhances our students’ total academic and social development.

- Students complete an in-depth exploration of a different country at each grade level, developing an understanding of the impact and interdependency of our country as it relates to others.
- We integrate technology into instruction for all students. Students learn state of the art technology and communication skills needed to compete in today’s global economy.
- Our library features an International Library Center and unique resources that help students sharpen research skills and gain a flexible global perspective.

Our mission is to teach and nurture children so that they become innovative and culturally compassionate lifelong learners.

We provide our students with engaging, inquiry-based lessons facilitated by passionate educators. Our teachers are highly accomplished and hold themselves and students to the highest of standards.

In addition to an enriched academic setting, we offer a variety of educational programs and clubs to promote student development and intellectual growth.

- CLUE for eligible students
- Computer Programming | Brain Quest competition
- International Promenade | International Library Services with Pen-Friend Skype | International Studies and projects | Holidays Around the World pageant
- Strings | Guitar | Piano | ORFF Orchestra and Recorder Ensemble
- Art Club | Choir | Spelling Bee | Student Council | Book Club | Scrabble Club

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!
www.SCSK12.org/BrownsvilleRoadElementary
(901) 416-1645 | 5292 BANBURY, MEMPHIS, TN 38135
Our innovative Environmental Science Optional program offers students exciting opportunities to explore the world around them by integrating state-of-the-art technology with a natural learning environment.

Students become active learners who inquire, explore, collaborate, collect and analyze to deepen their understanding.

- Students move beyond the traditional classroom to enriching learning experiences through our outdoor classroom, gardens, pond, science lab, field trips and Sci-Fi Fridays.
- Students engage in hands-on, inquiry-based investigations, care for school pets and their habitats and explore environmental science careers.

Technology, community engagement and extracurricular activities help students become well-rounded learners.

- Technology tools, including our 3-D Gala program, SMART boards in every classroom and a 2:1 student-computer ratio, connect students with the world.
- Creative projects allow students to use problem-solving, collaborative skills and scientific methodologies.
- Junior Beta | Environmental Science Garden | Art | Sign Language | Drama Club | Boy Scouts | Dance Team | Ladies of Excellence | Boys to Men | Choir

Carnes students plant seeds of success through real-world explorations and challenging academics.

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www.SCSK12.org/CarnesElementary

(901) 416-2369 | 943 J.W.WILLIAMS LN., MEMPHIS, TN 38105
We were named a 2015 Reward School by the Tennessee Department of Education.

We offer more than 40 Honors and Advanced Placement Courses for students.

We offer a wide array of world languages: Spanish, French, Latin, German and Russian.

Our 2015 graduates were offered over $33 million in scholarships.

Our teachers continuously challenge students to reach their potential inside and outside of the classroom.

We have created an environment for each student to develop the academic and social skills necessary to be competitive in a global environment and highly successful workers, citizens and lifelong learners.

Seventy percent of teachers hold master's degrees.

We offer a diverse, vibrant and stimulating program that is designed to prepare students for success in their post-secondary years and beyond. Our College Preparatory Optional Program promotes and provides outstanding academic experiences for our college-bound students.

Our Creative and Performing Arts programs have been recipients of numerous local and national recognitions, including recent honors from the GRAMMY Foundation and The New York Times.

Four-star Student Council for the 18th consecutive year

Our athletic program has produced numerous state championships and collegiate student-athletes.

Our students are active volunteers throughout our Midtown community, as well as across the city of Memphis.

Affectionately known to generations of Memphians as “The High School,” we are located in historic Midtown Memphis and have served as an icon for high quality education since 1909.

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/CentralHighSchool
(901) 416-8414 | 306 S. BELLEVUE BLVD., MEMPHIS, TN 38104
Our Arts and Academics Optional programs help students build strong academic skills and develop their artistic talents in a nurturing environment.

Colonial students are well-rounded scholars who enjoy opportunities to develop their unique interests and talents.

- Students are challenged to apply creative thinking to real-world problems.
- Students engage in accelerated coursework in core Honors subjects, including courses offered for high school credit.
- Students explore talents and interests in Drama, Visual Art, Orchestra, Creative Writing, Band, Dance, Piano, or Choir.
- Our middle school philosophy promotes teamwork, collaborative learning, and problem-solving skills.

**Students widen their horizons by engaging in a wide variety of extracurricular activities.**

- Our art and creative writing students receive Gold and Silver Keys for the Regional Scholastic Art and Writing Competition annually.
- Band, choir, orchestra, and piano students receive superior ratings EVERY year in local, national and international festivals.
- Our students build their leadership skills through a number of opportunities, such as Best Buddies, Student Council, National Junior Honor Society, Peer Mediators, and as Bilingual Ambassadors.
- Students collaborate with arts organizations, including the Memphis Youth Symphony, Memphis Symphony Orchestra, the Memphis Music Initiative, River Arts Fest, and other community arts organizations.
- Students participate in a wide range of activities, including athletic teams, marching, concert, and jazz bands, swing/show and concert choirs, ROTC rifle and drill teams, student council, debate team, peer mentoring, and newspaper and yearbook staffs.
- CLUE is offered for eligible students.
- CAPA students have performed all over the world, including Italy, France, China, Germany, and more.

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/ColonialMiddleSchool

(901) 416-5247 | 1370 COLONIAL, MEMPHIS, TN 38117
We offer Enriched Academics in a diverse and lively learning environment, inspiring students to become global leaders and continuous learners.

Our school is designed to accelerate student learning and features state-of-the-art classrooms.

- We recently received a Level 5 rating from the State, which is the highest rating a school can receive for student growth.
- Student learning is enriched through field trips, visiting speakers and unique programs.
- We offer two computer labs, an outdoor science learning lab, art lab, media center, piano room and other various spaces for student creativity.

Our award-winning teachers partner with parents to help support students during each step of their academic growth.

Our teachers provide the instruction and care that students need to become creative and independent learners. Several of our teachers have been recognized both locally and nationally for their excellence in education.

Enriching activities, clubs and academic competitions ensure that students have a well-rounded educational experience.

- CLUE is available for eligible students.
- Our school hosts a Geography Club, and our students participate in the National Geographic Bee.
- Extensive computer programming experience is available in intermediate computer classes and on our award-winning FIRST LEGO League robotics team.
- Drama | Chorus | Gymnastics | Chess | Piano | Strings | Science Club | Tennis | Robotics

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/CordovaElementary
(901) 416-1700 | 750 SANGA RD., CORDOVA, TN 38018
Nestled in Cordova, our school’s principles – pride, excellent academics and well-rounded students – are woven throughout everything we do.

With a focus on enriched academics and environmental literacy, Cordova Middle develops students’ analytical skills, ingenious thinking, effective communication, and problem-solving. Our students work collaboratively inside and outside the school environment.

- Our students can take advanced academics courses and earn high school credits in certain subjects.
- Cordova students won top honors in a University of Memphis 2015 Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) competition.
- 2015 Kitchen Community Garden recipient and 2015 Carton to Garden winner
- Exploratory classes, such as Film and Video, Spanish, STEM, Art, Environmental Ecology Lab, Physical Education, Orchestra, Choir and Band

Our exceptional educators practice innovative teaching and use stimulating learning strategies that spark student achievement.

Our caring teachers prepare students to become responsible citizens and independent thinkers. Using rigorous innovative teaching, stimulating learning strategies, best practices, thematic units, and advanced technology, our teachers ensure preeminent levels of achievement. Our team of teachers includes National Board Certified teachers and winners of the Rotary Award for Teacher Excellence.

Students’ intellectual, social and personal experiences at Cordova Middle School will prepare them for a life of service and leadership.

- Over 30 after-school clubs that cater to a wide variety of interests
- National Junior Honor Society | Robotics | Student Newspaper | Guitar | Chess | Drama
- 2014-2015 Girls State Champions in Basketball
- Basketball | Soccer | Volleyball | Football | Track | Baseball

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/CordovaMiddle
(901) 416-2189 | 900 SANGA RD., CORDOVA, TN 38018
Our College Prep for International Studies program exposes students to international issues and fosters a unique understanding of and appreciation for cultural diversity.

Our students take advantage of an intensive curriculum, plus opportunities for unique multicultural exploration and experiences.

- All students have the opportunity to earn college credit in Advanced Placement (AP) classes and Dual Enrollment college courses.
- Students have fun displaying their knowledge in our biannual International Competitions, which include creative writing, poetry, visual art, cooking and music showcases.
- Our International Film Series is held throughout the year to increase students’ exposure to different cultural themes.

Our teachers make sure students are prepared for college and beyond.
At Craigmont, teachers challenge students to think critically and continuously seek opportunities for higher achievement. Teachers aim to make our school a safe place for students where diversity is embraced and every voice is heard. Our teachers work to unlock the potential that is within every student.

In addition to the demanding academic program, our students may participate in several extracurricular activities.
- Boys and girls athletic teams
- Band | Orchestra | Choir | Debate Team | Dance Team | Mock Trial | Yearbook
- FBLA | Environmental Club | French Club | Spanish Club | SkillsUSA

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!
www.SCSK12.org/CraigmontHigh
(901) 416-4312 | 3333 COVINGTON PIKE, MEMPHIS, TN 38128
We offer the District’s only middle school International Studies program, preparing students to thrive in an increasingly competitive and global society.

Our enriched academics and international focus prepares students to successfully manage the rigors of college and a career. Students learn how to better understand and relate to the various people and cultures that make up our diverse world.

- Students have the opportunity to communicate and collaborate with students in other countries through the use of technology.
- Several of our students qualify for and participate in the Duke University Talent Search, which identifies academically strong seventh graders who qualify to take the ACT and SAT.
- Eighth grade students complete a challenging, yet fulfilling year-long Capstone project that focuses on various countries.

Our enthusiastic teachers help make the transition from elementary school to high school smooth for students and parents.

Our teachers continuously seek professional development opportunities to make sure they utilize the best teaching strategies that increase student achievement. Middle school is a special time for students, and our teachers make sure to incorporate teamwork, cooperative learning and problem-solving into lessons, which help to make well-rounded, confident students.

Our programs, clubs and extracurricular activities provide students with fun opportunities for enrichment, service and competition.

- CLUE for eligible students
- International Studies Club | Peer Mediators | Model United Nations Club | Student Ambassadors
- Boys and girls athletic teams | Art Club | Dance Team | Debate Club | Chess Club
- Vocal Music | Orchestra | Band | Academic competitions

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/CraigmontMiddle
(901) 416-9911 | 3455 COVINGTON PIKE, MEMPHIS, TN 38128
We are an award-winning school that helps our young students develop a love for Math that will propel them to success at higher levels of learning!

Our Optional program, Developing Masterful Mathematical Minds (DM²) equips all students with a firm academic foundation that prepares them for opportunities in lucrative fields and professions.

- Our school was recognized as a 2014-2015 National Title I Distinguished School by the state of Tennessee for closing achievement gaps among students.
- Our school features state-of-the-art technology that is accessible to all students, including a computer lab and literacy lab.
- We serve as a laboratory school for LeMoyne-Owen College. The college’s pre-service teachers partner with Cummings teachers to provide diverse, hands-on learning experiences for students.

We have a dedicated, creative and highly motivated teaching staff that truly cares about our students.

Our teachers work hard to remove the barrier of Math anxiety that students may face. Several teachers have been awarded grants to further enhance students’ classroom experiences and provide an exciting atmosphere for students to express their ideas.

In addition to providing students with a strong academic foundation, our extracurricular opportunities help cultivate students’ interests and social development.

- Students can build leadership skills in the National Elementary and Junior High Honor Societies, Beta Club, Student Council and more.
- Fitness Club | Math Club | Reading Club | Art Club | Divas & Gents Step Team | Boys in Ties | EASI mentoring program for young men
- Middle School Track | Middle School Basketball | Pom-Pom Squad | Orff Music

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/CummingsSchool
(901) 416-3627 | 1037 CUMMINGS, MEMPHIS, TN 38106
Located in the heart of Frayser, we are one of the state’s premier elementary schools. Our focus is to teach our young students the technology skills they will need to become tomorrow’s leaders.

We offer a unique program that immerses every student in technology, beginning as early as Kindergarten. Our rigorous coursework is enhanced by technology integration that allows students to become creative and critical thinkers.

- We are the statewide elementary school winner of the 2015 SCORE Prize for significant student achievement gains and leadership in learning for Tennessee.
- Delano students score well above the state average in both Math and Science.
- Delano is a 2015 Tennessee Reward School, ranking in the top 5 percent of schools in the state for student progress.
- Students use multimedia software and digital equipment, such as spreadsheet applications, presentation software and graphics software.

Our teachers recognize the importance of collaboration between students, parents and the school.

Delano teachers encourage students to reach high levels of academic achievement. Students are taught how to develop critical thinking skills and process information. Our teachers involve all parents in their students’ learning experience by agreeing to a parent contract with specific activities for participation.

Our variety of extracurricular activities and enrichment classes help students develop leadership, teamwork and social skills.

- CLUE for all eligible students
- All students have the opportunity to work in the school’s in-house television studio, helping to produce a daily live news broadcast.
- Band | Strings | Chorus
- Arts and Crafts Club, Chess Club, Nutrition Club, Basketball Club, Etiquette Club, Pom Pon Squad

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/DelanoElementary
(901) 416-3932 | 1716 DELANO AVE., MEMPHIS, TN 38127
Recognized as a Montessori School by the American Montessori Society, we provide a supportive and interactive learning environment in the Westwood community.

Our school is a place of discovery and student-centered learning. We offer a Montessori approach for Pre-K through third grade students and an emphasis on technology for fourth and fifth grade students.

- We received a level 5 growth rating in literacy for 2015, which is the state’s highest rating for growth.
- Younger students have the unique opportunity to learn by using hands-on, self-correcting materials within individualized work, which develops critical thinking and understanding.
- Students in fourth and fifth grades continue Montessori principles of individualized learning with technology-enhanced projects and digital learning.
- Our open space design promotes a family-like atmosphere where teachers and students can collaborate.

Our teachers recognize that children learn in different ways and use unique, differentiated methods to meet students where they are.

Each Montessori teacher is trained to serve as a resource, role model, demonstrator and observer of each child’s behavior and growth. Teachers help students gain confidence by encouraging them to take risks and try new things.

Our diverse extracurricular opportunities and use of modern technology helps students develop the skills they’ll need to succeed in college and career settings.

- Our library serves as a technology hub, featuring state-of-the-art research equipment, multimedia software, desktop publishing tools and more.
- Music | Class Piano | Visual Art | Character Education | Choir
- Student Council | Dance Team | Book Club | Gardening Club | Drama Club | Student Technology Coordinators

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/DoubleTreeMontessoriSchool
(901) 416-8144 | 4560 DOUBLE TREE, MEMPHIS, TN 38109
Our school continues to show significant growth in core areas, such as Literacy and Math.

We have achieved double-digit gains in our graduation rates.

We offer numerous honors level courses to prepare students for post-secondary opportunities.

Our teachers embrace diversity and maintain a culture of pride and respect for every student’s individual interests and abilities.

We are committed to creating a new generation of global leaders and communicators, while preparing them to become the agents of change for society.

We have a vast selection of programs, clubs and opportunities to promote social and personal development in our students.

- Our JROTC Red Devil Battalion consistently ranks among the nation’s top JROTC programs by the United States Army.

- Students in our chess program compete on a national level and rank among the best chess players in the country.

- Through unique programs, such as our Globetrotters Organization, students are exposed to numerous college campuses outside of Tennessee.

Located in North Memphis, we provide students with a passion for public service, communication arts and real-world experiences.

We have set high academic standards for our students, and our goals are met through hands-on, expert instruction. Our goals are continually realized by expanding students’ learning capacities through numerous social, cultural and educational opportunities.

Come see what we have to offer!

www.SCSK12.org/DouglassHighSchool

(901) 416-6149 | 3200 MT. OLIVE RD., MEMPHIS, TN 38108
Douglass K-8 Optional School is the first school in Tennessee to create an innovative learning community that integrates chess and core academics.

Our Optional program is designed to nurture the whole student and create a community of perpetual learners.

- Our Optional Chess program trains students as young as kindergarten to concentrate, utilize higher order thinking, and advance as readers.
- Our school was recently named a 2015 Reward School by the Tennessee Department of Education for academic progress.

Our teachers are committed to going above and beyond to create a culture with high academic standards for students in every grade.

Our teachers are able to inspire the best from every student they teach and make learning fun. They motivate students to become better learners, maximize their time in the classroom and look toward their futures. Our teachers can turn a student’s interest into a passion, making an educational connection that will last a lifetime.

We believe in nurturing the whole child, and our school offers a wide variety of extracurricular activities that allow students to explore their unique interests.

- Nationally recognized chess program
- Multiple boys & girls athletic teams, including: volleyball, basketball, cheer squad, soccer and baseball
- Multiple academic-based organizations, including: Student Government, Debate Team, Competitive Chess League and Junior High Honor Society

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/DouglassSchool
(901) 416-5946 | 1650 ASH ST., MEMPHIS, TN 38108
Using Downtown Memphis as a “living laboratory,” our students learn from the people, places and other resources available within a short distance from our school to take their classroom experience to another level.

We offer an Enriched Academics program in a unique environment. Our diverse student body creates a setting where children learn to understand and appreciate a multitude of cultures and characteristics.

- Our school was recently named a 2015 Reward School by the Tennessee Department of Education for its academic progress.
- Our Enriched Academics Optional program places special emphasis on Social Studies.
- Our partnerships with the University of Memphis College of Law and University of Tennessee Health Science Center start students on the path to college and career awareness and readiness.

We pride ourselves on having highly qualified teachers for all of our students. Our vision is to continually inspire students to pursue and achieve their dreams. We strive to create an exceptional educational foundation that enables students to be productive, self-aware and motivated learners.

We have a broad range of in-school enrichment activities to expand student development.

- CLUE for eligible students in all grades | Nationally recognized BETA Club
- Multiple career-based, special interest clubs including: law, engineering, economics and many more
- Tuition-based after school programs, such as ballet, taekwondo, soccer and piano

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/DowntownElementary
(901) 416-8400 | 10 NORTH FOURTH ST., MEMPHIS, TN 38103
With the District’s ONLY College Preparatory for Engineering program, we offer excellence in academics, arts and athletics... all in the heart of Memphis.

We prepare students for success in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) professions in our state-of-the-art STEM labs.

- Our rigorous plan of study includes a selection of advanced academics, including AP and engineering courses.
- Our students design, build and program robots using specialized equipment, such as a 3D Printer Lab, Oscilloscope, MacBook Lab, Software/Programming Lab and more.
- Students compete in local and regional STEM and robotics competitions, recently ranking high in the Black Girls Code Robot Expo, University of Memphis Engineering Day and more.

Our specialized and certificated STEM faculty bring years of experience, passion and talent to the classroom.

Our teachers serve as both teachers and resources for students, sharing personal knowledge of the STEM industries and providing hands-on learning opportunities. Our teachers are members of professional organizations, including the National Institution for Electronics and Electrical Engineers, National Society for Manufacturing and Engineering and more.

We provide students with a great high school experience by offering cultural and extracurricular opportunities, in addition to a challenging curriculum.

- Art Club | Band | Key Club | Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society | Spanish Club | Student Council | Technology Student Association | Mustang Travel Club
- Our highly successful partnership with Peer Power Foundation provides students with one-on-one tutoring and ACT prep.
- Varsity sports teams, including boys and girls basketball, track and field, baseball, football, tennis, volleyball, wrestling and more

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!
www.SCSK12.org/EastHigh
(901) 416-6192 | 3206 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38111
Our Panthers are Scholars, Innovators and Leaders! Located in the Whitehaven area, our award-winning Optional program consistently exceeds state standards for academic achievement and growth.

Our school-wide Optional program focuses on Enriched Academics, College Preparatory and STEM programs. These programs create a strong foundation to prepare students to excel in high school and beyond.

- We have been recognized as a National and Blue Ribbon Title 1 Distinguished School for Academic Achievement.

Our highly qualified teachers are some of the nation’s most respected educators. They are compassionate leaders in their field who love to help students grow in the classroom and in life.

Our state-of-the-art facilities help create globally competitive students. Our students thrive in an intellectually diverse environment, and they’re surrounded by a wide range of cultural activities. These experiences are enhanced by our school’s incredibly strong parental and community support.

We offer a variety of stimulating clubs, programs and extracurricular activities to expand academic and social development beyond the school day.

- National Honor Societies | Debate Club | STEM Robotics | Student Council | Journalism | Spanish | Orchestra | Band
- Multiple city championship-winning boys & girls athletic teams
- After-school programs, such as dance, taekwondo, tennis and class piano

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/JohnPFreeman
(901) 416-7659 | 5250 TULANE RD., MEMPHIS, TN 38109
Located in the heart of Germantown, our Enriched Academics and International Studies program develops culturally aware students who are ready to take on the world!

We prepare students to become critical thinkers, responsible citizens and community leaders.

- Students participate in an in-depth study of a different country at each grade level, learning to appreciate their community, country and world.
- We are a 2015 Level 5 school, the state’s highest rating for student growth and achievement.
- Students learn the value of community service – we are the Mid-South Food Bank’s Kids Kan Elementary winner for the past 10 years!

Our teachers empower students to be independent thinkers and confident, lifelong learners.

Our creative and experienced teachers provide each student with the unique instruction needed to thrive in academic and social settings as they grow. Students are challenged to reach the highest levels of personal excellence in all areas of life.

We offer an immense selection of programs, clubs and extracurricular opportunities that enhance students’ overall growth and development.

- CLUE for eligible students in all grades | Conversational French language classes | Enriched academic courses
- Technology Club | Environmental Club | Jog Club | Boys and girls athletics teams
- Fine arts | Chorus | instrumental Music | Academic competitions in spelling, writing, science and geography

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/GermantownElementary

(901) 416-9183 | 2730 CROSS COUNTRY DR., GERMANTOWN, TN 38138
Our experienced 18 teachers are uniquely trained in the philosophy, methodologies and advanced curriculum that are staples of our highly specialized and challenging program.

Our students demonstrate a strong commitment to learning, both the mastery of subject content and development of skills and discipline necessary for success in an increasingly competitive world.

Our IB students are:

- Critical Thinkers
- Highly Motivated
- Naturally Curious
- Lifelong Learners

By participating in an extensive selection of clubs, competitions, student organizations, athletics and fine arts, IB graduates leave GHS as accomplished and well-rounded leaders.

- Our students participate in 75 extracurricular clubs and organizations.
- Our IB seniors complete over 10,000 service hours each year.
- Sixty-eight families have had multiple children in the program.
- In 2015, our IB seniors averaged $450,000 each in college scholarships.
- We have students from over 40 different countries who speak over 19 different languages at home.
- The average ACT score for the 2014 IB senior class was 30.8.

We are preparing students to thrive in college, compete globally and grow as civic leaders in a way that no other educational program can.

We are an International Baccalaureate World School that has been nationally and internationally recognized for our achievements in academics, athletics and the arts. Our IB program offers rigorous pre-university coursework that meets the needs of the most highly motivated students.

COMING SOON WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/GermantownHighIB
(901) 416-2604 | 7653 OLD POPLAR PIKE, GERMANTOWN, TN 38138
We provide a world-class arts education in the heart of Germantown. Our Creative & Performing Arts program has long been recognized in Tennessee, the U.S. and internationally for excellence in arts training, instruction and performance.

Our award-winning teachers offer four years of progressive instruction in all fields of arts study. We open doors for students to access a variety of innovative opportunities.

- Ongoing visiting artist series
- International school partnership program
- $30,000 fine arts scholarship program

We are an acclaimed academic institution with multiple prestigious fine arts awards, including:

- The Rockefeller Brothers Fund Arts in Education Award
- The Highwire Magazine Top 100 Schools Award
- The Governor’s 10 Great Schools Award

Our unique Creative and Performing Arts program offers instruction in the following areas:

- Theatre Arts | Choral Music | Visual Arts | Instrumental Music | Film & Video

Our students are challenged to expand their skills and deepen their understanding of the creative and competitive world around them.

From local exhibits, performances and workshops to arts experiences in New York City and overseas exchange programs, our CAPA students graduate with the classroom knowledge and real-world experiences to successfully pursue their college and career dreams.

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/GermantownHighCAPA
(901) 416-0959 | 7653 OLD POPULAR PIKE, GERMANTOWN, TN 38138
Our Enriched Academics/College Preparatory Optional program prepares students to excel in high school, college and beyond.

We offer challenging Honors, World Language and STEM classes, as well as advanced Math and Science, in a diverse school setting.

- Our teachers and students come from a wide variety of backgrounds, bringing dynamic experiences and unique perspectives to the classroom.
- Students’ interests and talents are developed through extracurricular activities, including our award-winning band, Educational Leaders of Tomorrow, our Shining Stars program for students interested in working with classmates who have special needs and our Builder’s Club, which connects students with community organizations.
- Students may compete in the National History or Spelling Bee and many other competitions.

The middle school experience at Germantown gives students strong foundations for success in high school and a sense of confidence to pursue college and career goals.

- Our rich history and traditions form a framework for innovative learning in an environment where partnerships, collaborations and smooth transitions help students prepare for the rigors of high school.
- Our faculty works closely with students to give them the support they need to thrive and meet the challenges of middle school, both academically and socially.

Our athletics and arts programs ensure students have multiple outlets for achievement and expression, ensuring a well-rounded learning experience.

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/GermantownMiddle
(901) 416-0950 | 7925 C. D. SMITH RD., GERMANTOWN, TN 38138
Our Enriched Academics program, strong community partnerships and academic excellence provide students with the strong foundation needed to propel them toward graduation and beyond!

Grahamwood teaches students to think by doing, using the whole community as a discovery-based learning laboratory. Our high academic standards, learning incorporating research, projects, and higher-order thinking skills, and opportunities to create “outside the box” challenge our students to achieve at the highest level.

- Highly challenging coursework
- Recognized as a National Beta School of Distinction
- Exclusive five-year partnership with the Orpheum Theatre and Kennedy Center to immerse our students in performing arts experiences
- Urban Farms to Schools program with on-site garden manager teaching students to grow food served in our cafeteria
- National Wildlife Federation Certified Outdoor Classroom

Our teachers are dedicated to the intellectual and social development of our students. We encourage our students to use the whole community as a learning laboratory!

Our teachers want the very best for students, and we know that diverse and unique learning experiences are critical to students’ growth. Field trips, use of the outdoor farm and classroom, and supplementary books and materials provide students the opportunity to learn at advanced levels. For the 2015-16 school year, our teachers secured over $100,000 in grants that directly benefit students and enhance the classroom experience.

Our arts programs, extracurricular activities and unique learning opportunities ensure that students receive a well-rounded, enriched education.

- CLUE for eligible students | Six CLUE teachers on faculty
- Visual Arts | Orff Music | Strings | Piano
- Chess | Gymnastics | Martial Arts

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/GrahamwoodElementary
(901) 416-6993 | 3950 SUMMER AVE., MEMPHIS, TN 38122
We are “The View”— where students who are learners today become the leaders of tomorrow.

Located in the Whitehaven community, our school is one of West Tennessee’s first Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM)-focused schools.

We offer an interdisciplinary approach to learning, and our rigorous academic concepts are coupled with real-world lessons. Our classes promote literacy, integrated learning and critical thinking skills by encouraging students to investigate and question all aspects of STEAM. Our curriculum promotes achievement, leadership and post-secondary readiness at an early age.

Our teachers model and promote leadership development, confidence and community pride.

Our innovative classrooms challenge students intellectually and socially. By collaborating with community partners, our highly qualified STEAM teachers challenge and excite students with a robust and creative STEAM experience.

We offer a wide variety of extracurricular options to help students grow as well-rounded learners and leaders.

- CLUE for eligible students | Robotics Team | Aviation Club | Math Club | Beta Club | Honor Society
- Boys & girls athletic teams in seven sports, including back-to-back state championships in football
- Award-winning fine arts program, including Marching Band, Concert Band and Jazz Band

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/HavenviewMiddle
(901) 416-3521 | 1481 HESTER RD., MEMPHIS, TN 38116
Nestled in the heart of Midtown, we offer a joyful, challenging and creative learning environment for all students. Guided by our motto, “Children First. Excellence Always,” our school offers an Enriched Science and Technology Optional program.

Our students thrive in a diverse setting that offers a holistic, differentiated and rigorous approach to learning. We work hard to develop every student’s talents, intellect, creativity and character.

- Our students outscored students across the state in all subjects on the 2015 TCAP.
- Our students earned all As on the State Report Card for Academic Achievement.
- Our entire student body participates in our unique and competitive Optional program.

Our talented and inspiring teachers support every student, instilling the confidence needed to be creative and critical thinkers.

Our teachers prepare students to reach their highest levels of personal growth. We recognize that students learn from each other, so our teachers create safe and nurturing classrooms that embrace diversity in cultures, ideas, experiences, interests and opinions.

We move beyond the basics with a wide array of opportunities and experiences that help students thrive as individuals and members of a team.

- CLUE for eligible students in grades K-5
- Weekly science and technology lab experiences for all students
- Chess Club | Film Club | Class Piano | Junior Beta Club | Technology Club
- Our adopters provide after-school activities and over 650 annual volunteer tutoring hours.

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/IdlewildElementary

(901) 416-4566 | 1950 LINDEN AVE., MEMPHIS, TN 38104
Educating Children Through the Outdoors... Excellence that Extends Beyond the School Walls.

With an award-winning outdoor classroom, we offer a challenging and comprehensive academic program that educates students beyond the traditional classroom setting.

- This integral component of our campus keeps children actively engaged and creates a diverse learning experience.
- Our environmental studies program is locally and nationally recognized.
- Our curriculum is designed to stimulate our students’ critical-thinking and problem-solving skills, while nurturing their creativity.

Our teachers encourage all students to strive for academic and personal excellence every day.

Our classrooms are safe and supportive student-centered learning environments. In addition to challenging students academically, our teachers help every child become a confident young leader who is ready to thrive in middle and high school.

We offer a wide variety of programs and extracurricular opportunities to enhance and personalize our educational program for students.

- CLUE for eligible students
- Multiple fine arts opportunities, including Orff Music, Strings, Jazz Ensemble and Chorus
- Boy & Girl Scouts | Safety Patrol | Student Newspaper | Coding Club

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/KeystoneElementary

(901) 416-3924 | 4301 OLD ALLEN RD., MEMPHIS, TN 38128
Unique Programming

West TN’s ONLY K-12 IB feeder program

International Baccalaureate high school programs

The State’s ONLY Dual Language Immersion program

of 38 available AP courses offered in our Optional high schools

The ONLY high school Aviation program giving students a private pilot’s license

Multiple K-12 feeder patterns with 7 world languages: Arabic, Chinese, Spanish, Russian, French, Japanese & Latin

The ONLY school district with a K-12 feeder pattern for Chinese, Japanese and Russian

7 schools with early access to world languages for high school credit
A Glance

Achievements

6
Optional high school students are 2016 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

90%
graduation rate for four-year Optional high school students

3
Schools named to 2015 4eward schools list

3
National Grammy Foundation Awards for Optional music programs

Outcomes

Optional elementary and middle school students surpass the state average in EVERY subject on the TCAP

Average composite score of Optional tenth graders who took the PLAN pre-ACT, compared to 17.2 national average

20.3
Optional students exceed ACT College-Readiness benchmarks in all subjects with 23.8 average composite score

23.8
Average EXPLORE pre-ACT score of eighth grade students, compared to 15.5 national average

16.8
With a rich tradition of serving the Memphis community, our innovative health programs prepare scholars for future career success.

Serving a diverse student population, our Global Health Studies Optional program offers the world-class training that students need to take on the complex challenges of 21st century healthcare.

Students in our Global Health Studies program receive a curriculum that is aligned with renowned health agencies, such as the Center for Disease Control and the World Health Organization. Our students graduate ready to pursue a degree or career in the healthcare industry the day they leave our campus.

- Honors courses available for all grade levels
- Advanced Placement & Dual Enrollment courses available for grades 10-12

Our diverse and enthusiastic teachers mirror the diversity of our young scholars. Our teachers teach and challenge students to be selfless leaders and creative, critical thinkers who see value in serving our community and the world.

We offer a wide variety of programs and extracurricular opportunities to enhance and personalize our educational program for students.

- Model United Nations | Knowledge Bowl Team | National Honor Society | JROTC | Student Leadership Council & More
- Band | Piano | Orchestra | Theater
- Boys & girls athletic teams in 10 sports, many of which advance regularly to regional and state tournaments

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/KingsburyHigh
(901) 416-6060 | 1270 N. GRAHAM, MEMPHIS, TN 38122
We have one of West Tennessee’s only International Baccalaureate (IB) World School Primary Years Programmes (PYP)! As an authorized IB World School, we provide students a world-class education with a global emphasis.

Our students are taught to believe that their ideas, solutions and contributions can make a difference in the global community.

Our program gives students the foundation they will need in order to excel in the IB World School Middle Years Programme at Ridgeway Middle and any of the District’s rigorous IB Diploma high school programs.

Our teachers engage students in exciting learning experiences that inspire a desire to explore:

- World beliefs, values, and relationships
- Personal and world history
- Forms of communication
- The interdependence of people and other living things
- The impact of technology on societies and science
- World laws and economics

We nurture the whole student by offering a variety of programs and extracurricular activities.

- CLUE for eligible students
- Weekly Mandarin Chinese lessons
- Fine arts programs such as Orff music, strings and visual arts

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/OakForestElementary
(901) 416-1410 | 7440 NONCONNAH VIEW CV, MEMPHIS, TN 38119
We are the PREMIER school for Creative and Performing Arts in Shelby County!

Our students consistently achieve state and national honors for all forms of artistic expression and musical performances. Our classrooms not only inspire creativity and expression at the highest levels, but also personal confidence and academic excellence.

- Nationally recognized and award-winning music program
- 2015 GRAMMY Signature School Semifinalist
- Student performers invited to compete and showcase their talents in renowned venues and for national audiences
- Graduating seniors consistently awarded millions of dollars in scholarships

Our teachers are committed to guiding students on their journey to college and career success. As we move forward together, we strive for continuous improvement “Every Day, in Every Way!”

- We bolster learning opportunities with statewide and national competitions.
- We have relationships with professional musicians and performers, who regularly conduct master classes for our students.

We challenge our students to expand their interests and heighten their growth with advanced courses and a vast offering of extracurricular programs.

- Numerous Honors-level and Advanced Placement courses
- Band | Piano | Guitar | Broadcasting | Creative Writing | Dance | Theatre |
  | Orchestra | Visual Arts | Vocal Music
- Our boys and girls athletic programs have produced numerous state championships and collegiate student athletes.

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/OvertonHigh
(901) 416-2142 | 1770 LANIER LN., MEMPHIS, TN 38117
Our Enriched Academics/International Studies Optional program uses technology and multicultural experiences to bring a global perspective to elementary learning.

Our students develop global awareness while building a strong foundation for learning.

- Each grade level is immersed in an in-depth study of a different country.
- Students learn world languages such as Russian and experience international cuisine.
- Our comprehensive program includes hands-on, collaborative learning opportunities, like our Learning Garden.
- Students participate in community awareness activities, such as Jump Rope for Heart, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients and the World Literacy Foundation’s International Literacy Day.
- CLUE for eligible students

Peabody’s exceptional teachers and staff emphasize innovative learning and instill a sense of confidence in every child to take on new challenges.

- Our staff includes two National Board Certified teachers, and 64 percent of our teachers have earned a Master’s degree or higher.
- We have been recognized as a National Beta School of Distinction.
- We offer over 15 teacher-led after-school clubs that foster positive peer interactions.

We have a dedicated Parent Teacher Association that directly supports the achievement and growth of our students.

- Our 13 community partnerships promote civic involvement.

www.SCSK12.org/PeabodyElementary
(901) 416-8862 | 2086 YOUNG AVE., MEMPHIS, TN 38104

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!
Building upon 43 years of success, Ridgeway High School upholds a rich tradition of excellence.

Our International Baccalaureate World School Optional program offers students a rigorous, world-class college preparatory education.

- We are one of only 12 high schools in Tennessee to offer the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.
- IB students complete a rigorous, internationally recognized program of study, including IB and AP courses and 150 hours of community service.
- Ridgeway is a small, family-oriented environment with personal attention for students, where all attending engage in learning and school life.

Our committed teaching staff is focused on developing critical thinkers and problem-solvers who are equipped to excel in college and the workforce after graduation.

- The IB class of 2015 received over $2 million in scholarship offers and earned numerous national honors.
- The average ACT score of the IB graduating class of 2015 was 25.
- 100 percent of IB graduates felt prepared for college.

Every one of our students is a member of a club to ensure positive interaction with peers and a diverse and well-rounded learning experience.

- The arts are promoted through theater, visual arts, orchestra, choir and band classes.
- Students are chosen for the Chick-fil-A Leader Academy program.
- Our boys and girls athletic programs have produced numerous state champions and collegiate student-athletes.

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/RidgewayHigh
(901) 416-1802 | 2009 RIDGEWAY RD., MEMPHIS, TN 38119
Ridgeway Middle students are principled thinkers and reflective risk-takers, moving toward becoming lifelong learners in a global society.

- Our students are motivated to take on new challenges and seek out opportunities for academic growth.
- IB coursework integrates a global awareness preparing students for success in an International Baccalaureate World School at the high school level.
- The IB framework is integrated throughout the curriculum, including world languages of Chinese and Spanish and the Arts.
- Our recognition as a 2014-2015 Reward School demonstrates our commitment to student achievement.

**Our committed, caring and highly qualified teachers inspire success for our students. We develop internationally-minded students who are challenged to be critical thinkers and lifelong learners.**

- Our interdisciplinary team teaching helps students develop problem-solving skills, gain a deep understanding of their coursework and become confident decision-makers.
- Teachers integrate innovative teaching strategies with a focus on global project-based instruction.

**Students explore their interests and talents through multi-faceted opportunities during and after school.**

- CLUE for eligible students in all grades
- Visual arts, vocal music, band, orchestra, and several academic competitions
- Boys and girls athletics in nine sports
- Over 20 student organizations and special interest clubs including Debate team, VIP, Chess, Student Council, and National Junior Honor Society

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/RidgewayMiddle
(901) 416-1575 | 6333 QUINCE RD., MEMPHIS, TN 38119

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**Our International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme is the only IB opportunity for middle school students in West Tennessee!**

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Our Environmental Science and Community Service Optional program engages students in challenging academics while teaching students to be responsible stewards of their environment and community.

Our unique setting allows students to explore the world using both state-of-the-art technology and natural resources.

- Riverwood is nestled on 30 wooded acres, with an outdoor classroom, greenhouse, vegetable, flower and butterfly gardens, observation deck and nature trail.
- We are a National Wildlife Federation-Certified Wildlife Habitat.
- All of our students have their own tablet to pursue independent and collaborative projects through online programming and curriculum.
- Students engage in problem-solving projects addressing real-world environmental issues.
- CLUE is available for eligible students

**Riverwood emphasizes both social and academic learning in a cooperative community where students learn respect, responsibility and ownership of learning.**

- Our dedicated teachers promote excellence by encouraging students to share ideas and developing their skills with innovative teaching strategies.
- Powerful learning experiences help our students develop an in-depth understanding of content areas, along with higher-level critical thinking and problem solving.
- School-wide community service projects engage the entire Riverwood family.
- Destination Imagination teams have been yearly winners in local and state competitions.

**Riverwood students prepare for academic success while learning the value of making a difference in the world around them.**

**COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!**

www.SCSK12.org/RiverwoodElementary

(901) 416-9628 | 1330 STERN LN., MEMPHIS, TN 38016
We offer the ONLY specialized Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) program for elementary students in Shelby County!

We are student-focused in every way and our enriching arts focus is matched with a rigorous academic curriculum that prepares students to excel in middle school and beyond.

- Our students thrive as creative, confident thinkers who are ready to meet the demands of the classroom and the real world.
- All students are offered experiences in dance, theater, creative writing, music and the visual arts.
- We are an Arts Honor School, as designated by the Tennessee Arts Commission.

Rozelle’s teachers collaborate to develop the academic and artistic talents and interests of all students.

- CAPA elements are integrated into the curriculum to foster self-expression.
- Students may attend an additional CAPA enrichment hour after school each day for drama, dance, music, creative writing or visual art.
- Students may participate in after-school strings or piano instruction.

We offer a variety of extracurricular activities that enrich and develop the whole student.

- Our extracurricular activities include Student Council, Honor Society, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.
- We offer before- and after-school care programs as part of our support and partnership efforts for parents.

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/RozelleElementary

(901) 416-4612 | 993 ROLAND, MEMPHIS, TN 38114
Our Enriched Academics Optional program challenges students to become confident, well-rounded scholars who are motivated to pursue excellence in every way possible.

We offer exciting academic enrichment through the arts to equip and inspire students to become lifelong learners.

- Our creative environment stimulates learning and social interaction and fosters personal growth.
- Students develop an appreciation of culture through live performances and visits from professional artists.
- All students prepare for future success by touring a college or technical school each year.

A wealth of resources helps students become reflective thinkers, problem-solvers and active learners.

- Our technology resources include three computer labs, laptops and SMART boards.
- Enrichment and extracurricular opportunities include music, strings and piano classes, Art Club, art and essay competitions, spelling and geography bees, Gardening Club, step and dance teams and safety patrol.

We value strong parental and community involvement to support student success!

- Students learn to be concerned and involved citizens through food drives, St. Jude Math-a-Thon, cancer awareness programs and more.

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/SherwoodElementary

(901) 416-6615 | 1156 ROBIN HOOD LN., MEMPHIS, TN 38111
We are a nationally recognized Optional middle school for enriched academics and college preparation in the heart of Midtown Memphis.

We are Knights! We are technicians, engineers and inventors. We are Maxine Smith STEAM Academy, an Optional middle school for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) located blocks away from the Cooper-Young neighborhood in Midtown Memphis.

- Our students are among the highest academic performers in the District.
- We collaborate with Christian Brothers University and the University of Memphis in support of our STEAM curriculum.
- Our exciting community partnerships expose students to a variety of opportunities that prepare them for high school and post-secondary learning.

Our passionate teachers embody the knowledge, skills, care and commitment needed to help students grow as confident, motivated achievers.

We strive to provide learning experiences that develop students’ creativity, teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills. With an emphasis on preparation for high school, college and careers, we challenge our students to pursue the greatest levels of success.

A diverse and well-rounded school experience is essential to the growth of our scholars, so we offer a wide range of clubs and extracurricular programs.

- Our fine arts program includes band, orchestra, visual arts, dance and theater.
- Bridge Builders | Chess Club | Lego League | Destination ImagiNation | National Junior Honor Society | More
- Multiple boys & girls athletic teams

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/MaxineSmithSTEAMAcademy
(901) 416-9503 | 750 E. PARKWAY SOUTH, MEMPHIS, TN 38104
Greatness happens here at the historic Snowden School! Our bright and diverse 1-8 students thrive in our rich and rigorous Enriched Academics Optional program.

Students from diverse backgrounds are exposed daily to advanced coursework and engaging educational experiences that prepare them for success in higher grade levels and the real world.

- Snowden students earn top honors for academics and the visual and performing arts.
- Our Destination Imagination team has won local, regional and national competitions.
- Engagement in the arts is evident in programs, such as our “Mighty Sound of Midtown” marching band and All West Choir participation.

Our dedicated and highly trained staff includes National Board Certified teachers, two winners of the Rotary Award for Excellence and a West TN Teacher of the Year.

- Elementary teachers focus on in-depth study in language arts, math, social studies, and science, complemented by Spanish, orchestra, creative writing, Orff Music, and character education.
- Middle school teachers provide a stimulating and demanding atmosphere, combining honors and advanced studies and exploration so students can discover their individual talents and interests.

Strong community support and highly involved parents open up doors for higher learning, personal growth and whole-child development at Snowden.

- CLUE is available for eligible students in all grades.
- Collaborations with BRIDGES, Rhodes College, the Snowden Foundation and our active parent-school association strengthen student success and build bridges between our school and the community.
- All middle school students participate in the Bridges Student Leadership program.
- Academic achievement is promoted through our National Junior Honor Society and Junior Beta Club.
- Students are encouraged to participate in academic competitions such as Wordsmith, spelling and geography bees, History Club, and in arts competitions such as art, choir, piano, orchestra, and marching band.

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/SnowdenSchool
(901) 416-6105 | 1870 N. PARKWAY, MEMPHIS, TN 38112
Our Exploratory Learning Optional program challenges students to explore the world in an environment where learning is active and excellence is always the goal!

Our teachers do more than teach from a book. They’re passionate and caring professionals who take pride in helping students set goals and achieve their best.

- We are a 2015 Reward School, meaning we are among the top 5 percent of schools in Tennessee for student growth!

We take learning to exciting levels with hands-on lessons that encourage students to explore science careers and gain a deep understanding of the world around them.

- Students are taught to approach their education with PRIDE (Patience, Respect, Integrity, Drive and Excellence).
- Career explorations include participating in The University of Memphis Engineering Day and visits to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation’s Crime Scene Investigation Lab.
- Our annual Science Career Fair allows students to learn directly from science professionals.

Strong academics and a variety of enrichment activities help students build foundations for success in all areas of learning and life.

- Extracurricular activities help students develop their diverse interests and talents, including strings, choir, Science Saturday Excursions, science and art clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, service learning opportunities and Panthers clubs for boys and girls.

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/SpringdaleMemphisMagnet
(901) 416-4883 | 880 N. HOLLYWOOD ST., MEMPHIS, TN 38108
Our Dual Language Immersion Optional program is the only one of its kind in Shelby County.

Our unique learning environment celebrates diversity as a contributing factor to every child’s academic success.

With close to a 50-50 make-up of students who come from Spanish-speaking and English-speaking backgrounds, every child is immersed in a second world language in every single subject while being paired with classmates who are native speakers of that language.

With challenging academics and enriching extracurricular activities, Treadwell inspires curiosity, exploration and confidence to excel in the classroom and the real world.

- Students become bilingual leaders who are prepared to succeed in an increasingly diverse community.
- Our dedicated, highly qualified teachers engage students with culturally rich learning opportunities in a warm, inviting environment.
- Extracurricular activities include Spanish Reading Club, chess, soccer, literacy, drama, and garden clubs, choir, community service projects and robotics field trips.
- Our community partners, Transnetix and Bellevue Baptist Church, collaborate with us regularly to help our students to be successful in the classroom and fully prepared for the rigors of middle and high school.

Treadwell students have a deep understanding of the academic skills and social qualities needed to be difference-makers in a global community.

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/TreadwellElementary

(901) 416-9257 | 3538 GIVEN, MEMPHIS, TN 38122
Our Science Exploration Optional program propels students to become STARS (Scholars Tackling Academic Rigor Scientifically).

We offer opportunities for enrichment in a creative and caring environment where teachers, parents, students and community partners all work together to ensure the success of our learners.

- Our students are engaged in rigorous coursework and challenged to become active learners through middle school, high school and in life.

Our teachers nurture each student as they develop the skills needed to thrive in a diverse and competitive society, including leadership, perseverance and community involvement.

- Our faculty uses a creative approach that invites discovery and collaborative learning.

Our variety of extracurricular activities and enrichment classes helps students develop teamwork and social skills while expanding their interests and talents.

- Student Council
- Beta Club
- Mini Mad Science Club
- Art Links | Art Club | Choir
- Dance and Cheer Club
- Cooking Club
- Basketball Club

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/VollentineElementary

(901) 416-4632 | 1682 VOLLINTINE AVE., MEMPHIS, TN 38107
Our impressive Optional students are immersed daily in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) in a state-of-the-art facility, helping them compete and win against students from across the state and around the globe.

Our dedicated staff maintains high standards for academic achievement to ensure that students gain the knowledge and skills they will need to succeed in middle school, high school and beyond.

- Whitehaven Elementary is a local leader in STEM elementary education, serving as Tennessee’s only elementary pilot site for Project Lead the Way, the nation's leading provider of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics programs.
- Whitehaven Elementary students won the top state VEX IQ Robotics award and represented the state of Tennessee at the 2015 VEX IQ World Robotics Championships.
- All students in our Optional STEM program participate in special programs in biomedical science, computer science and engineering design.
- We are a 2015 Reward School, meaning we are among the top 5 percent of schools in Tennessee for student growth!

Our teachers help students become lifelong learners through exciting and fun activities that ignite exploration and creativity.

- A hands-on focus involves students in inquiry and discovery as they apply knowledge to real-world issues.
- We enhance learning with robotics competitions, field trips, family nights and an annual STEM career expo.

State-of-the-art technology and extracurricular opportunities make Whitehaven an exciting place to learn, grow and prepare for the future.

- CLUE for eligible students in all grades
- Amenities include well-equipped science, computer and engineering labs and the school’s STEM Headquarters, which features iPads, laptops and a 3-D printer.
- Extracurricular activities include First Lego League, robotics, broadcasting, green energy teams, Builders Club, science and art clubs, choir and drum line.

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/WhitehavenElementary
(901) 416-0139 | 4783 ELVIS PRESLEY BLVD., MEMPHIS, TN 38116
Our Business and Finance Optional program gives students the tools they need to succeed in future studies and careers in this exciting field.

Building upon our historic legacy, Whitehaven offers students unique opportunities to learn and grow.

- Students take advantage of a wide range of Honors, Advanced Placement, and Dual Enrollment classes to ensure a smooth transition to college and careers.
- Students learn the fundamentals they will need to enter the business and finance field and gain a head start in their careers through job shadowing and two industry certification programs.
- Students gain a deeper understanding of accounting, banking, finance, business communication, business management, and marketing.
- World language classes include Arabic, Chinese, German, French, Russian, and Spanish.
- Our exceptional facilities include five business-vocational computer labs, two marketing education labs, and state-of-the-art language labs.
- The Class of 2015 earned over $88 million in scholarships!

Students prepare for success through strong extracurricular programs and enrichment activities.

- Our students attend summer programs throughout the world.
- Student achievement is recognized through honor societies, including the renowned 30+ Club for those earning 30 or above on the ACT.
- Extracurricular activities include the Key and Locque community service organization, DECA, Debate Team, athletic teams, robotics, cheerleading, pom-pom, and more.

Community involvement is part of our legacy.

- Our dedicated staff includes 32 Whitehaven alumni, including Principal Dr. Vincent Hunter, demonstrating our deep commitment to our community.
- Community partners, including The University of Memphis and Peer Power, provide tutoring and other support for students.

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/WhitehavenHighBusinessFinance
(901) 416-3000 | 4851 ELVIS PRESLEY BLVD., MEMPHIS, TN 38116
Our College Preparatory Optional program engages students in challenging coursework, laying strong foundations for success in college and beyond.

Building upon a rich tradition of academic success, Whitehaven inspires students to achieve.

- We challenge students to learn to their highest potential.
- Students take advantage of a wide range of Honors, Advanced Placement, and Dual Enrollment classes to ensure a smooth transition to college and careers.
- World language classes include Arabic, Chinese, German, French, Russian, and Spanish.
- Our students attend summer programs throughout the world.
- Our exceptional facilities include computer labs and state-of-the-art language labs.
- The Class of 2015 earned over $88 million in scholarships!

We offer a variety of programs and extracurricular activities to develop well-rounded students.

- Student achievement is recognized through honor societies, including the renowned 30+ Club for those earning a 30 or above on the ACT.
- Extracurricular activities include the Key and Locque community service organization, DECA, Debate Team, athletic teams, robotics, cheerleading, pom-pom, and more.

Community Support is part of our legacy.

- Our dedicated staff includes 32 Whitehaven alumni, including Principal Dr. Vincent Hunter, demonstrating our deep commitment to our community.
- Community partners, including The University of Memphis and Peer Power, provide tutoring and other support for students.

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/WhitehavenHighCollegePrep
(901) 416-3000 | 4851 ELVIS PRESLEY BLVD., MEMPHIS, TN 38116
With a rigorous College Prep Optional program, we have an unparalleled reputation for academic excellence in Shelby County.

With a wide array of Honors and Advanced Placement courses, award-winning clubs and extracurricular programs and championship quality athletics for boys and girls, we have been recognized multiple times as one of America’s best high schools.

- One of approximately 200 schools in the world designated as an AP Capstone School, an innovative program engaging students in college-level inquiry, research, collaboration, and writing.
- Largest number of National Merit Semifinalists and Commended Scholars in the State of Tennessee.
- Our students compete for and consistently earn prestigious honors, such as Presidential Scholar, Jefferson Scholar, National Achievement scholars, state and national winners in national language exams, Science Olympiad, and team math competitions.
- Exceptional award-winning music, drama and visual arts programs allow students to showcase their creativity and cultivate self-expression.
- Over $44 million in scholarships awarded to the class of 2015!
- Extensive world language offerings include French, German, Latin, Spanish, Chinese and Japanese.

White Station’s award-winning faculty are academic leaders who develop intellectual curiosity and achievement in our students.

- Seventy-one percent of faculty have master’s degrees or above.
- Faculty sponsorship of academic competitions and clubs enables students to delve into areas of academic curiosity and deepen their academic experiences.

Our students are challenged to expand their interests and social interactions by participating in a wide array of clubs, organizations and activities.

- JROTC | Robotics | World Language and Math competitions | Student Council | Model UN | Mock Trial | Knowledge Bowl | DECA | Wordsmith | Deaf Drama Club | Many more
- Nationally ranked Mock Trial Team | Knowledge Bowl championship team
- Our boys and girls athletic programs have produced numerous state championships and collegiate student-athletes.

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/WhiteStationHigh
(901) 416-8893 | 514 S. PERKINS, MEMPHIS, TN 38117
We are a nationally recognized Optional middle school in the heart of East Memphis, and we represent the very best in college preparation education!

Our nationally recognized programs offer extensive choices in Honors curriculum, extracurricular activities, award-winning arts and athletics to develop well-rounded, high-achieving students.

- We are recognized as a “National Magnet School of Excellence” by Magnet Schools of America.
- We earned straight A's on the Tennessee Report Card for achievement, and we are a Level 5 TVAAS school, which is the state’s highest rating for student growth.
- We are the only middle school in Tennessee to offer five world languages—Spanish, French, German, Latin and Japanese—both for exploratory and high school credit.
- We offer upper level math and science courses for high school credit.
- Our students rank top 5 in National Math & Science League competitions and American Mathematics competitions, going head to head against peers in U.S. private & public schools.
- Our award-winning STEM programs are recognized locally, statewide and nationally through top honors in MathCounts, Science Olympiad and eCYBERMISSION.

Our teachers inspire confidence in every student and challenge them to reach the highest levels of personal excellence.

Our classrooms are safe, nurturing environments that promote intellectual, social and emotional growth for students. Character education and team-building are integral components of our whole-child philosophy.

We believe every student should have opportunities to explore and excel in a variety of clubs, courses, activities and organizations beyond the classroom.

- CLUE for eligible students in all grades
- Championship-quality boys and girls athletic teams in 10 sports – the most of any middle school in Shelby County
- Over 40 clubs and after-school activities – more than any middle school in the District, including: Chess Club | Chamber Choir | Drama Club | Dance Team | Step Team
- Fine arts | Vocal music | Orchestra | Band | Instrumental music & drama
- Academic competitions, including speech, spelling, writing, science & math

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/WhiteStationMiddle
(901) 416-2079 | 5465 Mason Rd., Memphis, TN 38120
Our Enriched Academics through Arts and Technology Optional program offers challenging academics in a supportive environment.

We integrate enriched academics with arts and technology learning experiences to educate the whole child.

- Specialists in visual art, Orff music, computer technology, media, and physical education help students develop skills and explore their diverse talents and interests.
- Artists’ visits and science and art field trips make lessons come alive.
- Extracurricular opportunities include Spring Arts Camp, Drama Club, strings, chorus, dance, tennis, piano class, spelling bee, and other enrichment activities.

Highly qualified teachers and dedicated parents and community partners form a strong team to support student success.

- Seventy-four percent of our teachers hold advanced degrees.
- We have 10 National Board Certified Teachers.
- Family-friendly activities include reading and math/science nights, Grandparents’ Celebrations, Walk Your Child to School Day, book fairs, and open houses.
- A strong Parent Teacher Organization provides resources for teachers and students.
- We enjoy the support of grants and community partners, such as Aldersgate United Methodist Church and White Station Church of Christ.

Willow Oaks prepares students for middle school academically, socially, and emotionally in a challenging, yet nurturing learning environment.

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/WillowOaksElementary
(901) 416-2236 | 4417 WILLOW RD., MEMPHIS, TN 38117
Students may learn to fly in our Aviation/Travel and Tourism program or engage in rigorous academics in our College Preparatory Optional program.

We offer students unique opportunities to prepare to enter the exciting fields of aviation / travel and tourism.

- We are the only school in the state where students can earn a private pilot’s license—at no cost!
- Students learn from one federally licensed pilot in our well-equipped facilities, including our FedEx Flight Academy, where students engage in hands-on experiences in flight simulators.
- Travel and Tourism students prepare for their future careers through marketing courses, internships, and job shadowing experiences.
- Students have the opportunity to participate in the FedEx Life Skills Leadership Program.

Enriched academics give students strong foundations for success in our College Preparatory Optional Program.

- Our curriculum prepares students for a strong liberal arts education with challenging, Honors-level and Advanced Placement course offerings.
- Extracurricular activities include the National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, athletic teams, marching, concert, and jazz bands, swing/show and concert choirs, ROTC rifle and drill teams, student council, debate team, peer mentoring, and newspaper and yearbook staffs.
- Clubs include Aviation, Art, French, Environmentalist, and Chess clubs, DECA, TSA, Facing History and Ourselves, The Envoy Project, Peer Leadership, FBLA, SkillsUSA, and FCCLA.

Wooddale gives students the foundation they need to soar to success!

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

www.SCSK12.org/WooddaleHigh
(901) 416-2440 | 5151 SCOTTSDALE, MEMPHIS, TN 38118
Interested in applying to one of our Optional schools? Here’s what you should know:

✅ Applications are available at all of our Optional schools and in the Division of Optional Schools & Advanced Academics at the SCS Board of Education, 160 S. Hollywood St., Room C-106.

✅ Applications are required for every student interested in enrolling in an Optional Program.

✅ Students who live inside the geographical zone of the requested Optional school may submit an application directly to that school.

✅ Students who live outside the geographical zone of the requested Optional school must submit an application to the Division of Optional Schools & Advanced Academics at the SCS Board of Education, 160 S. Hollywood St., Room C-106.

✅ Students are eligible to renew their Optional transfer annually to the same program as long as all renewal requirements are maintained. Students who want to transfer from one Optional school to another must submit a new application during the designated application period.

✅ Sibling preference is considered until 5 p.m. on February 12, 2016 for siblings of students who are currently enrolled and maintaining Optional program requirements at the same school.

*For additional information about the application process, including application dates and submission details, please download our FAQs at www.scsk12.org/optional.*

Optional School Entrance Requirements

✅ Specific entrance requirements vary by school and program and are generally based on report cards and standardized test scores.

✅ A copy of the student’s current comprehensive report card and standardized test scores are required (unless official online access is available).

✅ All new SCS applicants must provide a copy of their Social Security Card.

✅ A birth certificate is required for new SCS Kindergarten applicants.

✅ Transportation is the responsibility of the student’s parents/legal guardians.

✅ For all Optional schools, final approval is contingent upon review of student’s second-semester/final report card.

*Each Optional school’s entrance requirements appear in alphabetical order on pages 55 - 67.*
Entrance Requirements

Balmoral-Ridgeway Elementary

Applicants to the program must:

• Take the Optional Schools admittance tests (applicants for first and second grades), scoring in the 70th percentile or above in total reading and total mathematics.
• Have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on their most recent report card.
• Score at or above the 70th percentile on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests of the current TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test (applicants for third through fifth grades).
• Have a B average or above in all academic subjects and satisfactory grades in special subjects, conduct, and attendance (including promptness to school).
• Have no more than 15 absences, late arrivals, and/or early dismissals for the year.
• To remain in the program, a student must maintain the entrance requirements for grades, conduct, skills and behaviors, academic and support subjects and attendance.

Bellevue Middle School

Applicants to the program must:

• Have A and B report card grade averages with no more than one C as a semester average in all subjects.
• Have scores at or above the 50th percentile on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests on current TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test.
• Have satisfactory conduct and attendance (including promptness to school and to each class), with no more than 15 absences and/or tardies.
• To remain in the program, a student must maintain a semester average of C or above, with no D’s or below in all subjects, as well as satisfactory conduct and attendance (including promptness to school and to each class).
• Students must remain in the required Optional courses for each grade.

Bolton High School – International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme

Applicants to the IB Programme must:

• Score at or above the 70th percentile on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests on current TCAP, other nationally normed achievement test, or on current Explore, PLAN, or ACT test (Reading, English, and Mathematics).
• Score at or above the 70th percentile in Critical Reading, Writing Skills, and Mathematics sections on current PSAT or SAT test.
• Have A’s and B’s and no more than one C as a semester average in academic subjects, with no D’s or F’s as a semester average in any subject.
• Have satisfactory conduct and attendance (including promptness to school and to each class), with no more than 15 absences and/or tardies.
• Enroll in at least six IB courses during their junior and senior years.
• To remain in the Optional Program, students must submit a Renewal Application for Optional Schools, maintain a yearly average of C or above in each subject per semester and enroll in the required program’s courses. Also, the entrance requirements for conduct and attendance must be maintained.

Bolton High School – Automotive Technology / Information Technology

Applicants to the AT/IT program must:

• Score at or above the 50th percentile in the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests on current TCAP, other nationally normed achievement test, or on current Explore, PLAN, or ACT test (Reading, English, and Mathematics).
• Score at or above the 50th percentile in Critical Reading, Writing Skills, and Mathematics sections on current PSAT or SAT test.
• Have no grade below a C as a semester average in academic subjects, with no D’s or F’s as a semester average in any subject.
• Have satisfactory conduct and attendance (including promptness to school and to each class), with no more than 15 absences and/or tardies.
• To remain in the Optional Program, students must submit a Renewal Application for Optional Schools, maintain a yearly average of C or above in each subject per semester and enroll in the required program’s courses. Also, the entrance requirements for conduct and attendance must be maintained.
**Entrance Requirements**

**Brewster Elementary School**

Applicants to the program must:

- Take the Optional Schools admittance tests, attaining the 60th percentile or above in total reading and total mathematics (first- and second-grade applicants).
- Have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on most recent report card (first-grade applicants).
- Score at or above the 60th percentile on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests of current TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test (applicants for grades three through five).
- Have no grade below a B for a semester or final average in all academic subjects and satisfactory grades in special subjects, conduct, and attendance (applicants for grades two through five).
- Have satisfactory attendance, including promptness to school (no more than 15 absences, late arrivals, and/or early dismissals).
- To remain in the program, a student must maintain the listed requirements for grades, conduct, skills and behaviors, and attendance.

**Brownsville Road Elementary School**

Applicants to the program must:

- Take the Optional Schools admittance tests, attaining the 60th percentile or above in total reading and total mathematics (first- and second-grade applicants).
- Have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on most recent report card (first-grade applicants).
- Score at or above the 60th percentile on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests of current TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test (applicants for grades three through five).
- Have no grade below a B for a semester or final average in all academic subjects and satisfactory grades in special subjects, conduct, and attendance (applicants for grades two through five).
- Have satisfactory attendance, including promptness to school (no more than 15 absences, late arrivals, and/or early dismissals).
- To remain in the program, a student must maintain the listed requirements for grades, conduct, skills and behaviors, and attendance.

**Carnes Elementary School**

Applicants to the program must:

- Take the Optional Schools admittance tests, attaining the 50th percentile or above in total reading and total mathematics (applicants for first and second grades).
- Have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on most recent report card (first-grade applicants).
- Have satisfactory, or above grades in conduct on most recent report card, and attain the 50th percentile or above on the Reading/ Language Arts and Mathematics subtests of the TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test (applicants for grades three through five).
- Have no grade below a C for a semester or final average in all academic subjects and satisfactory grades in special subjects and attendance (applicants for grades two through five).
- Have satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school (no more than 15 absences, tardies, and/or early dismissals).
- To remain in the program, a student must maintain an average of C or above in academic subjects, grades of satisfactory or above in special subjects, and the entrance requirements for conduct, skills and behaviors and attendance (including promptness to school).

**Central High School**

Applicants to the program must:

- Score at or above the 70th percentile in the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests on the current TCAP, other nationally normed achievement test, or on current Explore, PLAN, or ACT test (Reading, English, and Mathematics).
- Score at or above the 70th percentile in Critical Reading, Writing Skills, & Mathematics sections on current PSAT or SAT test.
- Have a semester average of 3.0 in academic subjects with no grade below a C for the semester.
- Have satisfactory conduct and attendance (including promptness to school and to each class), with no more than 15 absences and/or tardies.
- Applicants for eleventh grade must submit a transcript showing all high school work to date.
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must submit a Renewal Optional Application and maintain the entrance requirements for grades, conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class (no more than 15 absences and/or tardies).
- Students must enroll in the required Honors courses each semester.
Colonial Middle School

Applicants to the Creative and Performing Arts program must:

• Have report card grades of A's and B's with no grades below a C as a semester average.
• Have satisfactory audition/interview/portfolio (Colonial staff will contact students who meet minimum entrance requirements).
• Score at or above the 50th percentile in the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests on the current TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test.
• Have satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class (no more than 15 absences and/or tardies).
• To remain in the Creative and Performing Arts Optional Program, students must maintain at least a C average with no semester or final grade of D or below, fulfill all requirements of the major department, and have satisfactory conduct and attendance.

Applicants to the Enriched Academics program must:

• Score at or above the 75th percentile in the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests on the current TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test.
• Have report card grades of A's and B's with no more than one C as a semester average.
• To remain in the Enriched Academics Optional Program, students must maintain a C average or above in Enriched/Honors classes with no semester or final grade of D or below.
• Have satisfactory conduct and attendance (including promptness to school and to each class), with no more than 15 absences and/or tardies.

Cordova Elementary School

Applicants to the program must:

• Take the Optional Schools admittance tests, attaining the 70th percentile or above in total reading and total mathematics (applicants for first and second grades).
• Have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on most recent report card (applicants for first grade).
• Attain the 70th percentile or above on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests of the TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test (applicants for third through fifth grades).
• Have a B average or above in all academic subjects and satisfactory grades in special subjects, conduct, and attendance, including promptness to school, with no more than 15 absences, tardies, and/or early dismissals (applicants for grades two through five).
• To remain in the program, a student must maintain an A or B average in all academic subjects and have satisfactory grades in special subjects, skills and behaviors, conduct, and attendance (including promptness to school).
• If a family chooses to move outside Cordova School's boundaries, the student must meet the Optional Program's requirements to remain at the school.

Cordova Middle School

Applicants to the program must:

• Score at or above the 70th percentile in the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests on the current TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test.
• Have a B average or above in all academic subjects, with satisfactory grades in special subjects, conduct, and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class (no more than 15 absences and/or tardies).
• To remain in the program, students must maintain an A or B average in all academic subjects and satisfactory grades in special subjects, conduct, and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class (no more than 15 absences and/or tardies).
• If a family chooses to move outside Cordova School's boundaries, the student must meet the Optional Program's requirements to remain at the school.

Craigmont High School

Applicants to the program must:

• Score at or above the 65th percentile in the Reading/Language Arts subtest on the current TCAP, other nationally normed achievement test, or on current Explore, PLAN, ACT, PSAT, or SAT test (Critical Reading/Reading and English/Writing Skills).
• Have A or B semester averages with no more than one C as a semester average in any academic subject prior to admission.
• Have satisfactory conduct and attendance (including promptness to school and to each class), with no more than 15 absences and/or tardies.
• To remain in the program, students must maintain an average of C or above in each subject each semester, with no grade lower than a C in any academic subject, participate in all enrichment activities and projects, and maintain a record of satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class (no more than 15 absences or tardies).
• Students who maintain the Optional renewal requirements for Craigmont Middle School will be accepted into Craigmont High School's Optional Program on a continuation basis.
**Entrance Requirements**

**Craigmont Middle School**

Applicants to the program must:

- Score at or above the 65th percentile in the Reading/Language Arts subtest on the current TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test.
- Have A or B report card grades with no more than one semester average of C in any academic subject prior to admission and satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class (no more than 15 absences and/or tardies).
- To remain in the program, students must maintain an overall C or above average each semester with no grade less than C in any academic subject, as well as satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class (no more than 15 absences and/or tardies).

**Cummings School (1-8)**

Applicants to the program must:

- Take the Optional Schools admittance tests, attaining the 50th percentile or above in total reading and total mathematics (applicants for first and second grades).
- Have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on most recent report card (applicants for first grade).
- Have a B average or above in all academic and support subjects and conduct (applicants for grades two through eight).
- Attain the 50th percentile or above on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests of the TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test (applicants for third through eighth grades).
- Have satisfactory attendance, including promptness to school, with no more than 15 absences, tardies, and/or early dismissals (all applicants).
- To remain in the program, a student must maintain an overall C average in academic courses and satisfactory grades in support subjects, have no semester grade lower than a C or S, have no F’s or U’s on the report card, maintain entrance requirements for conduct, academic and support subjects, skills and behaviors, and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class (no more than 15 absences, tardies, and/or early dismissals).
- Parents must sign the Parent Agreement annually.

**Delano Elementary School**

Applicants to the program must:

- Take the Optional Schools admittance tests, attaining the 50th percentile or above in total reading and total math (applicants for first and second grades).
- Have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on most recent report card (applicants for first grade).
- Have successfully completed the previous year’s grade-level reader, and have no final grades below C (satisfactory or above in special subjects), (applicants for second through fifth grades).
- Attain the 50th percentile or above on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests of the TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test (applicants for third through fifth grades).
- Have satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school, with no more than 15 absences, tardies, and/or early dismissals (all applicants).
- To remain in the program, a student must maintain C’s or above in academic subjects and grades of satisfactory or above in support subjects. The entrance requirements for conduct, skills, and behaviors, and attendance must be maintained.
- Parents must sign the Parent Agreement annually.

**Double Tree Elementary School**

Applicants to the program must:

- Submit an Application for Optional Schools at the Board of Education, 160 S. Hollywood, Room C106 (applicants who live outside the Double Tree geographical boundaries).
- Provide original copy of birth certificate (applicants for Kindergarten).
- Provide a copy of most recent comprehensive report card (transfer applicants).
- Have satisfactory conduct, skills and behaviors (applicants for grades one through five).
- Have satisfactory attendance, including promptness to school, with no more than 15 absences, tardies, and/or early dismissals (all applicants).
- If a family chooses to move outside of Double Tree’s boundaries, the student must meet the Optional Program’s requirements to remain at the school.
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain all of the entrance requirements.
Douglass High School

Applicants to the program must:

- Score at or above the 50th percentile in the Reading/Language Arts subtest on the current TCAP, other nationally normed achievement test, or on comparable subtests on current Explore, PLAN, ACT, PSAT, or SAT test, (Critical Reading/Reading and English/Writing skills).
- Score at least Proficient on the appropriate End-of-Course exams.
- Have A's or B's with no more than two C's as semester averages.
- Have satisfactory conduct and attendance (including promptness to school and to each class), with no more than 15 absences and/or tardies.
- Submit one letter of recommendation from a community leader or teacher.
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain grades of A's, B's, or C's, with no grade lower than a C for a semester average in any class, and have satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class (no more than 15 absences and/or tardies).
- The PSAT/NMSQT is required in the 10th and 11th grades.
- Students are required to complete 500 public service hours prior to graduation (minimum 100 hours per grade level). Each grade level has its own service activity each year. Special projects can secure additional hours toward a student’s senior project. Specific course selection requirements and public service will be discussed when applicants are approved. Students are required to complete all courses and a senior project for graduation.

Douglass School (K-8)

Applicants to the program must:

- Submit an original copy of birth certificate (applicants for Kindergarten).
- Have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on most recent report card (applicants for first grade).
- Have satisfactory conduct, C's or above in all academic subjects, as well as satisfactory grades in all support subjects on most recent comprehensive report card (applicants for second through fifth grades).
- Attain the 50th percentile or above on the Reading/Language Arts subtest of the TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test, have satisfactory conduct, have no more than two C’s in all academic subjects, have satisfactory grades in all support subjects, and provide one letter of recommendation from a community leader, educator, or school administrator (applicants for sixth through eighth grades).
- Have satisfactory attendance, including promptness to school and to each class, with no more than 15 absences, tardies, and/or early dismissals (all applicants).
- To remain in the program, a student must meet and maintain all of the entrance requirements, including grades, conduct, skills and behaviors, academic and support subjects, and attendance. Students must earn a total of 50 public service hours prior to completing eighth grade.

Downtown Elementary School

Applicants to the program must:

- Take the Optional Schools admittance tests, scoring in the 65th percentile or above in total reading and total mathematics (applicants for first and second grades).
- Have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on their most recent report card (applicants for first grade).
- Have successfully completed the previous year’s grade-level reader and have no semester or final grades below C (satisfactory or above in special subjects).
- Have satisfactory conduct and attendance (no more than 15 absences, tardies, and/or early dismissals for applicants to second through fifth grades).
- Score at or above the 65th percentile on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests of the TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test (applicants for third through fifth grades).
- Parents must sign the Parent Agreement annually.
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain the entrance requirements for grades, conduct and attendance.
**Entrance Requirements**

**East High School**

Applicants to the program must:

- Have a 2.75 GPA and score at or above the 50th percentile in the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests on the current TCAP, or other nationally normed achievement test, current Explore, PLAN, ACT, PSAT, or SAT test (Critical Reading/Reading, English/Writing Skills, and Mathematics).
- Have satisfactory conduct and attendance (including promptness to school and to each class), with no more than 15 absences and/or tardies.
- Participate in an orientation interview.
- The PSAT/NMSQT is required in the tenth and eleventh grades. Active membership in the Technology Student Association is requested of all students enrolled in the Engineering program.
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain the program requirements, earn a C average or above in each course for each semester, and maintain satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and each class. An “N” or “U” in conduct during any grading period is considered unacceptable. Where applicable, all Optional students must score Proficient or Advanced on the appropriate End-of-Course exams.

**John P. Freeman Optional School (1-8)**

Applicants to the program must:

- Take the Optional Schools admittance tests, scoring at or above the 65th percentile in total reading and total math (applicants for first and second grades).
- Have satisfactory skills and behaviors and demonstrate mastery of standards in academic and support subjects on most recent report card (applicants for first grade).
- Score at or above the 65th percentile on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests of the TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test (applicants for third through eighth grades).
- Have satisfactory conduct in academic and support subjects and all A’s and B’s, with no more than one C as a semester average in all subjects on latest comprehensive report card (applicants for second through eighth grades).
- For renewals, applicants must maintain an overall C average or above in academic courses and satisfactory or above grades in support subjects for semester averages, with no F’s or U’s on the report card.
- For all grades, all new and renewal applicants must have satisfactory conduct, skills and behaviors, and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class (no more than 15 absences, tardies, and/or early dismissals for the year).

**Germantown Elementary School**

Applicants to the program must:

- Take the Optional Schools admittance tests, scoring in the 70th percentile or above in total reading and total math (applicants for first and second grades).
- Score at or above the 70th percentile on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests of the TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test (applicants for third through fifth grades).
- Have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on most recent report card (applicants for first grade).
- Have all A’s, B’s, E’s, and S’s in all subject areas on most recent report card (applicants for second through fifth grades).
- Have satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school, with no more than 15 absences, tardies, and/or early dismissals (all applicants).
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain the listed requirements for grades, conduct, skills and behaviors, academic and support subjects, attendance, and parent support. Application for admission must be renewed yearly.

**Germantown High School – International Baccalaureate (IB) & College Prep**

Applicants to the program must:

- Submit a copy of the most recent comprehensive report card showing A’s and B’s, with no more than one C as a semester average in academic subjects, with no D’s or F’s as a semester average in any subject.
- Score at or above the 80th percentile in the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests on the current TCAP, or other nationally normed achievement test, or on comparable subtests on current Explore, PLAN, ACT, PSAT, or SAT test (Critical Reading/Reading, English/Writing Skills, and Mathematics).
- Have satisfactory conduct grades and attendance (including promptness to school and to each class), with no more than 15 absences and/or tardies.
- The IB Coordinator will contact students who qualify for the program to schedule a personal interview and writing exercise.
- To remain in program, a student must maintain an average of C or above in each subject per semester. Students must enroll in the appropriate courses each year to meet the program’s requirements. The entrance requirements for conduct and attendance must be maintained.
**Germantown High School – Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA)**

Applicants to the program must:

- Submit a copy of the most recent comprehensive report card showing A’s B’s, and no more than three C’s in academic subjects, with no D’s or F’s as a semester average in any subject.
- Score at or above the 70th percentile in the Reading-Language Arts and Mathematics subtests on the current TCAP, other nationally normed achievement test, or on comparable subtests on a current Explore, PLAN, ACT, PSAT, or SAT test (Critical Reading/Reading, English/Writing Skills, and Mathematics).
- Have satisfactory conduct grades and attendance records (including promptness to school and to each class), with no more than 15 absences and/or tardies.
- Schedule an appointment with the Creative and Performing Arts Faculty Council for an interview and/or audition.
- Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) students are required to participate in preparation, rehearsals, business management, and performances beyond the regular school day. Students enrolled in the CAPA program pursue a major in one area of the Creative and Performing Arts while working to meet all state requirements for graduation.
- To remain in program, a student must maintain an average of C or above in each subject per semester. Students must enroll in the appropriate courses each year to meet the program’s requirements. The entrance requirements for conduct and attendance must be maintained.

**Germantown Middle School**

Applicants to the program must:

- Have A's and B's, with no more than one C on the most recent comprehensive report card as a semester average.
- Score at or above the 70th percentile on the Reading-Language Arts and Mathematics subtests on the current TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test.
- Have satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class (no more than 15 absences and/or tardies).
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain an average of C or above in each subject each semester, as well as satisfactory conduct and attendance.

**Grahamwood Elementary School**

Applicants to the program must:

- Take the Optional Schools admittance tests, scoring in the 80th percentile or above in total reading and total math (applicants for first and second grades).
- Have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on most recent report card (applicants for first grade).
- Score at or above the 80th percentile on the Reading-Language Arts and Mathematics subtests of the TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test (applicants for third through fifth grades).
- Have A’s, B’s, E’s, and S’s in all subject areas and satisfactory conduct on most recent comprehensive report card (applicants for second through fifth grades).
- Have satisfactory attendance, including promptness to school, with no more than 15 absences, tardies, and/or early dismissals (all applicants).
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain the listed requirements for grades, conduct, skills and behaviors, academic and support subjects, attendance, and parent support. Application for admission must be renewed yearly.

**Havenview Middle School**

Applicants to the program must:

- Have A's and B's, with no more than one C as a semester average in all subjects on the most recent comprehensive report card.
- Score at or above the 55th percentile on the Reading-Language Arts and Mathematics subtests on the current TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test.
- Have satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class (no more than 15 absences and/or tardies).
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain a semester average of C or above in all subjects, with no D's or below in any subject. The entrance requirements for conduct and attendance must be maintained. Students must enroll in the required Optional courses for each grade to remain in Havenview’s Optional Program.
**Idlewild Elementary School**

*Applicants to the program must:*
- Provide original copy of birth certificate (applicants for Kindergarten).
- Provide a copy of most recent comprehensive report card.
- Have satisfactory skills and behaviors (applicants for first grade).
- Have satisfactory conduct on most recent comprehensive report card (applicants for grades two through five).
- Have satisfactory attendance, including promptness to school, on most recent comprehensive report card, with no more than 15 absences, tardies, or early dismissals (all applicants).
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain entrance requirements.

**Keystone Elementary School**

*Applicants to the program must:*
- Take the Optional Schools admittance tests, scoring at or above the 50th percentile in total reading and total mathematics (applicants for first and second grades).
- Have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on most recent report card (applicants for first grade).
- Score at or above the 50th percentile on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests on the TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test (applicants for third through fifth grades).
- Have a C average or above in all academic subjects and satisfactory grades in special subjects and conduct (applicants for second through fifth grades).
- Have satisfactory attendance, including promptness to school, on most recent comprehensive report card, with no more than 15 absences, tardies, or early dismissals (all applicants).
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain an overall C average in all academic subjects, S’s or E’s in support classes, and satisfactory conduct, skills and behaviors, and attendance (including promptness to school, early dismissals, and tardies).

**Kingsbury High School**

*Applicants to the program must:*
- Have all A's and B's, with no more than one C on the most recent report card.
- Score at or above the 50th percentile on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests on a current TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test or on a current Explore, PLAN, ACT, PSAT, or SAT test.
- Have satisfactory conduct and attendance (including promptness to school and to each class), with no more than 15 absences and/or tardies.
- Score Proficient or Advanced on the appropriate End-of-Course exams.
- The PSAT/NMSQT is required in the tenth and eleventh grades.
- To remain in the program, students must maintain the program requirements, a C or above in each course per semester, and satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class.

**Oak Forest Elementary School**

*Applicants to the program must:*
- Take the Optional Schools admittance tests, scoring at or above the 70th percentile in total reading and total mathematics (applicants for first and second grades).
- Have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on most recent report card (applicants for first grade).
- Score at or above the 70th percentile on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests on the TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test (applicants for third through fifth grades).
- Have a B average or above in all academic subjects and satisfactory grades in special subjects and conduct (applicants for second through fifth grades).
- Have satisfactory conduct, skills and behaviors, and attendance, including promptness to school, as shown on most recent report card, with no more than 15 absences, tardies, or early dismissals (all applicants).
- If a family chooses to move outside Oak Forest’s boundaries, the student must meet the Optional Program requirements to remain at the school. To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain a B average in all academic areas, as well as the entrance requirements of satisfactory conduct, skills and behaviors, academic and support subjects, and attendance.
Overton High School

Applicants to the program must:
• Have a 2.0 grade point average with no grade lower than a D for each semester or final grade, along with satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class, with no more than 15 absences and/or tardies.
• Score at or above the 50th percentile on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests on a current TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test or on a current Explore, PLAN, ACT, PSAT, or SAT test (Critical Reading/Reading, English/Writing Skills, and Mathematics).
• Score Proficient or above on the appropriate End-of-Course exams.
• Successfully complete an interview and audition, in addition to the academic, conduct, and attendance requirements.
• Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) students must attend an extra hour each day in a specialized CAPA class and agree to meet all the requirements of the student’s major department. Students transferring on a continuation basis from Colonial Middle School’s CAPA Program must complete an audition to determine class-level placement. Students will be contacted by Overton’s CAPA staff to schedule audition and interview.
• To remain in the CAPA program, students must maintain program requirements, and maintain the admission requirements for grades, attendance, and conduct.

Peabody Elementary School

Applicants to the program must:
• Take the Optional Schools admittance tests, scoring at or above the 60th percentile in total reading and total mathematics (applicants for first and second grades).
• Have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on most recent report card (applicants for first grade).
• Score at or above the 60th percentile on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests on the TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test (applicants for third through fifth grades).
• Have all A’s, B’s, E’s, G’s, and S’s in all academic subjects, special subjects, and conduct (applicants for second through fifth grades).
• Have satisfactory attendance, including promptness to school, with no more than 15 absences, tardies, or early dismissals (all applicants).
• To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain the listed requirements for grades, conduct, skills and behaviors, and attendance. Application for admission must be renewed yearly.

Ridgeway High School

Applicants to the program must:
• Score at or above the 70th percentile on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests on a current TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test or on a current Explore, PLAN, ACT, PSAT, or SAT test (Critical Reading/Reading, English/Writing Skills, and Mathematics).
• Have A’s or B’s and no more than one C as a semester average in an academic subject. D’s or F’s are not acceptable for a grade in any semester average. Applicant’s report card must show satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class, with no more than 15 absences and/or tardies.
• Students must enroll in at least six IB courses in their junior year and complete their required IB coursework in their senior year. Participation in Ridgeway’s IB Prep/Honors College Preparatory Program in ninth and tenth grades is required for students to enroll in the IB Diploma Programme in the eleventh grade. Other specific admissions criteria, including coursework and End-of-Course requirements, must be fulfilled prior to admission. Such criteria are grade-specific and are available to parents and students once the initial Application for Optional Schools is approved. In addition to the IB Diploma Programme requirements, students are required to take all courses required for graduation by the State of Tennessee.
• To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain a yearly average of 3.0 in academic subjects with no semester average below a C, enroll in the required courses, and maintain satisfactory conduct and attendance.

Ridgeway Middle School

Applicants to the program must:
• Score at or above the 70th percentile on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests on the current TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test.
• Have A’s and B’s, with no more than one C as a semester average in an academic subject. D’s or F’s are not acceptable for a grade in any semester average.
• Have satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class (no more than 15 absences and/or tardies) on report card.
• To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain an overall C average or above in all subjects, as well as satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class.
**Riverwood Elementary School**

*Applicants to the program must:*

- Take the Optional Schools admittance tests, scoring at or above the 70th percentile in total reading and total mathematics (applicants for first and second grades).
- Have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on most recent report card (applicants for first grade).
- Score at or above the 70th percentile on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests on the TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test (applicants for third through fifth grades).
- Have a B average or above in all academic subjects and satisfactory grades in special subjects, conduct, and attendance, with no more than 15 absences, tardies, or early dismissals (applicants for second through fifth grades).
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain the listed requirements for grades, conduct, skills and behaviors, academic and support subjects, attendance, and parent support.

**Rozelle Elementary School**

*Applicants to the program must:*

- Submit original copy of birth certificate (applicants for Kindergarten).
- Have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on most recent report card (applicants for first grade).
- Have a C average or above in all academic subjects and satisfactory grades in special subjects, conduct, and attendance, with no more than 15 absences, tardies, or early dismissals (applicants for second through fifth grades).
- Demands placed on students as a result of the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) Program dictate that students demonstrate self-motivation, discipline, and a high standard of academic performance. All of the entrance requirements must be maintained to remain in the Optional Program.

**Sherwood Elementary School**

*Applicants to the program must:*

- Score in the 55th percentile or above in total reading and total mathematics on the Optional Schools admittance tests (applicants for first and second grades).
- Have earned Mastery for 85 percent or more of the second quarter in Kindergarten Report Card Skills; at the end of the fourth quarter, have earned Mastery or Completion for 85 percent or more of the fourth quarter Kindergarten Report Card Skills; and have earned a grade of S or above in all skills and behaviors that support learning after the second quarter, with no conduct or content grades below S in support classes after the first quarter (applicants for first grade).
- Score at or above the 55th percentile on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests of the TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test (applicants for third through fifth grades).
- Have a C average or above in all academic subjects and satisfactory grades in special subjects, conduct, and attendance, with no more than 15 absences, tardies, or early dismissals (applicants for second through fifth grades).
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain the above listed requirements for report card grades, conduct, skills and behaviors, and attendance.

**Maxine Smith STEAM Academy**

*Applicants to the program must:*

- Have grades of A's and B's, with no more than one C as a semester average, on most recent report card.
- Score at or above the 65th percentile on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests of the TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test.
- Have conduct grades of satisfactory or above.
- Have satisfactory attendance (no more than 15 absences or tardies to school or to class).
- Students and parents will be required to sign a Parent Student Agreement stating that they understand the expectations of this program and are committed to maintaining them. Once it is determined that the student meets the minimum requirements, an interview will be scheduled. In conjunction with the interview, students must complete a writing sample.
- Students are required to participate in our Experiential Lab which is an extended school day for an additional 45 minutes one day each week to complete STEM laboratory activities.
- All students will be on an Optional transfer and must meet and maintain the minimum entrance requirements. Preference will be given to qualified students who live within two miles of the school for 50 percent of the available slots for the first 10 working days of the Optional Application process. The remaining slots will be open to students who qualify.
- To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain an average of C or above in each subject, each semester, participate in extended day activities, and meet the entrance requirements for conduct and attendance.
Snowden School (1-8)
Applicants to the program must:
• Attain the 70th percentile or above in total reading and total mathematics on the Optional Schools admittance tests (applicants for first and second grades).
• Have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on most recent report card (applicants for first grade).
• Attain the 70th percentile or above on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests of the TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test (applicants for third through eighth grades).
• Have all A’s and B’s with no more than one C as a semester average, satisfactory grades in conduct, and satisfactory progress in the non-academic subject areas on the most recent comprehensive report card (applicants for second through eighth grades).
• Have satisfactory attendance, including promptness to school and to each class, with no more than 15 absences, tardies, and/or early dismissals (all applicants).
• To remain in the Optional Program, a student must maintain an average of C or S in each subject, each semester. All students must maintain the entrance requirements for standards in academic and support subjects, conduct, skills and behaviors, and attendance.

Springdale-Memphis Magnet Elementary School
Applicants to the program must:
• Submit a copy of the most recent comprehensive report card, along with a complete Application for Optional Schools.
• Have satisfactory process skills and behaviors on the most recent report card (applicants for first grade).
• Have satisfactory conduct on the most recent report card (applicants for second through fifth grades).
• Have satisfactory attendance, including promptness to school, with no more than 15 absences, tardies, and/or early dismissals (all applicants).
• To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain all of the entrance requirements.

Treadwell Elementary School (Entry Grade: Kindergarten)
Applicants to the program must:
• Submit an original copy of the student’s birth certificate (applicants for Kindergarten).
• Have parents/legal guardians sign the Parent Agreement annually.
• To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain A’s, B’s, and C’s in all academic subjects and satisfactory grades in special subjects and satisfactory conduct.
• Kindergarten students must earn M (Mastery) or C (Completion) for 80 percent or more of the report card standards in order to remain in the program.
• Satisfactory attendance is required. A total of 15 or more absences, tardies, and/or early dismissals a year is considered unsatisfactory.

Vollentine Elementary School
Applicants to the program must:
• Submit an original copy of the student’s birth certificate (applicants for Kindergarten).
• Provide a copy of the most recent report card.
• Have satisfactory skills and behaviors and satisfactory grades in conduct on the most recent report card (applicants for first grade).
• Have a C average or above in all academic subjects and satisfactory grades in special subjects and conduct on the most recent report card (applicants for second through fifth grades).
• Have satisfactory attendance, including promptness to school, with no more than 15 absences, tardies, and/or early dismissals (all applicants).
• To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain all of the entrance requirements.
Entrance Requirements

Whitehaven Elementary School

Applicants to the program must:

• Take the Optional Schools admittance tests, attaining the 55th percentile or above in total reading and total mathematics (applicants for first and second grades).
• Have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on the most recent report card (applicants for first grade).
• Score at or above the 55th percentile on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests on the TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test (applicants for third through fifth grades).
• Have a B average or above in all academic subjects and satisfactory grades in special subjects and conduct (applicants for second through fifth grades).
• Have satisfactory attendance, including promptness to school, with no more than 15 absences, tardies, and/or early dismissals (all applicants).
• To remain in the Optional Program, students must meet all of the entrance requirements for grades, academic and support subjects, conduct, skills and behaviors, and attendance.

Whitehaven High School – Business & Finance

Applicants to the program must:

• Have a 2.5 semester GPA, with no D’s or F’s for semester or yearly average, and satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class, with no more than 15 absences and/or tardies.
• Score at or above the 50th percentile on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests on a current TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test or on a current Explore, PLAN, ACT, PSAT, or SAT test (Critical Reading/Reading, English/Writing Skills, and Mathematics).
• Score Proficient or Advanced on the appropriate End-of-Course exams.
• Students must actively participate in a co-curricular club (FBLA or DECA) and complete the recommended course of study. Students must complete an elective focus in Marketing, Finance, or Business Management and Administration. Students are required to take the corresponding certification exam for the appropriate elective focus.
• To remain in the Optional Program, a student must enroll in the required courses, maintain a 2.5 semester GPA with no D’s or F’s for semester or yearly average, with satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class. Renewal applications must be submitted annually.

Whitehaven High School – College Prep

Applicants to the program must:

• Have a 3.0 semester GPA in academic courses, with no D’s or F’s for semester or yearly average, and satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class, with no more than 15 absences and/or tardies.
• Score at or above the 70th percentile on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests on a current TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test or on a current Explore, PLAN, ACT, PSAT, or SAT test (Critical Reading/Reading, English/Writing Skills, and Mathematics).
• Score Proficient or Advanced on the appropriate End-of-Course exams.
• To remain in the Optional Program, a student must maintain a 3.0 semester GPA in academic subjects, with no D’s or F’s for semester or yearly average, and satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class. Required coursework for Optional students includes taking Honors English and Honors Mathematics each year and at least one other Honors-level course. Students must take the coursework required for college entrance. Optional students must take the PSAT/NMSQT and/or the ACT in the tenth and eleventh grades.

White Station High School

Applicants to the program must:

• Submit a copy of the most recent comprehensive report card showing A’s and B’s, with no more than one C as a semester average in academic subjects and no D’s or F’s as a semester average in any subject.
• Score at or above the 80th percentile on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests on a current TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test or on a current Explore, PLAN, ACT, PSAT, or SAT test (Critical Reading/Reading, English/Writing Skills, and Mathematics).
• Have satisfactory conduct grades and attendance records, including promptness to school and to each class, with no more than 15 absences and/or tardies.
• Students are required to enroll in Honors courses beginning in grade nine and continuing through grade 12. Students are required to take all courses required for graduation at the Honors/AP level.
• Students who maintain the Optional renewal requirements for White Station Middle School will be accepted into White Station High School’s Optional Program on a continuation basis. To remain in the Optional Program, a student must maintain an average of C or above in each subject per semester. The entrance requirements for conduct and attendance must also be maintained.
White Station Middle School

Applicants to the program must:

• Have A’s and B’s, with no more than one C on the most recent comprehensive report card as a semester average.
• Score at or above the 80th percentile on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests on the current TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test.
• Have satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class (no more than 15 absences and/or tardies).
• To remain in the Optional Program, students must maintain an average of C or above in each subject, each semester, and the entrance requirements for conduct and attendance.
• Students who are accepted into the Optional Program at White Station Middle School and who meet renewal requirements will be accepted into the White Station High School Optional Program on a continuation basis.

Willow Oaks Elementary School

Applicants to the program must:

• Take the Optional Schools admittance tests, scoring at or above the 65th percentile for total reading and total math (applicants for first and second grades—parents/guardians will be contacted about testing dates).
• Have earned Mastery for 85 percent or more of the second quarter Kindergarten Report Card Skills; at the end of the fourth quarter, have earned Mastery or Completion for 85 percent or more of the fourth quarter Kindergarten Report Card Skills; and have earned a grade of S in all skills and behaviors that support learning for the first quarter, with no conduct or content grades below S in support classes after the first quarter (applicants for first grade).
• Have no report card grades below a C or S, with E’s or S’s in conduct and support subjects such as Physical Education, Music, and Art (applicants for second through fifth grades).
• Score at or above the 65th percentile on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests on the TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test (applicants for third through fifth grades).
• Read from a grade-level reader with no grades below C or S (applicants for second through fifth grades).
• Have satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school, with no more than 15 absences, tardies, and/or early dismissals (all applicants).
• To remain in the Optional Program, students must meet maintain the entrance requirements for grades, conduct, skills and behaviors, academic and support subjects, and attendance.

Wooddale High School

Applicants to the College Prep program must:

• Score at or above the 65th percentile on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests on a current TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test or on a current Explore, PLAN, ACT, PSAT, or SAT test (Critical Reading/Reading, English/Writing Skills, and Mathematics).
• Have a minimum semester GPA of 2.5, no grade below a C as a semester average, and satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class, (no more than 15 absences and/or tardies).
• To remain in the program, students must maintain a C or above in each course for the semester average. Students must also maintain satisfactory attendance, including promptness to school and to each class, and satisfactory conduct.

Applicants to the Aviation/Travel and Tourism program must:

• Submit a copy of their most recent comprehensive report card with a 2.0 or above grade point average and no grade below a C as a semester average and satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class, (no more than 15 absences and/or tardies).
• Score at or above the 50th percentile on the Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics subtests on a current TCAP or other nationally normed achievement test or on a current Explore, PLAN, ACT, PSAT, or SAT test.
• Score Proficient or Advanced on the appropriate End-of-Course exams.
• To remain in the program, students must maintain a C or above in each course for the semester average. Students must also maintain satisfactory conduct and attendance, including promptness to school and to each class.
“My daughter was coming from a charter school, and when I spoke with our principal, she definitely made an impact. She wanted to meet me immediately. She invited me to the school and showed me all of the school’s programs.”

Parent
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