

2025-2026

FACT SHEET

With 160 schools and a budget nearing \$1.4 billion, Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) is one of the nation's largest school districts and among Nashville's major employers. Whether you are seeking an excellent school for your children or a fulfilling career opportunity with top-notch benefits, MNPS offers a diverse range of programs and opportunities to meet your needs.

MNPS continues to make strong academic gains, earning Level 5 status from the state for the fourth consecutive year in 2025. Our schools offer immersive language instruction, advanced academics, arts programs, competitive athletics, special education, English language support, and more—tailored to every student from Pre-K through graduation. Early College programs allow students to graduate with an associate degree, and through University MNPS, graduates can access exclusive scholarships at local colleges.

For those exploring career opportunities, Team MNPS is always hiring exceptional teachers and support staff. Join us and become part of a dynamic team dedicated to our students and their success. Learn more about enrolling and applying at mnps.org.

140+
COUNTRIES

130+
LANGUAGES
SPOKEN

\$1,382,578,900
OPERATING BUDGET

Our students have many needs, and our organization is complex. Transparency and accountability are critical in showing how we spend the resources we are given to most effectively meet our students' and our employees' needs.

\$619.9 MILLION ALLOCATED DIRECTLY TO SCHOOLS THROUGH STUDENT-BASED BUDGETING

No two students are the same, and MNPS recognizes that some needs require additional funds to meet. Through student-based budgeting, money is allocated to schools based on the unique needs of each student.

ADDITIONAL BUDGETS

Nutrition Services Budget	\$68.6 million
Federal Grants	\$97.1 million
Capital Budget	\$103.2 million

CAPITAL PROJECTS

MAJOR INVESTMENTS

Antioch Cluster – New Elementary School	Cost	\$28.5 million
Early Learning Hub	Cost	\$1.5 million
McGavock High School – Facility Renovation	Cost	\$8 million



79,000+ STUDENTS

Black	38.28%
Hispanic/Latino	34.05%
White	23.48%
Asian	3.72%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.29%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.19%
English Learner Students	31%
Exceptional Education Students	14%

160 SCHOOLS

Early Learning Centers	4
Elementary Schools	70
Middle Schools	31
High Schools	20
Alternative Learning Centers	6
Exceptional Education Schools	3
Charter Schools	26

5,000+ CLASSROOM TEACHERS

TEACHER STARTING SALARY (10-month employee; highest in TN)

Bachelor's Degree	\$53,610
Master's Degree	\$59,066
Doctorate	\$66,597

11,000+ STAFF

Certificated	6,661
Support	4,831
Avg. Years of Service	9.08
School Counselors	235
Social Workers	70

37,288 MILES TRAVELED DAILY BY MNPS BUSES

DAILY FIGURES:

Students Transported	40,536
Stops	15,355
Routes	401
Drivers	366
Monitors	138

77,373 MEALS SERVED DAILY (ON AVG.)

MNPS continues to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at **no cost**.



Every Student Known

Our district mantra, "Every Student Known," reflects our district's commitment to ensuring that every student feels cared for, respected, supported and recognized. We believe every student deserves a clear and achievable path to success, defined by measurable goals. By leveraging detailed academic, behavioral and social-emotional data, we guarantee that all students in our district get the direct support they need. Our dedicated staff is equipped to understand and cater to each student's unique interests, learning styles and needs.

Check out our Emmy winning song "Every Student Known" that was written and recorded by MNPS students and music educators in Nashville studios! You can also listen to our new album that also includes the Spanish version, "Cada Estudiante Valorado," as well as three new songs recorded this summer by our students "I Believe," "I Belong," and "This is Where We Belong." To listen, visit mnps.org/song.

SCHOOL OPTIONS

While families have many choices available through the Optional Schools Application Process, the perfect school for your student may be right around the corner in your neighborhood. A school tour is a great way to meet teachers and principals, observe classrooms and learn about academic programs. Every year, the Optional Schools Process allows families to choose among open enrollment schools in addition to their neighborhood zoned school.

For more information about the Optional Schools Process, visit mnps.org/school-options.

UNIVERSITY MNPS

Metro Schools believes every student should have the opportunity to attend college. University MNPS opens doors to college through full-tuition scholarships, university partnerships and hands-on support. Eligible MNPS seniors gain access to Nashville collegiate institutions, transition programs and advising that helps turn college dreams into real opportunities.



LEVEL 5 DISTRICT *Four Years in a Row!*

For the fourth consecutive year, MNPS earned Level 5 Status—the State's highest rating for student improvement—for the 2024-25 school year. Students posted the strongest results ever on state assessments, with record highs in English Language Arts, Math, and Social Studies, plus the highest Science scores since tougher state standards were introduced.

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Contact the Family Information Center:

615-259-INFO(4636)

FamilyInformation@mnps.org

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mnps.org/news

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SUPERINTENDENT DR. ADRIENNE BATTLE

Dr. Adrienne Battle has been the superintendent of Metro Nashville Public Schools since March 2020. She has focused on a vision of personalizing education for every student, improving school culture and climate, and retaining and recruiting the best talent. Dr. Battle, a Nashville native, has spent almost her entire career with MNPS. In MNPS, she has served from teacher to principal to superintendent; she is now the first MNPS graduate to serve as director of schools. She is a graduate of John Overton High School, Missouri State University and Tennessee State University, where she earned her master's, education specialist and doctorate degrees in Educational Administration and Supervision.

"Making Every Student Known is our mission at MNPS. We want to be sure we understand every student's talents, strengths, and goals and that we're helping them get where they want to go. The results in terms of both academic and social-emotional learning for the past three years have been strong, and we will keep pushing even harder as we work to provide every student a guaranteed path to success in college, career, and life."

— Dr. Adrienne Battle

THE METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

The Metropolitan Nashville Board of Education represents the public's voice in public education, providing oversight for what the school system needs and what the community wants. The Board sets policies that improve schools and students' education. Regular meetings are held at the Metro Schools Support Hub at 5 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

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