

## Here are the essential guidelines to keep in mind as you explore your options and apply.

- Must be a Davidson Co. resident before applying for an optional school.
- All schools with open seats are included in the Optional School Application. It is critical that you visit the schools prior to applying to ensure the school climate, culture and theme, philosophy or educational offerings fit your child's needs.
- Parents are encouraged to apply online. If you need internet access you may visit your nearest Nashville Public Library branch or our Customer Service Department.
- Applications received between **Nov. 1 - Nov. 30 (by 5:30 p.m.)** will be entered into a random and computerized drawing. Applications received after 5:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 30 will be added to the end of the waiting list.
- Some schools have academic entrance requirements (Hume-Fogg Magnet, Martin Luther King Jr. Magnet, and Meigs Middle Magnet) or require students to audition and/or interview (Nashville School of the Arts, MNPS Middle College, and Nashville Big Picture High School.)
- School bus transportation is not provided to schools offered in the Optional School Application. However, some schools do offer MTA bus passes to students who qualify for free/reduced price meals. For a list of schools with MTA bus passes, see the Q & A section. The only exception to this is Glendale Elem. Spanish Immersion School, which provides school bus transportation to students in the GPZ.



- You will be asked to \*prioritize your school selections based on which school best fits your family's needs.

**\*Prioritize** - Arrange in order of preferred school of choice. Families can request up to seven (7) schools during the application process, with the top school of choice being listed as number one (1). After the random selection process, your child will be dropped from schools ranked below the school he or she was selected to attend. For example, your child applies to School Choice 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. If your child is selected to School 3, his or her application for School 4, 5, 6, and 7 will be eliminated. He or she will remain on a waitlist for any schools ranked higher than the one selected to attend. In this example, Choice 1 & 2.