



# MOUNT VERNON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Greetings Grade 6 Families of Benjamin Turner Academy, Edward Williams, Graham School, Grimes School, Hamilton School, Lincoln School, Nelson Mandela Hosea Zollicoffer School, Pennington School, Rebecca Turner Academy, and Traphagen School.

All sixth-grade students for the 2025–2026 school year will take the Mount Vernon STEAM Academy (MVSA) PreACT entrance exam on **Wednesday, March 25, 2026**, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

### **Important Information:**

- Students must complete the PreACT to be considered for admission to MVSA.
- There are only 125 seats available for seventh graders at MVSA for the upcoming school year.
- PreACT scores will provide a detailed breakdown of each student's STEM skills, CTE readiness, and academic needs.
- Parents will be notified of their child's high school placement by mid-May.

Additional information about the PreACT can be found on the Mount Vernon City School District website (search: STEAM Academy Entrance Exam). If you have any questions, please contact your child's school counselor.

Thank you for your continued support in preparing our students for success.

Best,

**Demario A. Strickland, Ed.D.**

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