Metro Schools has more than 150 SCHOOLS across Nashville that offer interesting academic programs and pathways ranging from IT to health care. With so many options, there are many ways to design your own experience at MNPS and create your own unique path to success.

What will you create?
Metro Nashville Public Schools, we use detailed academic, behavior and social-emotional data to ensure every student in the district is known and our staff makes a concerted effort to tune into students’ interests, passions, learning styles and needs. We focus on creating and supporting rigorous, engaging and personalized learning experiences for all students to identify and eliminate inequities, so every student has a clear and achievable path to success marked by measurable goals.

Offering a range of programs and opportunities, MNPS has options to fit every family’s needs. Whether you are looking for advanced academics, related arts, special education services, English language supports or STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) education programs, we offer the best choices to meet individual student needs—starting at Pre-K all the way through graduation.

ENSURING EQUITY TO ALL STUDENTS

MNPS is consistently and intentionally working to support and achieve educational equity in our schools. Our goal is that all students receive what they need, when they need it, so they can develop their full academic and social potential regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, ethnicity, language, religion, family background or family income.

We believe it is our shared responsibility to ensure every student in every Nashville neighborhood has the same access and opportunity to a high-quality education. By identifying different disparities and working to remove systematic differences, we can foster an inclusive school system and create a much more equitable education and outcome for our students.
More to Learn, More to Do

What will you do?

ATHLETICS

Metro Schools athletics focuses not only on physical health, but also provides student athletes opportunities to develop higher standards of mental, moral, social and physical fitness through participation in extracurricular athletic programs. There are 14 TSSAA-sanctioned sports available in our high schools, while middle school students have seven different sports, sanctioned by the middle school athletics association.

Follow MNPS Athletics on:

Facebook: /MetroSchoolsAthletics
Instagram: @mnpsathletics

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

True to our Music City roots, the arts are an important focus in all grade levels. Our students participate in dance, music, theatre and the visual arts. These programs, including our thriving Music Makes Us program, receive support from the local music industry and valuable business partnerships.

STEAM

(SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ART AND MATH)

Big dreams start young—and MNPS STEAM programs tap into our learners’ imaginations with thematic learning programs like entrepreneurship, environmental science and engineering. STEAM education is integrated in elementary, middle and high schools.

AVID

Career and college options are exciting—but we know they can be overwhelming, too! No matter what path high school graduates choose, college or career, students must develop essential skills to design their own successful futures. With our AVID framework and specially trained AVID educators, we work with students to find their passions, see their full potential and build their skill set. The AVID college and career framework is in 48 MNPS schools and continues to expand.
Early Learning

Metro Schools offers a nationally recognized Pre-K program. Students focus on developing structure, social-emotional learning (SEL), problem solving, literacy, language and social skills. Families can apply to one of our four Early Learning Centers, one of our school-based classrooms or our two Montessori programs. Studies show children in Pre-K develop literacy, language and math skills faster than their peers—and the benefits of Pre-K impact children into their teen and adult years. To learn more, visit earlylearning.mnps.org.

Elementary

Across our 70 elementary schools, students learn through fun, hands-on lessons. Our academic team is committed to supporting a high-quality education for every student, and all instruction is aligned to the Tennessee State Academic Standards. Our elementary schools offer foreign language, STEAM, Montessori and Paideia programs, magnet programs and much more. To ensure all students realize their fullest potential, they are provided supports based on individual needs, whether that is access to gifted and talented services, tutoring, English learners, exceptional education services, etc.

Middle School

The middle school years are a time of great change for students developmentally, socially and academically. Metro Schools creates caring school environments that reflect the unique needs of our middle school students and appropriately responds to those needs while preparing students for high school. All middle school students explore and cultivate their interests through experiences in English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies while developing an understanding of personal and social responsibility as members of a community. Every 8th grade student develops a transition plan to prepare them for successful transition to high school, including both academic and SEL goals.
High School

Metro Schools students have many opportunities available to them to learn, explore interests and prepare for college or a career. Some classes and programs our high schools offer, which are part of our district’s Early Postsecondary Opportunities (EPSOs), can include:

- Rigorous advanced academics courses
- Industry credential certifications
- Dual enrollment and/or college credit

MNPS guarantees every high school student the opportunity to participate in at least four EPSOs to be a Ready Graduate, defined by the state as developing the knowledge and skills for success in college, the workforce or military service.

EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Students can fast track their college plans or begin building a career by simultaneously earning a high school diploma and college associate degree in just four years—and at no cost to families. Two MNPS schools offer an early college program: Early College High School, located on the campus of Nashville State Community College, and Early College at Whites Creek High School.

“Students are at the forefront of the decision-making when it comes to the Academies. Student voice and student choice empowers them to explore opportunities in the areas they’re curious about.”

LESLIE ALEY
CTE Coordinator at Antioch High School

CREATING Your Future

The Academies of Nashville, Metro Schools’ learning community program in our 12 zoned high schools, is recognized as one of the nation’s best college and career prep programs. Our 35 different academies—covering interesting, high-demand industries like health care, hospitality, tech, media and engineering—give students the opportunity to take their learning out of the classroom and into the real world, creating their own learning experience and empowering them to make informed decisions after graduation.

Academies of Nashville
Metro Schools unveiled a new Academies of Nashville logo in Summer 2022. The new logo depicts our MNPS graduate standing on a pathway to a future of limitless possibilities, reflecting the Academies of Nashville pathways available to students.
School Options

Families in Nashville have a wide variety of zoned, magnet, charter and specialty schools available to them—meaning there’s an MNPS school that’s right for your child. While families have many choices available through the Optional Schools Application Process, the perfect school for your student may be right around the corner in your very own neighborhood. A school tour is a great way to meet teachers and principals, observe classrooms and learn about academic programs.

Every year, the Optional Schools Process allows families to choose among open enrollment schools in addition to their zoned school. Start with your community school, if it’s not the right fit, visit schools.mnps.org for additional school options.

WHAT IS A ZONED SCHOOL?

Every child in Nashville is zoned for a specific elementary, middle and high school and is guaranteed a seat at that zoned school. Some areas also have zoned options, which give families guaranteed access to more than one school. Proof of residency is required to attend a zoned school.

WHAT IS AN OPTIONAL SCHOOL?

Optional schools fall into two categories: schools without a zone designed to attract students from all over town, such as magnet and charter schools, and zoned neighborhood schools with available seats. Magnet schools often offer specialized programming and may have entrance requirements. Some charter schools also offer their own application process. If a zoned neighborhood school has available seats, any student in Nashville may apply to fill them.

IS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED TO OPTIONAL SCHOOLS?

Parents are responsible for transportation to optional schools unless otherwise indicated on the school choice application. All high school students can ride WeGo buses free through the StrIDE program. Middle school students attending school outside of their zone are also eligible to ride WeGo buses free after parents complete a permission form at the school’s main office.

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS?

Many charter schools use the district’s Optional Schools Application to admit students, but some use their own applications. If the charter school your child would like to attend does not appear on the application, contact that school to learn more about its application process.

For more information about school choice in Metro Schools, visit mnps.org/school-options or call the Family Information Center at 615-259-INFO(4636).

REGISTER FOR SCHOOL

Students can register for school online or visit any MNPS enrollment center. Enrollment centers are open Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m. To register online or to find an enrollment center near you, visit mnps.org/learn/register-for-school.
Supporting Our Students and Families

MNPS works with partners throughout Nashville to offer a wide range of programs and services to ensure students are fully supported, in and out of the classroom. If you or your student seek services, have questions or need help, you will find a lengthy list of services—from before and after-care to meals and transportation—plus community-based services, on mnps.org.

COMMUNITY ACHIEVES

Community Achieves is an MNPS school initiative, led by the district’s Support Services Department, linking students and families to enrichment opportunities and vital community resources. This program works closely with partners and volunteers to provide wrap-around services to our students and families within four critical pillars of support: College and Career Readiness; Social Services and Adult Development; Health and Wellness; and Family Engagement.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE

The Metro Schools Healthy Youth Community Resource Guide provides youth and families information to find and access community resources and services. The guide also serves to assist MNPS staff in connecting students and families to community resources and services.

HERO PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

The Homeless Education Resource Office (HERO) works to provide necessary resources, supports and referrals to help homeless children and youth to be successful in school and have a positive school experience. A student might qualify for the HERO program if they lack a “fixed, regular and adequate night-time residence.” For MNPS-based assistance, please contact the H.E.R.O. department or reach out through your school counselor or social worker.

STUDENT ADVOCACY CENTERS

Did you know MNPS has Advocacy Centers in all of our elementary schools and restorative PEACE centers in our middle and high schools? The rooms are staffed by a caring adult who provides short-term interventions (e.g., 15-30 minutes) when needed to help students feel better and get back on track during the school day.

Scan this QR code to get connected to these services and more through mnps.org/students-families/services.
Stay Connected & Informed

1. Make sure your contact information is correct in the Campus Family Portal so you can receive communications from the district and your school.
2. Sign up for newsletters and/or callouts from your school.
3. Follow your school on social media.
4. Visit our district website (mnps.org) and follow our blog.
5. Connect with MNPS on these social media platforms:
   - /MetroSchools
   - @MetroSchools
   - @MetroSchools
6. Access your child’s grades, attendance data and more through their Personalized Student Dashboard. Learn more at mnps.org/campusportal.
7. Download the free MNPS mobile app and quickly find important links and the most requested district information and services like lunch menus and transportation, plus your school calendars and news.

The app is available in Google Play and the Apple app store.

FAMILY INFORMATION CENTER

For information, questions, comments or suggestions, please contact our Family Information Center at 615-259-INFO(4636) or FamilyInfo@mnps.org.

BY PHONE:
Monday through Friday,
6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

IN PERSON:
Monday through Friday,
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.