

Welcome!

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Why an Independent School?

- Safety
- Academic Excellence
- Boys' Character Education
- “The right fit”
- Atmosphere/Community



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 culture of accountability
- **Academic integrity**
 - Quality of instructors (knowledge, relationships)
 - Quality of instruction (professionalism)
- **Athletic & Extra-Curricular success**
 - Student-athletes, servant-leaders; coaches and mentors of ability and character
 - Classroom-field/court/street connection



Academics

- 20 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 perennial finalists/semi-finalists



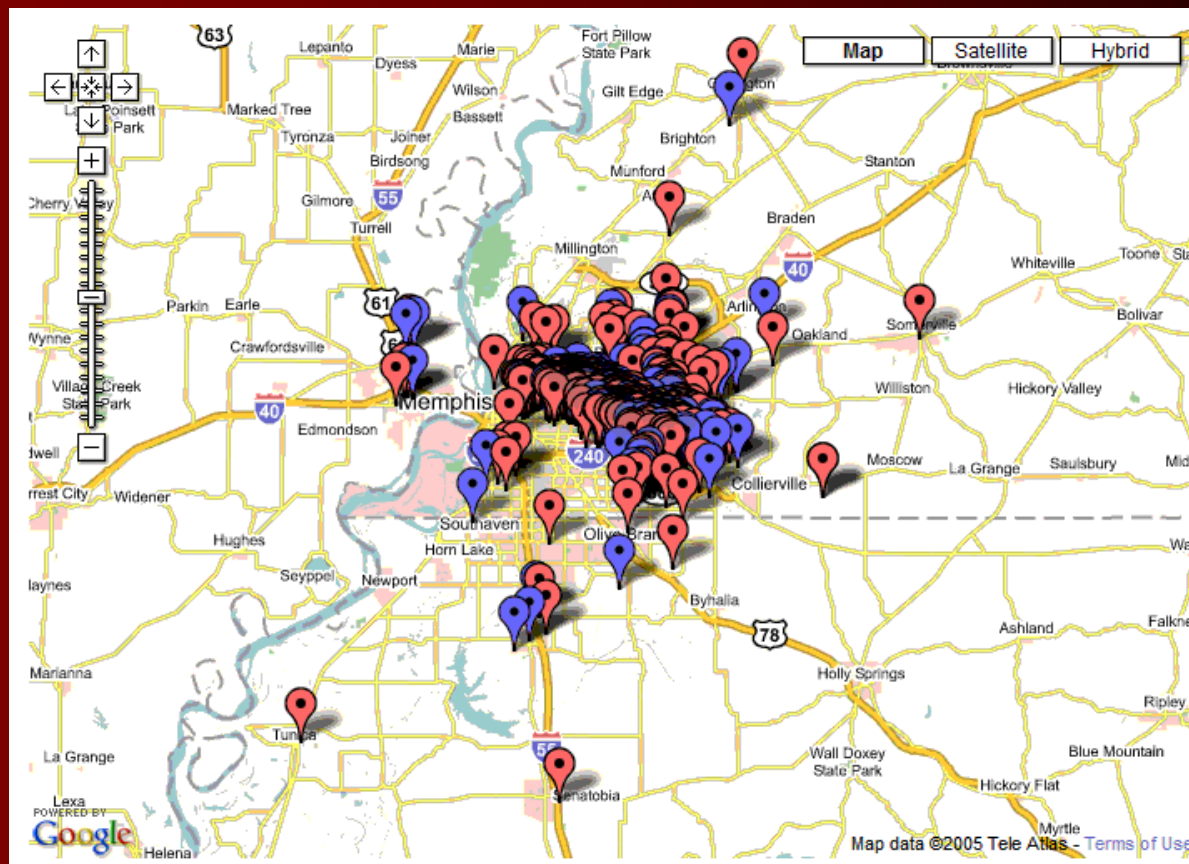
Memphis University School

- **100% accepted into college**
- **85 seniors offered a collective 333 scholarships totaling \$12.1 MM**
 - **\$142,353 per student**



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.
- 114 MUS alumni have 134 boys at MUS. 21%! Eleven have 16 grandsons!
- 55 faculty members hold Master's degrees in their respective fields and five have doctorates, 22 yrs. exp.
- Moody's "A3 Stable" bond rating



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
- Unmatched facilities



Athletic Success

Varsity level

- State Fencing Champions (repeat)
- State Swimming Champions
- State Football playoffs
- State Tennis Champions
- State Baseball Runner-Up
- State Lacrosse Champions (repeat)
- State Golf Champions (repeat)
- Memphis-area *Best of the Preps* Boys
- 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
- Student Orchestra
- Studio rock band
- 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 ‘son’ 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 World History
 - English
 - Latin
 - Music Appreciation
 - Physical Education
 - Physical Science



Lower School Activities

Fall

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

Winter

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

• Spring

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



Lower School Student body

-25 different schools

✓ public

✓ private

✓ out of town

✓ home schools

✓ 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 for boys
- Daily accountability
- Long-view student
- 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 3 (MUS and Westminster), 10 (St. George's) test dates.
- MUS Priority Application Deadline is December 10, 2015 for 2017-18.
- Need-based Financial Aid *ONLY*, no athletic/academic scholarships available
- Decision letters are mailed February 17, 2017.

