

COLUMBUS

School

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Columbus Schools...

We are Unique



**Dr. Del R. Phillips, III
Superintendent**

Welcome to Columbus Schools!

Exciting things are happening in all of our schools. The new magnet school programs begin in all five elementary schools this fall. After an overwhelming 80% voter approval on a school bond issue, we are building a new middle school which will open in 2010. Columbus High School has more AP courses than any high school in our area. We are beginning the International Baccalaureate Programme which is the most rigorous coursework in the world. Students are earning both high school and college credit through our dual enrollment/dual credit programs. Falcon athletics are bigger and better than ever with our athletes competing in Region 1-5A which is widely regarded as the most competitive conference in the state. The Columbus High Class of 2008 accepted more than \$3 million in scholarships to further their education.

We are the Columbus School District. **We are unique!**

- Del R. Phillips, III



The Columbus Municipal School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, national origin, or handicap.

The Faces of Columbus School District



It's a great day to be a Falcon!!!



Fine Arts Magnet
Cook Elementary

Aerospace & Science Magnet
Fairview Elementary

International Studies Magnet
Sale Elementary

Medical Sciences & Wellness Magnet
Franklin Elementary

Technology & Communication Magnet
Stokes-Beard Elementary

“Whatever your child dreams,



Columbus School District has a Magnet Program for you!”

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Fine Arts Magnet School

Cook Elementary



Cook Elementary
2217 North 7th Street
Columbus, MS 39705

Program Features

The Fine Arts Magnet School at Cook Elementary offers a strong academic curriculum enhanced with the integration of visual and performing arts, dance, strings, drama/theater, and choral music. Research shows a strong positive relationship between the arts and academic success.



The Fine Arts Magnet School at Cook Elementary is dedicated to delivering a challenging curriculum in a unique learning environment that engages the whole child. Teaching an integrated arts program has a profound effect on student achievement as well as self-expression and creativity. In addition to integrated arts instruction in all classrooms, students will have the opportunity to participate in visual and performing arts, dance, strings, drama/theater, and choral music classes.

A special feature of the Fine Arts Magnet School is a collaborative partnership between the Mississippi Arts Commission and the Columbus Arts Council to implement the Mississippi Whole Schools Initiative (MWSI). This partnership provides high quality professional development for teachers to infuse the arts into daily classroom instruction. The MWSI also provides a comprehensive curriculum for dance, drama/theater, visual and performing arts, and strings to encourage students to become life-long learners, critical thinkers, and extremely creative young people.

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Aerospace & Science Magnet School

Fairview Elementary

Program Features



Fairview Elementary
225 Airline Road
Columbus, MS 39702

The Aerospace & Science Magnet School at Fairview Elementary offers a high quality academic program infused with Math and Science education. A research-based Science Exploration Lab will offer students an opportunity for in-depth studies of physical science, earth science, and life science. Research shows math and science education are critical components to prepare students to compete in a global workforce.



The Aerospace and Science Magnet School at Fairview Elementary is committed to creating a learning environment that encourages science exploration and problem-solving. Students will have the opportunity to engage in exciting math and science education projects such as studying animal habitats, our planet, conservation, recycling, and many more. Students will participate in NASA Space Camp and field trips during the school year to open young minds to learning more about the world we call home.

A special feature of the Aerospace & Science Magnet School is our partnership with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) at Stennis Space Center. This partnership supports the goal of the NASA Education Program to inspire and motivate students to pursue future careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Students will engage in fun and exciting NASA Education Projects including meteorology and environmental studies. Space Camp tours and field trips will offer students real world experiences in science education and exploration.

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Medical Sciences & Wellness Magnet School Franklin Elementary



**Franklin Elementary
501 North 3rd Avenue
Columbus, MS 39701**

Program Features

The Medical Sciences & Wellness Magnet School at Franklin Elementary offers a strong academic program infused with a Medical Arts and Wellness theme. Students will engage in unique learning experiences that encourage healthy living through the study of the medical sciences. Students will explore how the body functions and will learn how medical professionals keep us healthy. A study conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor found health care related careers are one of the fastest growing industries in our nation.



The Medical Sciences & Wellness Magnet School at Franklin Elementary is devoted to the development of learners who are aware of their health and understand how and why health care professionals play a vital role in improving the wellness of our society. Classroom instruction will be enhanced with a school-based Health Lab to provide opportunities for students to have hands-on experiences in health education and the Medical Sciences.

A special feature of the Medical Sciences and Wellness Magnet School is our partnerships with Mississippi University for Women and health care providers including Baptist Memorial Hospital-Golden Triangle and the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Mentors from MUW and the medical community will conduct seminars during the school year on wellness strategies to promote healthy living. This exciting magnet theme will open students' minds to a future career in medicine, the health care industry, or other high achieving career goals.

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International Studies Magnet School Sale Elementary

Program Features



**Sale Elementary
520 Warpath Road
Columbus, MS 39702**

The International Studies Magnet School at Sale Elementary offers a strong academic program infused with international and global studies to enhance the learning experiences of students. This theme features the International Baccalaureate Program (IB) which offers a comprehensive curriculum emphasizing higher-order thinking skills and problem-solving strategies for a world class education.



The International Studies Magnet School at Sale Elementary is dedicated to educating the whole child by addressing the intellectual, social, emotional, and cultural needs of students using research-based instructional strategies. The IB Program features integrated inquiry-based instruction, thematic units related to world discovery, the development of leadership skills, and independent and group projects related to real world problem-solving. The IB Program also includes community service to encourage young citizens to extend a helping hand to their neighbors whether they are across the street or across the globe.

A special feature of the International Studies Magnet School is our coordination with the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) in New York City, New York. Teachers and administrators will receive intensive training at IBO locations all across the country to effectively implement inquiry-based learning for students that is rigorous, dynamic, and exciting. The world is our classroom and our goal is to open pathways for student success.

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Technology & Communication Magnet School Stokes-Beard Elementary

Program Features



Stokes-Beard Elementary
311 Martin Luther King Drive
Columbus, MS 39701

The Technology & Communication Magnet School at Stokes-Beard Elementary offers a strong academic program infused with technology and communication. This theme features state-of-the-art technology including digital classrooms, broadcasting studio, podcasting, dynamic learning, and Spanish language instruction beginning in Kindergarten. Research tell us the 21st Century Learner must have mastery of technology and communication skills to be successful.



The Technology & Communication Magnet School at Stokes-Beard Elementary is dedicated to educating students to become leaders. The Technology & Communication Magnet School Program encourages critical thinking and problem-solving infused with high academic standards to build a foundation for student success. This exciting theme promotes 21st Century Leadership and Academic Skills. Our partnerships with The Commercial Dispatch and WCBI Television will enable students to learn first hand how excellent communication skills and authentic learning can empower young minds to reach their fullest potential.

A special feature of the Technology & Communication Magnet School is our partnership with Dynamic Knowledge, Inc., a national leader in information-based technology and communication. This exciting partnership will prepare teachers to instruct students about the use of technology in research and communication. Students will be exposed to an environment overflowing with the latest technology including digital classrooms, individual student laptops, a television/media lab, closed circuit broadcasting, podcasting, and Spanish instruction.

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Hunt Intermediate

“Where Everybody is a Star!”



Hunt Intermediate
924 20th Street North
Columbus, MS 39701

Program Features

Hunt Intermediate serves all 5th and 6th grade students in the Columbus School District. Paired teachers work as an instructional team. One teaches the language arts and the other teaches math, science, and social studies. All students receive physical education and music instruction. The media center houses a library and computer lab which is staffed by certified personnel.



Integrated technology is a key component in the instructional process at Hunt. This includes Smartboard Technology in all math classrooms, mobile laptop carts, Accelerated Reader, and four computers in each classroom.

Incentives and Activities

Hunt Intermediate School offers a wide array of activities, incentives, and clubs to meet the needs of all students. There is something for everyone from the Harmony Choir to the Fitness Club. Hunt offers all students programs and incentives for academic success and character development. These programs include instruction for the gifted students (SPIRIT), STARS Incentive, Character First, Student Council, drama productions and extended day and extended year opportunities.



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Lee Middle School

“Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day!”



Lee Middle
1815 Military Road
Columbus, MS 39701

Program Features

Lee Middle School embraces the middle school concept that recognizes the adolescent student is in transition from elementary school to high school. The middle school concept addresses this transition by utilizing teacher teaming, looping, and flexible scheduling to create small learning communities within the school. Students are also able to participate in athletics, band, chorus, art, and physical education. Both gifted and Accelerated classes are offered to those students who qualify. Lee students have access to the latest technology with Smartboards, laptop computer carts, a television studio, two state of the art computer labs, Accelerated Reader, and Teen Biz web-based reading program.



Community Support



New Middle School

With an overwhelming 80% approval rate, Columbus voters passed a 22 million dollar bond referendum to build the new Columbus Middle School.

Columbus Middle School is projected to open **August 2010**.

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Columbus High School

“Home of the Falcons”



Columbus High
215 Hemlock Street
Columbus, MS 39702

Program Features

Columbus High School is housed in one of the most beautiful and spacious facilities in the state. Students may choose from over 115 courses, including IB, honors, and advanced placement courses. CHS offers a wide range of extracurricular activities including all areas of sports, band, drama, showchoir, chorus, and clubs.



Freshman Academy

The transition from middle school to high school is a critical time in the lives of most teenagers as they adjust to new expectations, programs, and environments. The goals of the Freshman Academy are to enhance the experience of these incoming freshmen, decrease discipline problems, increase attendance, and increase passing rates.

Teacher planning and team meetings focus on team teaching and parental contact.



Teachers of the Freshman Academy focus on the special concerns of students and parents at that grade level. The teacher teams remain in constant contact with one another regarding the academic and social needs of individual students. The teacher teams share common planning time and are able, therefore, to collaborate as curriculum partners developing common unit plans and common assessments.

All freshmen will have a schedule that allows time for each student to develop a supportive and caring relationship with his advisory teacher. This structure offers personalized attention and a strong connection to the school and the needs of the individual student.

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Columbus High School

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Columbus High School Begins International Baccalaureate

Columbus High School has begun the application process for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme. In anticipation of this certification, CHS will be accepting students to this program in the fall of 2008. The IB diploma has become a symbol of academic integrity and intellectual promise and is recognized by universities around the world. IB graduates can also be awarded college credit.

Columbus High School offers more Advanced Placement (AP) and advanced courses than any other school in the area. CHS encourages high achievement through a world-class curriculum with school course offerings to meet varied interests and skills.



Region
Leader in
AP
Courses

Dual Credit Opportunities for CHS Students

This fall Columbus High School students will have the opportunity to enroll in select college courses that will provide them with both college and high school credits. Dual credit gives motivated, college bound high school students the opportunity to get a jumpstart on college by earning college credit before attending on a full-time basis. This experience helps students learn how to study for college and allows them to demonstrate the ability to do post secondary level work, thus gaining the confidence needed to succeed in college.

Air Force JROTC Distinguished Unit

Columbus High School has been selected to receive the Air Force Junior ROTC Distinguished Unit Award. This award recognizes Air Force Junior ROTC units that have performed above and beyond normal expectations. They have distinguished themselves through outstanding service to their school and community while meeting the Air Force Junior ROTC mission of producing better citizens for America.

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McKellar Technology Center

Preparing today's students for tomorrow's careers

Open to 9th – 12th Graders

McKellar Technology Center serves Columbus High School students and the Columbus community with quality programs that meet the needs of local business and industry.

Career & Technical Programs

*Agricultural and Environmental Sciences**

Automotive Services

Business Computer Technology

Carpentry

Early Childhood Education

Collision Repair

*Computer Graphics***

Culinary Arts

Drafting and Design+

*Medical Technology**



*Science Credit

**Art Credit

+Math Credit

Innovative Opportunities

To meet the growing needs of the Columbus community, McKellar Technology Center and EMCC have teamed up to offer dual enrollment courses for students who want to fast track their career. Students may gain high school and college credit for Industrial Maintenance certification as well as early entry into the Licensed Practical Nursing program. These innovative opportunities are helping to provide a highly skilled workforce for emerging industry and critical service areas.

Community Service

McKellar students raised over \$3,000 dollars and donated in-kind services to Habitat for Humanity for a local home building project. McKellar Career & Technical Program students used their expertise from fundraising to the construction of this habitat home. Students worked in several areas from Carpentry's building all interior and exterior walls to Culinary Arts' preparing snacks for workers. These students certainly put their knowledge and skills to work while experiencing the joy of giving back.

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Columbus School District Innovative Programs



The Strategic Training for Academic Results (STAR) Induction program is the transmission of the district and community culture. The major goals of this program are to build a sense of culture and to articulate the district's mission and philosophy. Induction is a structured training program for all teachers new to the district. This program is not merely an orientation to the district's organizational pattern, but a framework of the district's vision for student learning and success.

Our program emphasizes five critical attributes that are the cornerstone of the vision:

- effective instructional practices
- effective classroom management procedures and routines
- a sensitivity and understanding of the unique community we serve
- teaching is a reflection of lifelong learning and professional growth
- unity of teamwork among administration, teachers, support staff and community members is essential

Individualized Professional Development

Columbus School District's commitment to professional development is now on the cutting edge with our new Professional Development in your Pajamas (PDNPJ) web-based initiative. Employees can now step into the future and have their professional development designed to meet specific needs or take courses toward a national technology certification. These online courses will be available anytime and anywhere to fit the demands of everyone's schedule.

Employee Recognition

The StarCatcher Award was established to recognize Columbus School District Employees that go above and beyond their daily job and who make a difference in the lives of others. This prestigious award is only presented twice a year to a deserving school district employee. Cadence Bank has partnered with our district for this respected employee recognition.



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