CRESWELL THEORY OF ACTION
At Creswell Middle School of the Arts we believe in creating a culture and climate that is centered on learning, performing and growing, by establishing and maintaining a safe and orderly environment and communicating and demonstrating high expectations and high supports for teachers and students. We work to improve the practices that take place in the instructional core and establish ways in which families can support their child socially, emotionally and academically so they will have a solid foundation for success in middle school and beyond.

Creswell Middle School of the Arts, located in the Bordeaux community of northwest Nashville, serves grades five through eight. All students receive a quality education encompassing English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. Honors classes are available for all core academic courses in all grades. In addition to a rigorous standards-based curriculum, Creswell offers band, strings, choral music, guitar, piano, visual arts, dance and theatre. Creswell is a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) school. Through participation in service projects, students build relationships and cultivate communication skills.

A TYPICAL DAY AT SCHOOL
Creswell begins with a morning meeting to set the tone for positivity and effective communication for the day. Next, students attend the four academic classes and their chosen art class and recess, lunch and Personalized Learning Time (PLT). Students may also spend some of the day in the library or in the makers-space.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE
**Tops:** dresses, shirts and tops must be any solid color with sleeves and a collar (dress shirt with or without tie, and turtleneck are also allowed). Hoodies, cardigans, sweaters and undershirts must be completely solid, but may be any color. Creswell hoodies, Creswell T-shirts (sold in bookstore) or Creswell Club/Organization shirts can be worn any day of week.

**Bottoms:** must be solid black, navy, khaki, brown or grey. The length of bottoms must be appropriate. The “fingertip” rule is best practice. Jeans on Fridays with Creswell shirts/hoodies, college/university shirts/hoodies or solid polo shirts.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
*Arts*

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
National Beta Club, National Junior Honor Society, art, band, book club, cheerleading, theater, Classy Comet, Creswell Ambassador, yearbook, Honor Choir, Student Government Association

RESOURCES AND SUPPORTS
YMCA Fun Company, Andrew Jackson Boys and Girls Club, Beech Creek, Life Support, Restorative Justice, WhyTry

COMMUNITY PARTNERS
Tau Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Meharry Medical College, Vanderbilt Programs for Talented Youth, Tennessee Performing Arts Center (TPAC), Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee, ECON Charities, Fitty Forward (Bordeaux), Reading Academy At Vanderbilt (RAV), Kroger - Clarksville Hwy. - Northwest YMCA, YMCA FUN Company, Watkins College of Art & Design, NAEA Beech Creek, Ministries Center for Imagination, Andrew Jackson Boys & Girls Club, Soles4Souls

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