



## SERVES GRADES K-8

- ⊘ OPEN ENROLLMENT
- OFFERS BUS TRANSPORTATION
- ⊘ OFFERS BEFORE OR AFTER CARE

## ADMINISTRATION

**Principal:** Susan Siegel  
**Centerstone:** Melton Bass-Shelton  
**Bookkeeper:** Tori Stokes  
**Secretary:** Sheila Jackson

## ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Murrell School offers k-8 students with social and behavioral needs the skills and strategies they need to empower them to be successful in school and in life. Thanks to the specialized nature of our school, we provide a low teacher to student ratio, behavioral group settings bi-weekly and social-skill direct instruction. Additionally, we strive to provide an equally rigorous and comprehensive academic program that meets students where they are and challenges them to meet high growth expectations.

Families and students we serve often have had negative school experiences. Parents and students may have the expectation that Murrell School will be yet another setting for failure. Some students with exceptionalities face hurdles that are often magnified in the typical school setting. Negative social and behavioral issues are often a result of poor academic performance due to behavioral issues. As a result, students struggle with negative feelings about school and themselves.

Murrell's faculty and staff attempt to put all of the puzzle pieces together to provide the conditions necessary to give these students the assistance they need to meet their individual challenges. While we believe that disabilities may always be a challenge to our students, we do not believe that they should be a roadblock to success in life.

By combining research-based practices, we establish individual programs for each student. Our partnership with Centerstone provides group and individual therapies, psychiatric services and case management to increase our program's effectiveness. Additionally, we maintain daily contact with parents to let them know about growth and concerns.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

In addition to an uncompromising core curriculum, Murrell provides individualized academic and behavioral intervention and progress monitoring for every student.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Due to transportation issues, after-school programs are not possible for us. However, during the school day we offer physical education, art, teen living and library.

## RESOURCES AND SUPPORTS

Centerstone collaboration including a Behavior Coach in each classroom and bi-weekly groups. Daily parent communication and small class sizes.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Belmont University, Vanderbilt University

## A TYPICAL DAY AT SCHOOL

Breakfast  
10-minute morning meeting  
50 minutes - Math  
50 minutes - Gym  
50 minutes - Science  
20 minutes for lunch  
10 minutes for recess  
50 minutes - Reading  
50 minutes - Computers  
50 minutes - Social Studies  
Dismissal



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