

COMMUNITY REPORT

MURFREESBORO
CITY SCHOOLS



BY THE NUMBERS

9,000+
Students

12 +1
Schools in 2019-2020

1,316,780
Sq. Ft. of Floor Space on 265 Acres

28
Home Languages Spoken

1,995
Employees Full Time & Part Time

729
Certified Staff Members

20.14:1
Pupil/Teacher Ratio for Regular Education

8.2:1
Pupil/Teacher Ratio for Special Education

ENROLLMENT HISTORY

2010-11	7211
2011-12	7404
2012-13	7467
2013-14	7443
2014-15	8049
2015-16	8437
2016-17	8498
2017-18	8843
2018-19	9002

Gifted Academy

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STEAMing Ahead

The STEAM approach to learning is embedded in every school. Through Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM), students investigate and solve real world problems, and apply the engineering process to cross-disciplinary learning.

Exemplary Access

MCS is one of only six districts statewide to be named an Exemplary ACCESS District for providing access for all students to high quality instruction and intervention through the State Personnel Development Grant.

Read20

Read20 began as part of Read with a Child Week. The simple act of reading with a child every day has a lasting positive effect on children, families, and communities. Reading with a child, beginning at infancy, impacts the success of children in school and beyond. Read20 includes early reading initiatives, parent workshops, and toolkits plus community reading partnerships.

BOB (Books on a Bus)

MCS has taken reading on the road. MCS's mobile library, named BOB the Book Bus, stops at over 15 locations to encourage reading during the summer months and is used as a part of student learning throughout the year.

Through the mobile library, children receive books weekly during the summer months. Additionally, staff members provide literacy activities, work with parents to model good reading habits, and help select age appropriate books. The bus contains an array of children's favorite books as well as extra activities and a Wi-Fi feature.

Camp BORO

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AWARDS & RECOGNITION

MCS ranks in the **Top 25 of 140** school districts in Tennessee in overall size.

National Blue Ribbon School
Discovery School

STEM Designation
Overall Creek Elementary

Tennessee Superintendent of the Year
Dr. Linda Gilbert

Tennessee State Finalist, Presidential Awards of Excellence in Mathematics & Science Teaching
Dr. Heather Knox

Tennessee Board of Distinction
Murfreesboro City School Board

2018-2019 Tennessee Rural Stem Collaborative
Abbey Sanders, Dana Stem

2018 Main Street Award Best Public Elementary School
Hobgood Elementary

MCS named **Exemplary Access District**

Tennessee STEM Leadership Council
Lea Bartch

TSIN 2019 Excellence in STEM Leadership Award
Don Bartch

TENNESSEE BEHAVIORAL SUPPORTS PROJECT AT VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

The Tennessee Behavior Supports Project (TBSP) is funded by the Tennessee Department of Education and partners with Vanderbilt University. Response to Instruction and Intervention-Behavior (RTI²B) is a Multi-Tiered System of Supports that offers a powerful, evidence-based approach for meeting the behavioral and social needs of students. RTI²B empowers educators to equip all students with the opportunity to meet high expectations regarding behavior.

These Murfreesboro City Schools were chosen as examples of successfully implementing evidence-based behavioral interventions:

Model of Demonstration Gold Level
Bradley Academy
Overall Creek Elementary

Model of Demonstration Silver Level
Scales Elementary
Northfield Elementary
Cason Lane Academy

Model of Demonstration Bronze Level
Discovery School
Reeves-Rogers Elementary

Schools of Recognition
Hobgood Elementary
Mitchell-Neilson School
John Pittard Elementary



EVERY DAY MATTERS

Murfreesboro City Schools launched a campaign in 2016 to remind parents, students and staff that every day is important. If children don't attend school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills. Building a habit of good attendance in early elementary carries into college and careers.

MCS wants to help our students stay on track and build good attendance habits. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.



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ACE Grant for City Schools

Murfreesboro City Schools continues to address Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) thanks to a grant from the Department of Children's Services. This program enhances social connections within the family and greater community by providing targeted and intensive small group intervention for students who are identified at-risk and then linking the students to available school-based and community services. Likewise, parents receive parent training, support, and are linked with community partners to build positive social connections.

Farm to School

MCS has joined the Farm to School movement and has a state-recognized exemplary program. Farm to School empowers students and their families to make informed food choices and includes nutritional education projects such as school gardens, farm visits, cooking classes, and farm Saturdays. Additionally, all 3rd graders from across the district join for one grand field trip to MTSU's working farm.

Chef Academy

MCS Chef Academy is a unique opportunity for students, grades 3-6, to learn intermediate skills and techniques needed to embark on a lifetime of cooking. Students enrolled in MCS Chef Academy participate in after school classes and compete for a chance to represent their school in an Iron Chef cook-off. A professional chef works with participants on kitchen safety, proper food handling, food preparation, cooking techniques, and presentation.

Special Olympics

MCS students from Black Fox, Cason Lane, Erma Siegel, Northfield, Reeves-Rogers, and Scales join nearly 500 student athletes from across Rutherford County to compete in a day of running, jumping, throwing and overall good spirited competition. 2018 marked the 30th year for the local games.

Backpack Program

The mission of the program is to meet the needs of hungry children by providing them with nutritious and easy-to-prepare food to take home on weekends and school vacations when other resources are not available. The program has been in partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank and many community volunteers for the past nine years.

The Extended School Program (ESP)

ESP serves as an enhancement to the school day, offering students the opportunity to become involved in exciting and enriching activities around the school day hours. ESP is open year-round and gives parents the convenience of safe, school-based care for their child. Over 2,000 students take advantage of ESP opportunities.

Beta Club

Cason Lane and Discovery School students attended the Tennessee Beta Competition and earned the opportunity to participate in National Competition. During the Junior Beta Club competition, MCS students brought home numerous awards including essay, book battle, sculpture and digital photography.

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TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

Black Fox Elementary
Hope Padgett
Tammy Stout

Bradley Academy
Emily Petty
Dana Stem

Cason Lane Academy
Denise Crumbaugh
Sarah Chumney

Discovery School
Kimberly Kahle
Charlotte Young

Hobgood Elementary
Nichole Bell
Mark Gibson

John Pittard Elementary
Jennifer Whitlow
Kyle Cantrell

Mitchell-Neilson School
Kim Curtis
Ashley Herod

Northfield Elementary
Sarah Easterly
Nancy Kelley

Overall Creek Elementary
Whitley Troutman
Erin Nunley

Reeves-Rogers Elementary
Amy Stevenson
Stephanie Stump

Scales Elementary
Rachael Slough
Meredith Davis

Erma Siegel Elementary
Amerberly Sandberg
Margaret Lane

Basketball Champions

The Reeves-Rogers Mustang Girls and the Scales Superstar Boys took the titles of district champion in the MCS basketball league. Teams showed amazing sportsmanship throughout the season. Runner ups for the championship were Bradley Girls and Black Fox Boys.

SSEOs

School Safety and Education Officers are more than protectors. They inspire, teach, and support our students, staff, and families while helping keep our schools safe. Thanks to the partnership with Murfreesboro Police Department, SSEOs became full time members of each school in 2018.

ESP Partners with Murfreesboro Soccer Club

In 2018, ESP and the Murfreesboro Soccer Club partnered to offer students a top-tier soccer experience - Strikers City Academy. Students learn the fundamentals of the game as well as team building and cooperative skills. Soccer is offered through ESP as an after-school enrichment with individual and team play.

Student-led Conferences

Parent teacher meetings no longer just involve the parent and teacher. MCS began student-led conferences across the district in 2016. Student-led conferences actively engage students in the learning process and offer an opportunity for students to produce positives that may not show up on a report card grade. It's a chance to see work in progress, and places students at the center of discussions.

Leadership Academies

Students, staff members, and teachers have a chance to participate in leadership academies geared to their goals. These academies cover a broad range of leadership topics including personal leadership, team development and goal setting.

Integrated Preschool

The MCS Integrated Preschool offers preschoolers, with and without disabilities, challenging experiences through a language-based curriculum. Traditional preschool students, known as peer models, serve as role models and helpers for their classmates with special needs.

Little Sprouts for Teachers

An employee childcare program, Little Sprouts, opened for the 2017-18 school year. Little Sprouts uses the Creative Curriculum and operates around the school calendar for children ages six weeks to five years old.

DISTRICT TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

Dana Stem
Sarah Chumney

TN REGIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Sarah Chumney

MCS School Board

Butch Campbell, *Chair*
David Settles, *Vice Chair*
Wesley Ballard
Roseann Barton
Becky Goff
David LaRoche
Amanda Moore
Bill Shacklett, *City Council Liaison*

Map of Schools

School	Students	Year Built
1. Black Fox Elementary	879	1990
2. Bradley Academy	379	1955
3. Cason Lane Academy	922	1994
4. Discovery School at Bellwood	385	1962
5. Erma Siegel Elementary	771	1998
6. Hobgood Elementary	761	1954
7. John Pittard Elementary	756	2007
8. Mitchell-Neilson School	752	1952/1964
9. Northfield Elementary	722	1987
10. Overall Creek Elementary	1093	2014
11. Reeves-Rogers Elementary	419	1958
12. Scales Elementary	1090	2005
13. Salem Elementary		OPENING 2019
ESP	2300+	1986



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Murfreesboro City Schools is committed to the academic, physical, emotional, and social development of each child. Therefore, schools engage students in meaningful learning, accommodate individual differences, and ensure that students are well-equipped to meet the ever-changing challenges of a global community.

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Peachjar: MCS switched from paper to digital flyers in 2015. This initiative has saved our schools tons of paper and reduced copy costs.