

Schools in the Midtown Cluster



Hope-Hill ES

Mary Lin ES

Morningside ES

Springdale Park ES

Virginia-Highland ES

Centennial Academy (K-8)

Howard MS

Midtown HS

Aspiration and Existence

Mission: To ensure every student will graduate ready for college and career.

Vision: To become a high-performing cluster where educators inspire, families engage, and students love to learn.





Signature Program

Science, Technology, Engineering,
(Arts), & Math
STE(A)M

- Problem solving
- Discovery and exploratory project/problem-based learning
- Student-centered
- Passion to learn
- Develops curiosity, skills and knowledge



Midtown Cluster Plan

Priorities and Strategies

STUDENTS

Provide a rigorous and culturally sustaining curriculum for all students

- Reflect student experiences and backgrounds in learning
- Offer advanced courses and expand participation

Focus on individual student needs

- Tailor programming and support for each student based on their needs
- Offer wraparound supports and services

Provide an engaging student experience

- Promote extra-curricular activities and opportunities

SCHOOLS

Promote a welcoming, inclusive, and responsive school culture

- Provide social, emotional, mental, and physical wellbeing support
- Ensure a safe and welcoming learning environment

Embed a STE(A)M approach to our teaching and learning

- Plan and implement a path toward STE(A)M certification

Attract, retain, and engage great teachers

- Leverage teacher talents to share best practices with colleagues
- Provide high-level of professional development
- Support the wellbeing of staff

FAMILIES + COMMUNITIES

Ensure family engagement and participation reflects the diversity of our schools

- Reflect, design, plan and act on how to reach and include more families

Strengthen the ability of families to support their students

- Provide school and cluster-wide opportunities for families to learn how to support their student

Build cross-cluster engagement opportunities for students, staff, families, and neighborhoods

- Identify and communicate cluster engagement events promoting collaboration, community, and belonging

Support the effective opening of the school/campus located at the Inman Facility

- Support the students, staff, families, and communities transitioning in Fall 2023 and beyond
- Work cross-cluster to ensure strong horizontal and vertical alignment