

## 2023-2024 School Options Quick Facts

Families interested in attending an out of zone school must complete the Optional Schools application. **The 2023-2024 application will be available January 23, 2023.**

### How do I apply?

- Parent/Guardian must be Davidson County resident at time of application.
- An MNPS-issued student identification (ID) number is required and can be obtained through an Enrollment Center.
- Visit [www.mnps.org/school-options](http://www.mnps.org/school-options) to access the application. Paper applications must be mailed, or hand delivered to the MNPS Office of School Options; 2601 Bransford Ave; Nashville, TN 37204.
- Apply no later than application deadline to be part of the random selection process.
- Applications received after the application deadline will be placed on applicable waitlists.

### Do I need to reapply every year to stay in an optional school?

**No.** Current K-12 students do not have to re-apply to remain enrolled in their current optional school. In May, your child will receive a verification/continuation letter from his or her school to confirm his or her seat assignment for the 2023-2024 school year. No action is needed if your child is moving from one grade to the next in the same school. Do not complete a new application.

**Exceptions:** Current Pre-K students must re-apply for kindergarten even if they have been placed by Exceptional Education or through the Pre-K lottery process. Students attending Hull-Jackson Montessori and Stanford Montessori DO NOT have to re-apply.

### Does my child have a guaranteed pathway onto middle/high school if he or she attends an optional school?

All MNPS students have a guaranteed pathway to their zoned school.

For students attending an optional school outside their zone, there are some additional guaranteed pathways; however, due to capacity constraints, the district cannot guarantee pathways into all the zoned middle and high schools for out-of-zone students who attend those schools through open enrollment. If your child is out-of-zone attending an optional elementary or middle school that is not listed as having a pathway, then your child will need to apply by the deadline for the zoned feeder school and will be provided priority based on space availability. This is defined as *cluster preference*.

If the zoned feeder school is not listed in the optional schools list, the school does not have capacity to accept out-of-zone students and you will not be able to continue to this school.

#### ACADEMIC CRITERIA

##### Meigs Middle, MLK and Hume-Fogg

- 80 GPA or higher (Q3, Q4, & Q1)
- No missing or failing grades
- Met or Exceeded Expectations on TCAP (previously labeled On Track or Mastered)
- State or national stanine of 14 or higher

##### Early College High School

- *9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grades:* 10 Stanine or higher
- *11<sup>th</sup> grade:* minimum of 21 ACT or a minimum score of the below on the SAT:
  - » 490 in English
  - » 500 in math
  - » 500 in critical reading

**For more Optional Schools information, please visit [www.mnps.org/school-options](http://www.mnps.org/school-options) or contact the MNPS Family Information Center at 615-259- INFO (4636) to speak with a representative.**