Course Offerings for Exploratory and Fine Arts

- Art
- Exploring Technology
- Inventions & Innovation
- Technological Systems
- Computer Technology
- Academic Exploration
- Gold Standard Jazz Band
- Gospel Choir
- Health
- Physical Education
- Russian
- Sound of Whitehaven Band
- Instrumental Music
- Strings
- CLUE* 

*Students must meet eligibility requirements to participate.

TEChnology “R” Us…

All Havenview teachers are Highly Qualified and incorporate the STEAM platform throughout their respective content areas. The staff is committed to infusing technology in daily lessons and finding specific ways to help each child develop his or her full academic potential.

Havenview has wireless Internet access throughout the entire building. The school’s facilities also include computer, science, and art labs, a business technology center, a new digital science lab, and a new gymnasium. The school also has two mobile carts equipped with netbooks/laptops that are used in Math and Science classrooms for interactive instructional activities, technology exploration project based learning.

Honors Curriculum Meets Extracurricular

Recognizing that a holistic approach is crucial to helping students reach their highest potential, Havenview offers students the opportunity to participate in numerous extracurricular activities.

Student Organizations
- Tennessee Technology Student Association
- Student Council
- BETA Club
- STEAM Team
- Photography Club
- The Cynthia Gentry National Honor Society

Extracurricular
- Football, Volleyball, Baseball, Softball, Soccer, Track, Basketball, Tiger Stripes, Cheerleading, Majorettes, Dance, Radio/TV Broadcasting, DJ, and Production Engineering

Good conduct is promoted and reinforced through Havenview’s Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) program, which features the effective No Bullying and Fight Free Schools program. Grade level Incentives in addition to a school wide Incentive Program also promotes competition and cultivates a positive school climate.

Parents as Partners

Parental involvement is encouraged through Havenview’s Parent Teacher Student Association, and through communication tools such as the ParentLink phone messaging system and school newsletters. Community involvement is also an integral element in Havenview’s success, with Adopt-A-School Partner Wal-Mart providing incentives for students and funding for school projects. Havenview hosts Family Math and Science Nights to engage families in understanding the STEAM concepts their students are learning.

On STEAM Career Days, we invite professionals to the school to speak with students about exploring different career options, including aerospace, engineering, mathematics, health-care, science, technology, art, and music careers.

Networking

Parents of prospective Optional students are welcome anytime at “TheView”. Please contact Ms. Kellie Hudson to schedule a tour or provide more insight into the STEAM program at Havenview Middle. For updates and events “like” us on facebook @ WeGotSteam; follow us on twitter @WeGotSteam or visit our webpage at wegotsteam.com

Contact Us

Parents of prospective Optional students are invited to contact the school to arrange a visit. To schedule a guided tour, or to obtain more information about the school, please contact Havenview Middle School.

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“We Got S.T.E.A.M.”

Havenview Middle School, the first Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) Optional Middle School in Shelby County Schools. We offer an interdisciplinary approach to learning. Rigorous academic concepts are coupled with real-world lessons where students apply science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics to practical applications. This allows students to make connections between school, community, work, and the global enterprise, enabling the development of STEAM literacy and the ability to compete in the new economy.

Havenview’s STEAM classes promote literacy, integrated learning, and critical thinking skills by encouraging students to investigate and question interrelated facets of STEAM. This curriculum promotes achievement, leadership, and exposure to STEAM-related careers.

The Real World Experience

Exposure is Essential! Havenview has formed collaborations with several organizations to enhance students’ STEAM experience. Students have the opportunity to hear speakers at several organizations and take field trips, both locally and out of state, to various sites, including:

- The Memphis Zoo: Students participate in science-related, hands-on activities, including anatomy and dissection classes and lessons about endangered species, nanotechnology, population dynamics, properties of matter, spineless wonders (spiders and insects), and genetics.
- The Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP): Students engage in discussions with aerospace professionals from across the Mid-South area.
- The Federal Aviation Administration: Students interact with Air Traffic Control professionals by visiting the Air Route Traffic Control Center and the Air Traffic Control Tower.
- Methodist Hospital: Students speak with medical professionals and take hospital tours.
- University of Tennessee Health Science Center: Medical students from the six colleges, including Dentistry, Pharmacy, Nursing, Medical, Allied Health, and Graduate Health Research, speak to the students and provide tours of the University colleges.

The Arts Experience

Research indicates a strong link between the arts and increased academic achievement. For example, in the visual arts, we know that drawing supports writing skills and visual art training boosts reading comprehension. Researchers have also found strong connections between music fluency and spatial reasoning and math skills. Havenview believes that all students can enhance their artistic ability, which results in higher academic achievement.

Havenview’s Visual Art Department offers a program that encourages each student to nurture and celebrate his or her creativity. In the 2012 ArtFest, the Districtwide showcase of artistic achievements, one Havenview student’s artwork was selected to receive one of nine “Viewers’ Choice Awards,” out of 2,000 pieces.

In our comprehensive Music Department, The Gold Standard Jazz Ensemble gives students the opportunity to perform with one of the premier school music ensembles in the Memphis area. This acclaimed ensemble has been invited to participate in a variety of functions in the Memphis area, such as ArtsFest, in Africa, Community Resources Fair, The West Tennessee Band and Orchestra Jazz Festival, Adopt-a-School Ceremonies, and the Forum for Innovative Leadership.

The school’s Sound of Whitehaven Band received First Place in a recent competition in New Orleans and has performed on the campuses of Southern University and Jackson State University.

The Exploratory Experience

Havenview Optional students have priority selection from OVER a dozen Exploratory class offerings!

The STEAM Exploratory class offerings provide opportunities in Mechanics, Aerospace, Desktop Publishing, Engineering Structures, Aerodynamics, Computer Aided Design, Road Transportation, Communication, Multimedia, Vex Robotics, Research and Design, and Problem Solving. Students are given the opportunity to enter contests that relate to the STEAM concepts. Many Havenview students have won local and regional competitions.

The Academic Exploration and Computer Technology classes provide students with opportunities to be producers, hosts, engineers of school-based radio and TV broadcasting ("The View") as well as a few of the following: PSAs (bullying), Principal’s podcasts, sporting/special events, digital yearbooks, electronic journals, awards programs, campaign videos and teacher tutorial vignettes that will stream live or on demand from any Mac, PC, android or smartphone with an ease of access link from the school’s website.

The S.T.E.A.M. Experience

Sixth Grade
- Enriched Language Arts or Creative Learning in a Unique Environment (CLUE)*
- Enriched Mathematics
- Enriched Social Studies
- Enriched Science
- Exploratory #1- Exploring Technology or Arts
- Exploratory #2- Choice Selection

Seventh Grade
- Honors Language Arts or CLUE* English
- Enriched Math
- Honors Pre-Algebra
- Honors Science
- Honors Social Studies
- Exploratory #1-Inventions & Innovations or Fine Arts
- Exploratory #2- Choice Selection

Eighth Grade
- Honors Language Arts or CLUE* English
- Enriched Math
- Honors Pre-Algebra
- Honors Science
- Honors US History
- Exploratory #1- Technology Systems or Fine Arts
- Exploratory #2- Choice Selection

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Requirements

Parents of students who live within the school’s geographical boundaries may apply at Havenview Middle. Parents of all applicants who do not live within the school’s geographical boundaries must submit an application for Optional Schools to the Board of Education, Department of Optional Schools and Advanced Academics, 160 S. Hollywood, Room C106.

- • Report card grades of A’s and B’s with no more than one C as a semester average are required in all subjects on the most recent comprehensive report card.
- • Current nationally normed or TCAP Achievement Tests’ scores must rank at or above the 55th percentile in Reading/Language Arts subtest or its equivalent AND Mathematics subtest or its equivalent.
- • Satisfactory conduct is required.
- • Satisfactory attendance to school is required (including promptness to school and each class). A total of more than 15 absences, tardies and/or early dismissals is considered unsatisfactory.
- • To remain in the program, a student must maintain a semester average of C or above in all subjects with no D’s or below in any subjects. The entrance requirements for conduct and attendance must be maintained.
- • Students must enroll in the required Optional courses for each grade to remain in Havenview Middle’s Optional Program.

Transportation for transfer students is the responsibility of the student/parent/legal guardians.

Final approval is contingent upon review of the student’s final comprehensive report card.