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Home of the Dragons!

# Vision & Mission



# GIES

## GRAHAMWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*The Gold Standard in Educational Excellence*



### Grahamwood Vision

- Grahamwood Elementary School is an exemplary student-centered educational community with an exceptional team of stakeholders who create a nurturing environment where all students achieve academic excellence, exhibit good character, and hopes and dreams are encouraged.

### Grahamwood Mission

- The mission of Grahamwood Elementary School is to prepare our students to become productive citizens by providing positive, safe, diverse, and academically challenging environment that develops the cultural, social, physical skills of our students.

# About Us...



Total Enrollment - 937

- Grahamwood Elementary utilizes the "school within a school" model whereby about half of the students are in the Optional program and half are in the more traditional Scholars program.
- Grahamwood's school hours are 8:15 AM to 3:15 PM.
- Enriched Academics Optional Program with an Arts Focus
- 50% Optional & 50% Scholar
- Diversity: 26% Caucasian, 29% African American, 29% Hispanic, 8% Asian & 8% Other
- PreK-5th Grade CLUE Programs
- 200+ CLUE & Gifted Students
- 20+ clubs and activities including 2 (fee based) aftercare options.



# Big Picture

Reward School: Top-Rated  
School by TN Dept. of  
Education

90+ percent proficiency rates  
for Optional students in  
Reading & Mathematics

TN Department of Education  
Certified Level 4/5 School

National Beta Club School of  
Distinction

Largest Elementary CLUE  
program in the district



# Student Achievements

- ✓ Tennessee Poetry Society's Poem Contest Winners
- ✓ Belz Chinese New Year's Poster Contest Award Winners
- ✓ American Heart Assn. Award: #1 SCS & #3 West TN for Donations
- ✓ Tennessee State Elementary Chess Champions
- ✓ Memphis in May Student Poster Contest Grand Prize
- ✓ SCS Science Fair Award Winners





- ✓ 2019 SCS Principal of the Year
- ✓ *Memphis Parent*: Family Choice Award for School
- ✓ Memphis Metro's Top School: *Memphis Business Journal*
- ✓ SPARK Award for School of the Year (cityCurrent & WKNO)
- ✓ Tennessee Lottery Educator of the Week: Principal Pete Johnson
- ✓ *Memphis Parent Magazine* Outstanding Teacher Awards
- ✓ Let's Move! Active Schools National Awards Recipient
- ✓ 2019 SCS Physical Education Teacher of the Year
- ✓ 6 National Board Certified Teachers (highest certification); 73 percent of teachers hold Advanced Degrees

## Faculty Recognitions



# Optional Open House

## Frequently Asked Questions...

### Who can transfer into an Optional program?

Qualified students can transfer into an Optional Program when the applicants meet all the entrance requirements of the school's Optional Program and space is available.

### How do I apply online?

The Optional Schools Application Process is completely online for new students. Parents/legal guardians can easily complete and submit an online application from any personal computer, tablet or smartphone (with Internet access) that supports online forms.

- The online application portal will be accessible on the SCS website, [www.scsk12.org](http://www.scsk12.org)
- Beginning at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2021
- A valid email address is required in order to submit the application online
- Current SCS students are encouraged to use their PowerSchool student number (also same as lunch number). For non-SCS students, a social security number is requested.
- You will receive an email confirmation with the date and time of your application submission.

### What documents are needed in order to apply for an Optional transfer?

If the applicant is a current SCS student, SCS already has the required documents on file. Once a current SCS student's online application is submitted, no further action is needed to finalize the application.



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**OPTIONAL OPEN HOUSE**

- Merit based Application (80th percentile)
- Advanced Academics, Project-Based Learning, and CLUE for grades 1-5.
- High-quality instruction from expert-level teachers.
- Over 20 clubs and activities including Chess, Piano, Coding, Robotics, Gymnastics, Cheer, Spanish, and more...

January 11 @ 9A & 5:30P

January 25 @ 5:30P

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Thank You!

Choose Grahamwood!