Applicants to the program must:

• Score at or above the 70th percentile on the FastBridge aReading and aMath assessments; score at or above the 70th percentile on the TCAP TNReady English Language Arts and the TCAP TNReady Mathematics assessments; score at or above the 70th percentile on the NWEA MAP Growth Reading and NWEA MAP Growth Mathematics assessments (including MAP Growth Math 6+, Algebra I, Algebra II, or Geometry), a TCAP English and Mathematics End of Course test and/or another acceptable nationally normed achievement assessment, including the ACT (Reading and Math), PSAT or SAT (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Mathematics) with the assessment being administered no more than one year prior to the date of application for Optional Schools.

• Have a semester average of 3.0 in academic subjects with no grade below a C for the semester.

• Have satisfactory conduct and attendance (including promptness to school and to each class), with no more than 15 absences and/or tardies.

• Applicants for eleventh grade must submit a transcript showing all high school work to date.

• To remain in the Optional Program, students must submit a Renewal Optional Application and maintain the entrance requirements for grades, conduct and attendance.

• Students must enroll in the required Honors courses each semester.

• Final approval is contingent upon review of student’s second-semester/final report card issued by June 16, 2021.