



Admission to Creswell Middle School of the Arts

2018-2019

STEP 1: Visit Creswell Middle School of the Arts

Creswell Middle School of the Arts is proud of our welcoming culture that is striving to prepare students both in the academic and artistic realm. Creswell is for the student that is aspiring to develop in the areas of visual and performing arts while striving for academic excellence. Creswell is the school for students who are creative, love to perform and have the mindset and will demonstrate a passion for potential lifelong commitment to the arts in either their professional or personal life. The hope is that all students will attend Nashville School of the Arts. We highly encourage you to attend a Prospective Family Meeting or tour our school throughout the week.

In order to attend Creswell Middle School of the Arts for the 2018-2019 school year all incoming students must complete the School Choice application through the district and successfully meet audition requirements at Creswell. We highly recommend you and your child visits our school on a *Tour Tuesday* between the hours of 7:55a.m. and 3:00p.m. attend the Creswell Prospective Family Meeting.

Creswell Tour Tuesdays

January 9, 2018 between the hours of 7:55a.m. and 3:00p.m.

January 16, 2018 between the hours of 7:55a.m. and 3:00p.m.

January 23, 2018 between the hours of 7:55a.m. and 3:00p.m.

January 30, 2018 between the hours of 7:55a.m. and 3:00p.m.

Creswell Prospective Family Meeting

Date	Time	Location
Friday, January 12, 2018	6pm	Creswell Middle School of the Arts

STEP 2: Complete the school choice application

In order to attend Creswell Middle School of the Arts all incoming students must complete the School Choice application through the district and successfully meet audition requirements at Creswell. The Open Enrollment application for the 2018-19 school year must be submitted between **Wednesday, January 10, 2018 ending Friday, February 2, 2108.** You will need your School Choice Confirmation Number to request an audition. This number will be available after you complete the application via your email.

STEP 3: Audition

Auditions will occur the following days:

Friday, January 26, 2018 3:30p.m. to 7:00p.m.

Saturday, January 27, 2018 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.

Friday, February 2, 2018 3:30p.m. to 7:00p.m.

Saturday, February 3, 2018 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.

Friday, February 9, 2018 3:30 p.m. to 7:00p.m.

Saturday, February 10, 2018 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.

Applicants must audition on the date and time issued. In preparation of auditions, review the audition guidelines to confirm audition requirements for your chosen conservatory. If a student becomes ill on the date of their audition, s/he must provide proof of illness from a medical doctor within three (3) school days of the originally scheduled audition date and time. Once the school has verified receipt of the proof of illness, the student will be rescheduled for an audition. Personal illness will be the only basis for rescheduling an audition.

STEP 4: Prepare & Be Ready!

The Audition Day

All prospective students must be prepared for the audition. A make-up audition will be granted only in the case of emergency. Arrive early on audition day, appropriately dressed (see individual audition descriptions for requirements, if any), and make sure to bring all required materials including a pen or pencil for paperwork. Report to the check-in tables and submit your materials.

Please note that some auditions may take longer than others. Be prepared to wait. And, please be patient. Parents/Guardians are not allowed to view the audition.

Each program has its own audition panel. Panelists consist of faculty and guest artists from local arts organizations, universities, and schools. Please come prepared and ready to show your commitment and passion to the arts. At Creswell our passion and resilience will trump talent.

On the day of the audition every student is required to bring:

1. A signed Student/Parent Contract
2. Recommendation letters are welcomed, but not required
3. Musical instrument (if applicable)
4. Art Portfolio (if applicable)
5. Dance Attire (if applicable)

PART ONE: THE INTERVIEW:

The group interview is a way for the panel to determine the candidate's interest, desire, and goals for attending Creswell and allows prospective students to express themselves beyond the audition process professionally and enthusiastically.

PART TWO: THE ARTISTIC Conservatories (AUDITION):

All prospective students will be auditioning for 2 of the following:

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| 1. Art | 2. Band | 3. Vocal |
| 4. Dance | 5. Guitar | 6. Piano |
| 7. Strings | 8. Theater | |

Step Five: Wait for the Results

The Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools Department of Student Assignment Services establishes the date of notification for the release of placement results for all of Davidson County's magnet and school choice programs. Expect to receive the results of your audition according to the timeline established by the district.

Audition results will be mailed to the address recorded on the initial School Choice application. **Audition results will not be released over the telephone or via email.** There will be no exceptions to the date of notification established by the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools. **Waitlist status will not be discussed at any point, via telephone or email.**

We understand the importance of intense art exploration in the middle school years. As such, the audition process is different than the high school audition process. The process is committed to finding students with an intense passion and commitment for artistic expression. The panel will be conducting creative and performing arts assessments to determine the student's engagement level and passion for the arts. If accepted, students will be able to develop their arts.

Please note, all Creswell students will audition their 8th grade year for the Nashville School of the Arts. We are confident that through our work with the student and with the commitment from the student and family all 8th grade students will be prepared for the high school audition process. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call Creswell Middle School of the Arts 615-291-6515 and visit our website for audition requirements <https://schools.mnps.org/creswell-middle-prep-school-of-the-arts/>