



Memphis School of Excellence

2018-2019 School Profile

CEEB code: 431517

Memphis School of Excellence High School

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School Demographics

72% African American
25% Hispanic
2% Asian
1% Other

Student to Teacher Ratio:
13 to 1

Average Class Size: 24

Graduation Rate: 100%

Attendance Rate: 95%

Economically

Disadvantaged: 94%

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MISSION

The mission of Memphis School of Excellence (MSE) is to provide a safe and collaborative environment which will cultivate the academic and social development of its students by emphasizing math, science, and technology for the purpose of students setting and meeting higher education goals.

SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY

Memphis School of Excellence High School (MSE) is a public charter school serving 260 students. Memphis School of Excellence has been serving its community since the 2010-2011 school year. Our Staff is committed to excellence as they work to prepare our students to achieve their future educational and career goals. 100% of our curriculum is taught by teachers who are certified and highly qualified in the subject area. Our students have earned the highest progress scores from the state over the past 5 years.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Designed to motivate and challenge students, our academic program at Memphis School of Excellence High School is driven by the highest learning expectations for students. Our school follows the Tennessee state curriculum. Students are given extra periods in Math and English courses. Although we do not provide summer school, our teachers provide both after school and Saturday tutoring. Memphis School of Excellence offers several honors courses for all high school students. We currently offer 3 AP courses (AP Statistics, AP Government, and AP US History) and plan to increase the number of courses each year in addition to adding dual enrollment opportunities. In previous years we have offered AP Literature, AP World History, AP Language Arts, and AP Biology.

GRADING

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|------------------|-------------|---|
| A- Excellent | 93 -100 | 4 |
| B- Above Average | 85 - 92 | 3 |
| C- Average | 75 - 84 | 2 |
| D- Below Average | 70 -74 | 1 |
| F- Failure | 69 or below | 0 |

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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|---------|-----------|------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| English | 4 Credits | Social Studies | 3 Credits | Fine Arts | 1 Credit |
| Math | 4 Credits | Foreign Language | 2 Credits | Personal Finance | .5 Credits |
| Science | 3 Credits | Elective Focus | 3 Credits | Wellness & Physical Education | 1.5 Credits |

*Students must enroll in a math class each year of high school

*Foreign Language requires 2 credits in the same language

Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation

GPA is calculated using the above quality points. Beginning with grade nine, all subjects, whether passed or failed, are included in the computation. A minimum of 22 credits is required for graduation. In addition, each student is required to take the Tennessee Civics test and the ACT or SAT exam in order to meet graduation requirements. All grades are recorded on the transcript and GPA is calculated twice a year. Honors courses are weighted 4.5 and AP courses are weighted 5 quality points.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Athletics: Basketball | Soccer | Cheer
Cross Country | Track | Bowling
Volleyball | Softball | Baseball

Activities: Math Club | Science
Olympiad | Chess | Robotics
Student Council | National Honor Society

SNAPSHOT OF THE CLASS OF 2018

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| 52 graduating seniors | 15% earned a 4.0+ |
| 30% participated in Tennessee Promise Scholarship program | 19% earned 3.5-3.99 |
| 18.8 average ACT score | 40% earned 3.0-3.49 |
| | 15% earned 2.50-2.99 |
| | 10% earned 2.00-2.49 |
| | 1% earned less than a 2.0 |

STANDARDIZED TEST RESULTS

Memphis School of Excellence has improved its test results each year. Based on spring 2017 test results, Memphis School of Excellence ranks in the top 5% among all Shelby County Schools. Memphis School of Excellence has the highest test results among all neighboring schools within 10 miles.

| Course | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Algebra I | 5.56% | 27.91% | 41.67% | 78.43% | 78.00% | 6.70% | 8.50% |
| Algebra II | NA | NA | NA | 17.60% | 47.00% | 18.43% | 13.50% |
| English I | 27.78% | 34.88% | 53.97% | 82.69% | 76.00% | 14.75% | 15.70% |
| English II | NA | 31.30% | 37.50% | 47.83% | 70.00% | 21.67% | 38.20% |
| English III | NA | NA | NA | 25.00% | NA* | 28.21% | 32.70% |
| Biology | NA | 17.65% | 66.67% | 71.74% | 61.00% | 53.33% | 68.00% |

*Students enrolled in AP English program. 2018 official test scores have not been announced yet.

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Over 6 million dollars in scholarships and grants were awarded to the 2018 class.
 - Since 2012, Memphis School of Excellence has scored a 4 or higher on TVAAS.
 - Memphis School of Excellence has had 100% graduation rate since 2014 with the exception of 2017 when it was 98%.
 - Named #1 Charter School in Tennessee according to US News Best High Schools.
 - Named #26 high school in Tennessee according to US News Best High Schools.
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COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

In the past three years, Memphis School of Excellence High School seniors have been accepted at the following colleges and universities: University of Memphis, Tennessee State, Alabama A & M, Middle Tennessee State, Murry State, Carson Newman, Philander Smith, Fisk, Spelman, Morehouse, Bethune Cook-man, Christian Brothers, University of Arkansas Pine Bluff, University of Miami, University of California San Diego, University of Southern California, Xavier University, University of Tennessee- Knoxville, Rhodes College, Grambling, East Tennessee State University.