

Welcome!

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Why an Independent School?

- Safety
- Academic Excellence
- Character Education
- “The right fit”



Why a boys' school?

- Full participation of boys in all activities (arts, athletics, academics, service) tailored for needs of boys
- Learning without cross-gender distraction
- Opportunities for camaraderie and positive competition to help each boy reach his potential



Why Memphis University School?





“At MUS, the student body is limited in size for the express purpose of enhancing individual diversity, placing emphasis on high academic standards, personal growth, integrity, honor, emotional and spiritual maturity.”



Col. Ross M. Lynn

MUS Headmaster, 1955-1978

MUS Distinctive

See Profile for Success

- **An Honor System that works**
 - Promotes environment of freedom
 - Protects environment of accountability
- **Academic integrity**
 - Quality of instructors (relationships)
 - Quality of instruction (professionalism)
- **Athletic success**
 - Student-athletes, coaches of ability and character
 - Classroom-field/court connection



Academics

- **17 AP courses for possible college credit**
- **28% of MUS graduates received National Merit Scholarship recognition (over last 5 years)**
- **84% scored b/t 26-36 on ACT**
- **56% MUS seniors take Advanced Placement math for college credit**
- **Highest level (BC Calculus) 100% students scored 5 (highest score)!**



Academic Success

- State leader National Merit Scholarship awarded, total # male students
- 94% score 3 and above on AP exams
- 25% scored above 2100 on the SAT
- SAT mean score 1894
- ACT average MUS Score 29
- Knowledge Bowl Champions
- State Latin Convention Champions
- State Middle School Math Counts Runner-Ups



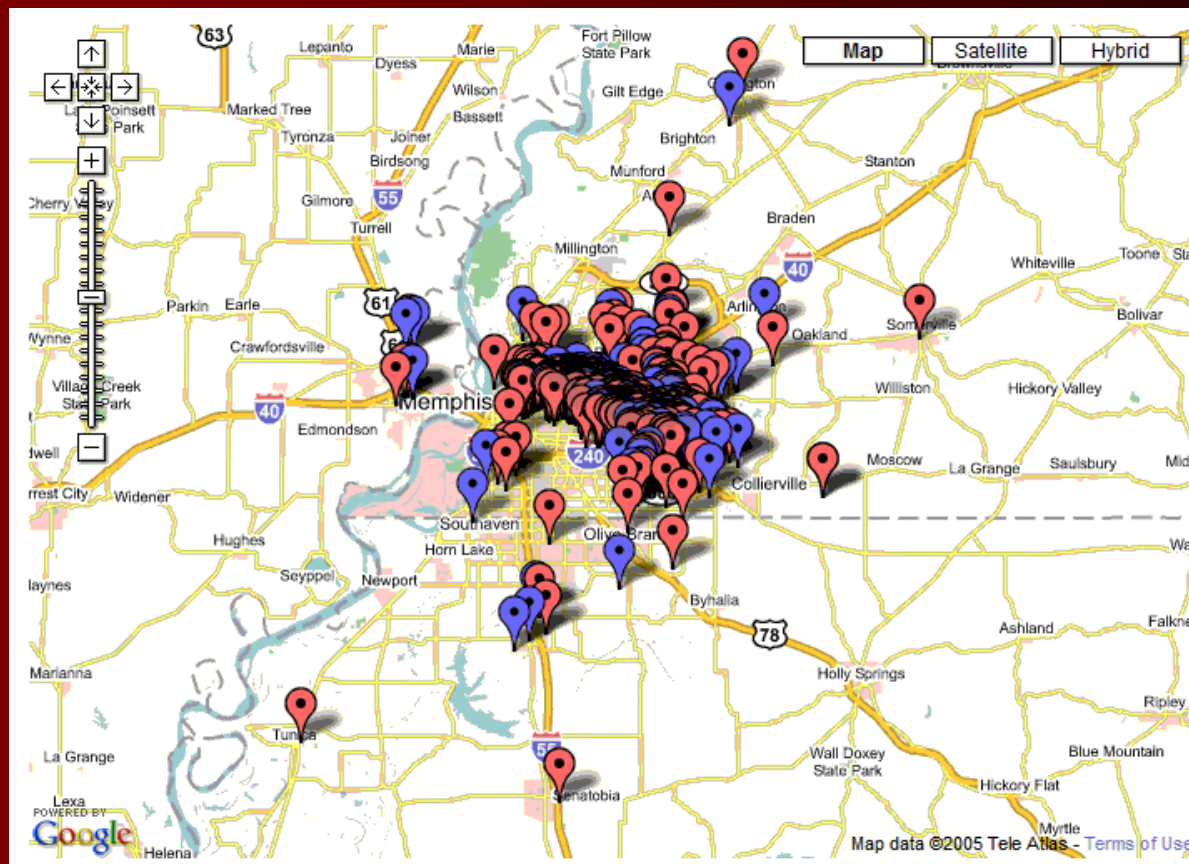
Memphis University School

- **100% accepted into college**
- **91 seniors offered a collective \$9.3MM in scholarships**
- **Supportive, competitive environment preparing boys for their demanding futures**



Regional coverage

Lower School enrollment addresses



Surprising MUS Facts

- MUS Lower School enrollment comprised of 25 public, private, and home schools.
- 30% of the student body receives need-based financial aid, totaling \$2 million.
- 127 MUS alumni have 141 boys at MUS. 21%! Four have seven grandsons!
- 48 faculty members hold Master's degrees in their respective fields and nine have doctorates.



MUS Athletics

- More than 75% of MUS students participate in one or more sports as a player or manager.
- Regularly compete for regional and state athletic titles
- 23 active NCAA scholar-athletes
- Student free periods (two for athletes) during the day



Athletic Success

Varsity level

- State Fencing Champions
- County Swimming Champions
- Region Football Champions
- State Tennis Champions
- State Baseball Runner-Up
- State Lacrosse Champions
- State Golf Champions
- Memphis-area *Best of the Preps* Champion
- Recent state and regional championships in almost all 13 interscholastic sports teams



MUS Extracurricular

- International summer travel for academic credit
- Coordinate classes w/ Hutchison School
- Civic Service active in community
- Theater Department annually recognized as one of the area's finest
- State-of-the-art music recording studio
- 16 Fine Arts courses including recording arts, choir, music, art history, sculpture, digital design and speech/communications.



Memphis University School

- **Dunavant Upper School**
 - “university” high school
 - grades 9 - 12
- **Hull Lower School**
 - “junior” high school
 - grades 7 and 8





HULL LOWER SCHOOL

“Where the sun rises first!”



Lower School Curriculum

• Seventh Grade

Year-long classes

- Accelerated Algebra 1 (placement)
- Pre-Algebra
- English
- Physical Education

Semester classes

- Art
- Earth Science
- Memphis Leaders
- Life Science
- Origins of Language
- Old Testament



Lower School Curriculum

- **Eighth Grade**

- Algebra 1 or Accelerated Geometry

- Ancient and Medieval History (Western)

- English

- Latin

- Physical Education

- Physical Science



Support Structure

- Advising Groups
- After School Academic Program
- Counselor
- English Lab
- Math Lab
- Study Hall daily
- Upper School-led mentoring groups



Lower School Activities

Fall

- Buzzards Soccer
- Chess Club
- Civic Service
- Cross Country
- Fencing
- Football
- Golf
- LS Math Team
- Robotics
- Volunteer Bible studies
- YMCA Model UN

Winter

- Basketball
- Buzzards B-Ball
- Chess Club
- Civic Service
- Fencing
- Lacrosse
- LS Math Team
- Robotics
- Swimming
- Volunteer Bible studies
- Wrestling

• Spring

- Baseball
- Chess Club
- Civic Service
- Lacrosse
- LS Math Team
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Track
- Volunteer Bible studies
- YMCA Youth Legislature



Lower School Student body

-30 different schools

✓ 15 public

✓ 15 private

✓ 2 home schools

✓ 4 out of town

✓ 49% 7th grade, 42% 8th grade

First quarter Honor Roll



MUS: End Game

- Modern reality:

High School degree = “Halftime”

minimum requirement now = college

Many fields expect graduate level work.

Global competitiveness, uncertain economy, requires superior discipline and preparation... beginning now.



MUS: End Game

- Preparation, proficiency, maturity
- Long view
- Boys learning to become men
- Grads tell us it works!



Summer Introduction

Pre-Admissions opportunities

Rising 5th-9th grades

- Academic Adventures
- Athletic camps
- Science Camp
- SLAM
- Summer School



Quick contact info

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Last Things

- Contact MUS Admissions Office to arrange a half-day visit at MUS.
- Sign up your son for the ISEE (Independent School Entrance Exam) at www.iseetest.org for the December 7 test date.
- MUS Priority Application Deadline is December 10, 2013, for 2014-15.
- Decision letters are mailed February 13, 2014.

