

# Policy for 2018-19 Academic Entrance Requirements

## Eligibility:

### The following schools have Academic Entrance Requirements:

- Meigs Middle School (grades 5-8)
- M. L. King Junior High School (grades 7-12)
- Hume-Fogg High School (grades 9-12)
- Middle College High School (grade 9-12)

To be eligible to apply for a magnet school with academic entrance requirements the following conditions must be met:

1. A child must be a resident of Davidson County to apply for an optional school as described in Section 1 above and in SBOp 1.117 Legal Residence
2. A child must have a MNPS issued student identification number issued by a MNPS enrollment center
3. A child must meet an academic grade average and subject specifications as listed below.
4. A child must meet the eligible testing requirements as listed below.

### Academic Grade Average and Subject Specifications:

- Students must have an academic average of 85 or above for all subjects combined for the spring semester of the previous school year and the first grading period (whether six weeks or nine weeks) of the current school year, with no failing grades for any grading period (whether six weeks or nine weeks) in this time frame.
- Students attending Head, John Early, Meigs and or Rose Park Middle Magnet school and who are applying for an eligible summer pathway must have an academic average of 85 or above for all subjects combined for the second, third and fourth nine weeks of the current school year, with no failing grades for any grading period (whether six weeks or nine weeks) in this time frame.

### Testing Requirements for Eligibility

The testing requirement has been altered for the 2018-19 application period. This change has been made due to significant changes in the Tennessee academic standards and the introduction of new district assessments that provide national normative data. Parents will be given a report indicating whether their child met the new testing requirement. This report will include all relevant test scores.

- For entrance into academic magnets during the 2018-19 school year, a student can meet the assessment requirements in any one of the following two ways:
  - A student who took the TNReady assessment under the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) during the 2016-17 school year will qualify if the student's 2017 TCAP scores were On Track or Mastered for both English/Language Arts and Math.
  - A student currently enrolled in an MNPS school will qualify if the NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing from either of the first two test administrations of 2017-18 meets a minimum score.
    - MAP benchmark tests are given throughout the year to measure student progress.
    - The minimum score is set at a sum of 14 national stanine for Reading and Math combined.

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- A student qualifies by meeting the test requirement for one of the test administrations this 2017-18 school year.

## **English Learners**

- English learners who are currently enrolled in MNPS can meet the standardized test requirement with just one subject instead of two: either Reading/English/Language Arts **or** Math and must also have an academic average of 85 or above with no failing grades.
- For entrance into academic magnets during the 2018-19 school year, an English learner (EL) student can meet the assessment requirements in any one of the following three ways:
  - An EL student who took the TCAP/TNReady assessment during the 2016-17 school year will qualify if the student had a score of On Track or Mastered for either English/Language Arts or Math on the 2017 TCAP.
  - An EL student currently enrolled in MNPS will also qualify if the MAP Reading or Math score from either of the first two test administrations of the 2017-18 school year meets a minimum score of 7 national stanine or above.
  - An EL student who is new to Metro Schools or perhaps even new to Tennessee can qualify by submitting test results from a nationally normed achievement test that meet a minimum score of 7 national stanine or above for either Reading/Language/Arts and or Math.

## **Davidson County Students who are new to MNPS**

A Davidson County student who is new to Metro Schools, Tennessee, currently a home school student, and or currently enrolled in a private school can qualify by the following:

- Meeting the academic grade average of 85 or above with no failing grades with any subject.
- Meeting the testing requirements for eligibility by submitting test results from a nationally normed achievement test that meets a minimum score. Those can be met and or determined by the following:
  - In most cases, a state standardized test from another state, though it could also be a privately given test that is nationally normed and reaching the minimum score set at a sum of 14 national stanine for Reading/English/Language Arts and Math combined. In order to obtain these results, the parent(s)/ guardian(s) will need to contact their child's previous school or school district.
  - If a child has not taken a recent nationally normed achievement test, parents may choose to pay for private testing. The minimum score is set at a sum of 14 national stanine for Reading/English/Language Arts and Math combined for private testing.