



The Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) is committed to identifying and selecting the best available sites for new and relocated schools. This school siting process is designed to best serve current and future students including their academic, physical, and environmental needs.

With the students' needs primary, MNPS is also dedicated to working with the community, the Metropolitan Nashville Planning Department, Metropolitan Nashville Public Works, Metropolitan Nashville Public Property, Nashville Public Library, Metropolitan Nashville Parks and Recreation, and other local and state agencies to identify the best available site.

MNPS will engage with students, parents, elected representatives, and the broader community as appropriate throughout the school siting process.

DEFINITION

The school site is the geographical location of a proposed or existing school.

PROCESS

MNPS shall lead school siting process in close coordination with other Metro Government Departments such as the Metropolitan Nashville Planning Department, Metropolitan Nashville Public Works, Metropolitan Nashville Public Property, Nashville Public Library, Metropolitan Nashville Parks and Recreation, and other local and state agencies.

MNPS will partner with these agencies to identify the geographic area needed to serve students, the available sites in the geographic area, and the strengths and weaknesses of available sites.

MNPS will work with these agencies and other expert stakeholders to compare sites based on factors including but not limited to:

- proximity to students and other schools;

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- projected student growth;
- suitability of the site for educational programs;
- suitability of the site for building standards;
- available acreage;
- transportation efficiencies;
- impact on public infrastructure;
- impact on traffic patterns and connectivity between populations;
- impact on the MNPS budget and the overall Metropolitan Nashville budget;
- impact on the environment;
- impact on surrounding neighborhoods; and
- accessibility of sidewalks and bicycle paths.

In consultation with representatives from these agencies in both committees and individually, MNPS staff will identify the total costs of select available properties. These total costs will include the budget impact on MNPS and the overall Metropolitan Nashville budget. Additionally, MNPS staff will consult with the experts to outline the strengths and weaknesses of each site based on the metrics identified above, as well as, any additional factors specific to the site.

MNPS will make a recommendation for the school site to the Metropolitan Nashville Board of Public Education while working with the Metropolitan Nashville Public Property Division to secure an option to purchase the property. The school site must also go through the appropriate approvals including the Metropolitan Nashville Council.