

# WE ARE SOUTHWIND



## **STEM Platform School**

Southwind is the official STEM Platform School for West Tennessee. As a school-within-a-school located at Southwind High School, the STEM Platform School leverages numerous resources to provide unique STEM teaching and learning opportunities. Southwind is open to all students who live in Shelby County, and provides an enhanced STEM curriculum through project-based, technology-integrated instruction. Southwind serves as a demonstration site for incubating, deploying, and sharing innovative and best practices in STEM education. See more at: <http://westtnstem.org>

## **Fine Arts and Music Education Academy**

Southwind High School's fine arts program is second to none in visual art, vocal music, theater, and instrumental music. Our visual art program has produced student art artists who have their works hanging in the United States Capitol and in the Tennessee Governor's mansion. Many of our students frequently place in local, state, and national art competitions. Our choir is phenomenal: It has earned superior ratings for the past 5 years. Our theater department produces world-class productions in our state-of-the-art theater. Our Southwind High School Purple Pride Marching Band is a dynamic band that performs with precision and flair across the Mid-South.

## **Early Post-Secondary Opportunities**

Southwind High School offers early post-secondary opportunities (EPSOs) that include courses and/or exams that give students a chance to obtain post-secondary credit while still in high school. These opportunities allow students to earn post-secondary credits while in high school; become familiar with post-secondary rigor and expectations; develop confidence and skills for success in post-secondary learning; make informed post-secondary and career decisions; and decrease the time and cost of completing a certificate or degree. Southwind partners with Southwest Community College for our early college program that allows students to complete college courses on the college campus. Additionally, Southwind offers dual enrollment courses, advanced placement courses, statewide dual credit courses, and industry certification program in pharmacy tech, culinary arts, business/marketing, and computer software/web design.

