

# High School Program of Studies 2007 - 2008

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### MNPS Mission Statement

Our purpose is to do whatever it takes for all students to acquire the knowledge and skills to become productive responsible citizens.

### MNPS Vision Statement

Our vision is to become the top performing school district in the nation.

### MNPS Strategic Directives

1. Maximize each and every student's learning and eliminate achievement disparities that exist among different student groups.
2. Provide a safe/secure and nurturing environment.
3. Manage fiscal and physical resources to get the most effective uses of the dollars available.
4. Strengthen parental/community ownership of the school system and their commitment to its success.
5. Value and respect the diversity in our schools and community.
6. Earn the trust and confidence of stakeholders through timely two-way channels of communication.
7. Govern and manage the school system by focusing on results.
8. Attract, train and retain a highly qualified staff.

#### Purpose of the Program of Studies

This Program of Studies is the official program for the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) and is in compliance with the State Rules, Regulations and Minimum Standards.

Requirements for the diploma in the MNPS are above the minimum requirement stated in Rules, Regulations and Minimum Standards, Tennessee State Board of Education. Questions pertaining to the minimum standards for the State of Tennessee, and particularly for transfer students, may be answered by referring to Rules, Regulations and Minimum Standards (<http://www.state.Tennessee.us/sos/rules/0520/0520-01/0520-01.htm>).

Any request for exemptions from the policies or rules must be submitted in writing to the principal, and must be approved by the principal and MNPS Executive Director, Grades 5-12.

#### Local School Program of Studies

High schools may choose to print their own program of study listing only those courses available in their school. However, the courses listed in this system-wide Program of Studies are the only State approved courses. Local schools may not change the titles, course descriptions, or prerequisite, nor may other courses be added without specific Board of Education and State Department approval through the adopted procedures.

If a school chooses to add an already approved course to its local curriculum, the Executive Director, Grades 5-12, and appropriate subject area coordinator should be notified in the spring prior to the opening of school. Otherwise, needed books and materials may not be available.

Questions concerning this publication may be directed to Lendozia Edwards, Ed. D., Executive Director, Grades 5-12 and Learning Support Services at (615) 259-8419.

"The Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age."

Questions regarding the nondiscrimination policy may be referred to:

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