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## **14 Davidson County Schools included among Tennessee's Most Effective**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Aug. 6, 2008) – Several MNPS elementary and middle schools have been named by Education Consumers Foundation as some of Tennessee's most effective schools. The schools include: Amqui Elementary, Paragon Mills Elementary, Lockeland Elementary, Kirkpatrick Elementary, Craighead-Smithson Academy, Stanford Montessori, McGavock Elementary, Charlotte Park Elementary, Meigs Middle, West End Middle, Dupont Tyler Middle, Head Middle, Dalewood Middle and McMurray Middle.

The schools were selected according to Tennessee's Value-Added Assessment System or TVAAS. Value-added assessment takes into account previous school years and test scores, particularly how far and how much students have progressed over a period of time. It is designed to measure the amount of progress students are making that is directly attributable to their schooling.

Education Consumers Foundation finds that highly effective schools all have common practices to stand out in TVAAS assessment. For instance, each school uses progress tests to assess students and offers practice-intensive learning to enable students to score the higher-than-minimum mastery required. Frequent reports on individual students are sent to teachers and principals so adjustments can be made for students who struggle. Teachers are also assessed and the school may even use budgetary support to improve teaching skills. Top-performing schools, such as these 14 within the Metropolitan Nashville Public School system, inform parents regularly about their child's performance, evaluate parental satisfaction, and reward positive social and academic behavior. For more information about Tennessee's most effective school rankings or names, visit [www.mosteffectiveschools.org](http://www.mosteffectiveschools.org).

Metro Nashville Public Schools provide a range of educational opportunities to more than 75,000 students in Nashville and Davidson County. The governing body for MNPS is the Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County Board of Public Education, a nine-member group elected by residents of Metropolitan Nashville. For more information, please visit [www.mnps.org](http://www.mnps.org).

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