Recognized by the TN Department of Education for successfully implementing RTI in all twelve schools.

MCS ranks in the Top 25 of 142 school districts in Tennessee in overall size.

Tennessee Reward Schools – Discovery School, Scales Elementary

Project ADAM Certified Heart Safe School District

2017 Main Street Award Finalist – Cason Lane Academy, Hobgood Elementary

Principal of the Year, District 12- Mid-Cumberland Region – Tammy Garrett

Coordinator of the Year, Mid-Cumberland Coordinated School Health – Meri-Leigh Smith

Leader in Me - Lighthouse Status - Mitchell-Neilson

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

Bradley Academy – Model of Demonstration School – Silver

Northfield – Model of Demonstration School – Silver

Overall Creek – Model of Demonstration School – Silver

Discovery School – Model of Demonstration School – Bronze

Erma Siegel – Model of Demonstration School – Bronze

Cason Lane Academy – School of Recognition

Hobgood – School of Recognition

John Pittard – School of Recognition

Mitchell-Neilson – School of Recognition

Reeves-Rogers – School of Recognition

ACE Grant for City Schools

Thanks to a grant from the Department of Children’s Services, Murfreesboro City Schools has established a program to address Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) such as household dysfunctions, neglect or abuse. The program promotes prevention of ACEs by educating school staff, parents, and community partners regarding childhood trauma and the impact of ACEs on a child’s physical and social development. MCS is one of only two school districts to receive this grant.

Developing Leaders

The Youth Leadership Academy is available for students, and the Staff Leadership Academy, Aspiring Administrators Academy, and New Administrators Program are available to employees. These initiatives develop leadership skills and analytical processes necessary for effective leadership in education and in life.

Gifted Academy

Four cohorts of teachers from Murfreesboro City Schools have graduated from the MTSU/MCS learning partnership and received their Tennessee Employment Standard for Gifted Teaching. This academy augments the Scholars Program for high achievers and enables clustering of gifted children to promote student growth.

Reading

Murfreesboro City Schools has embarked on a two-prong early reading initiative:

Ready! for Kindergarten targets families with children from birth to age 5. Ready! includes partner workshops and reading toolkits that help families build their child’s foundation for reading.

Read20 kicked off as part of Read with a Child Week. The simple act of reading with a child 20 minutes each day develops critical brain connections that shape how children will think, learn and grow; impacts school success; and has a lasting positive effect on children, families, and communities.

BY THE NUMBERS

8,800+ Students

12 Schools

1,316,780 Sq. Ft. of floor space on 265 acres

28 Home Languages Spoken

1,600+ Employees Full Time & Part Time

700 Certified Staff Members

19.98 :1 Pupil to Teacher Ratio for Regular Education

8.2 :1 Pupil to Teacher Ratio for Special Education

STUDENT ETHNICITY*

51% White

25% Black/African American

13.4% Hispanic

7.5% Multi-Racial

3.4% Asian

*Federal guidelines for the collection of race and ethnicity.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

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 show up for 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. Chronic absenteeism in kindergarten, and even Pre-K, can predict lower test scores, and poor attendance and retention in later grades.

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.
A LOOK OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Eclipse
The Total Solar Eclipse, a once-in-a-lifetime event, opened the 2017 school year with a wonderful teaching opportunity. MCS students experienced the event on campuses and at MTSU. The Eclipse was an opportunity to experience history as a student body.

Camp Boro
Every student merits a summer camp experience and Camp Boro is designed with special campers in mind. Camp Boro, a collaboration between ESP and the Department of Special Education, hosts a week-long summer camp experience for MCS special education students. Students participate in themed days with special events, games, arts, activities, and more.

'Boro International
'Boro International, a collaboration between Reeves-Rogers Elementary, MCS, MTSU and Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation, debuted in 2016. The International Festival features music, dance, and art that reflect the rich diversity of Murfreesboro and our world!

Farm to School
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, Farm to School secures lasting partnerships with local farmers and supports efforts to bring local and regionally produced foods to school cafeterias.

Chef Academy
The MCS Chef Academy is a unique opportunity for students, grades 3-5, to learn intermediate skills and techniques needed to embark on a lifetime of cooking. Students enrolled in Chef Academy participate in weekly 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. This year, TouchPoint Support Services joined MCS as a partner with Chef Academy.

Backpack Program
The backpack program meets the needs of hungry children by providing them with nutritious and easy-to-prepare food to take home on weekends and school vacations. The program has partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank for the past 8 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.

Robotics at Discovery
For ten years, Discovery School has competed in the Music City BEST robotics among middle and high school students. The students continue their tradition of bringing home honors and earning a slot in the finals competition held at Auburn University.

Lego Robotics at Northfield
Fifth graders from Northfield ventured into the robotics field with a competitive Lego Robotics team. The team competed at Arnold Engineering as part of the First Lego League. Students designed, built and programmed a robot using LEGO MINDSTORMS technology.

Siegel’s Invention Convention
Erma Siegel students have competed at the annual Invention Convention held at MTSU for years. In 2017, three students stood out among their peers state-wide receiving first place in the 5th Grade “Make Life Easier” category with an E-Z Swing Suit. The trio went on to capture top awards at the National Invention Convention including the most prestigious award, the Henry Ford Innovator of the Year.

Black Fox Grows Classroom Size
Black Fox Elementary opened in Fall 2017 with a ten-classroom addition. The addition added space for up to 200 new students, bringing Black Fox to 1,000 student capacity. This was the first major renovation to the 27-year-old school.

2016-2017 EXEMPLARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MCS exceeded growth expectations for all students and all subgroups and increased the percentile ranking statewide in both math and reading as recognized by the TN Department of Education.

The City Schools Foundation
The City Schools Foundation funded over $52,000 in teacher grants for the 2017-18 foundation grant cycle. Grants were awarded to far-reaching and engaging projects focused in the areas of science, technology, engineering, art, and math.

Combating Hunger on Wheels
The school year comes to an end in Summer, but there is no slacking off for the MCS Nutrition Department. CHOW buses, school cafeterias, and area churches serve as sites for breakfast and lunch through the summer food service program. During 2017, the summer program fed over 66,000 meals.

Hammer Build
In Spring 2017, MCS became a part of the Hammer Build Experience. The program is a STEM focused program designed to help students see the big picture of math through teamwork, creativity, and real-life application. Housed at Hobgood, all MCS schools participate in this fieldtrip experience. The Hammer Build is funded in part through a partnership with Rutherford Works and was honored to be a part of the Tennessee STEAM Festival.

Walk and Run Clubs
Black Fox, Cason Lane, Discovery, Erma Siegel, and Overall Creek have run clubs and/or cross country teams for students. Run Clubs are a fun, effective way to get students moving. Additionally, Reeves-Rogers Buddy Walk team captured first place at the Down Syndrome Association of Middle Tennessee Buddy Walk School Challenge.

Basketball Champions
The girl’s team, Scales Superstars, and the boy’s team, Bradley Bobcats, took the titles of district champion in the 2017 MCS basketball league. All teams worked extremely hard over the season and showed amazing sportsmanship.

MCS Choir
Music teachers and students from across the district combine their talents to present the annual MCS Festival Choir concert as part of Music in Our Schools Month. The combined choir totaled over 300 students and featured performances from John Pittard’s Steel de Boro and Reeves-Rogers Drumming Ensemble as well as Bradley Academy’s Musical Theatre.
**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 are opportunities for students to produce positives that may not show up on a report card grade. Parents have a chance to see work in progress and students are at the center of discussions.

**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 students who have 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.

**MCS Competitive Cheer**

In 2017, the MCS Competitive Cheer team was born. Girls from across the district form the team representing MCS. In their first year, the team received 1st place in their division and 4th in national competition.

**Club Marvel**

Club Marvel students explore the campus of MTSU on six Saturdays during the school year. Approximately 100 students from across the district join MTSU professors in adventures in science, agriculture, concrete management, aerospace, and much more. This collaboration allows students to be exposed to a variety of fields and disciplines.

### Map of Schools

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Peachjar: MCS switched from paper to digital flyers in 2015. This initiative has saved over 3.6 million sheets of paper.