

# 10 REASONS TO CHOOSE FCPS



## 5 Facts About FCPS

- F:** STEM classes are offered in all elementary schools.
- F:** STAR Academy accelerated classrooms have been equipped with advanced technology and classroom decor to support modern day learning opportunities.
- F:** The BASE Camp program serves students before and after school on a daily basis in addition to holidays or special closings (i.e. Thanksgiving, Christmas, Snow Days, etc).
- F:** FCPS invested \$400,000 in technology for all students.
- F:** Our high school offers multiple dual enrollment classes in partnership with UT Martin, Southwest TN Community College, and TCAT.

## 5 Opinions About FCPS

- O:** A one-to-one initiative would be great for FCPS - all students receive an iPad rather than books.
- O:** We will raise more than \$250,000 for the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life event.
- O:** We have the best STEM classes in southwest Tennessee.
- O:** The new communication efforts provided by the FCPS have been immensely helpful.
- O:** A new high school to be built on the west side of the county would be ideal.

### EQUATION:

**5 Facts + 5 Opinions = 10 REASONS TO CHOOSE  
FAYETTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

### **Oneness. Coherence. Harmony.**

Unity is defined as the quality or state of being made one. When we think about our great country, one thing that comes to mind is unity. After all, we are a part of the United States of America. This describes perfectly what Unity Day at Fayette County Public Schools represents. As aforementioned in the earlier portion of this publication, our county is comprised of many small communities. Unity is one of the district's five core values and is essential in bringing cohesiveness to schools and their surrounding communities.

Each Wednesday, all students wear the district's approved Unity Day polo which sports the district's shield. The UDay shirt comes in several colors, so students can still craft their own unique look. The idea of Unity Day bring solidarity across the district, showing the community that although we are individuals, we stand together as one. For there is strength in unity, and together we can accomplish more.

**ACADEMICS** - FCSP is excited about its new innovative STAR Academy classes that are on every grade level from K8. This class is an accelerated program that offers our higher achievers more opportunities to engage in more challenging learning opportunities. Also, our STEM classes are now being offered at all elementary schools.



**ARTS** - FCPS is proud to extend learning opportunities for our families. With art classes in all schools, band programs at middle and high school, and drama clubs being organized at many schools, we believe these opportunities will allow us to educate the whole child.

**ATHLETICS** - FCPS is proud to offer many athletic programs. Currently, we have elementary basketball and cheer; middle school football, soccer, basketball, and cheer. At the high school level, we offer a variety of opportunities for students (see Menu of Services) and are expanding many of our programs into our middle schools with hopes to adding new programs such as golf, tennis, and bowling.



# WHAT WE OFFER

## ART *(PreK - 12)*

Art education is a core discipline, essential to the growth and development of all students. The sequential art curriculum for grades K12 is organized in three strands:

- **PROCESS:** idea development, planning, material processes, and reflection
- **PRODUCT:** media, techniques, subject matter, content, craftsmanship, and presentation
- **UNDERSTANDING:** art history, cultural context, criticism, aesthetics, and art vocabulary

## STAR **ACADEMY ACCELERATED CLASS**

The academy is designed to accelerate advanced learning in grades K8. STAR is built on four fundamental principles: science, technology, arts, and research. Students will be academically grouped in a class and classroom environments will be conducive to high levels of learning. This is a pilot year and we will continue to learn and grow the academy, so that we might provide more classes per grade level. This is a full-time classroom and not a pullout program.

## STEM *(K - 5)*

STEM is a curriculum based on the idea of educating students in four specific disciplines – science, technology, engineering and mathematics – in an interdisciplinary and applied approach. STEAM is Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math poised to transform our economy in the 21st century.

## CTE *(ENGINEERING) coming soon*

CTE Engineering is a program of study designed for students interested in the various disciplines of engineering and engineering technology that provides students with the opportunity to develop critical thinking skills and understanding of engineering concepts.

## UT MARTIN DUAL ENROLLMENT

English and Math Dual Enrollment Program provides students the opportunity to obtain a “jump start” on a college career. Students can accumulate college credit in English and Math while also earning the high school credit necessary for graduation.

## TCAT DUAL ENROLLMENT

TCAT Dual Enrollment – Welding is a comprehensive program that combines academic and technical classroom instruction with mentored on the job learning for high school students. The program will provide students with the opportunity to effectively make the connection between school and the workplace and to receive skill technical certification which is recognized by educators and leaders of business and industry.

## ALGEBRA I *(MIDDLE SCHOOL CREDIT) coming soon*

Algebra I is a graduation requirement. Algebra I in the middle school is the same course as Algebra I in the high school, using the same text, exam, and curriculum aligned to the high school course/credit requirements.

## CPT **CERTIFIED PRODUCTION TECHNICIAN**

CPT will provide industrial readiness training to secondary studies through TCAT Whiteville. The curriculum is designed to recognize through certification those students who demonstrate mastery of the core competencies of manufacturing production at the frontline.

## CRC **CAREER READINESS CERTIFICATION**

CRC is a credential that documents your current level of job skills, which is Industrial Readiness Training (IRT) through Southwest Tennessee Community. Students will receive certification in safety, mechanical, NRC, and ultimately IRT.

*Beyond the classroom*

## PROGRAMS

**Studies Weekly** are K6 educational materials designed to enable teachers to focus all students. Studies Weekly helps foster intelligent, independent, and compassionate problem solvers through critical thinking, crossmedia engagement, assessments and teaching tools.

**Science Weekly** is a “transdisciplinary” curriculum supplement that combines not only Science and Math literacy, but also reinforces the development of today’s students with foundational concepts and core strengths in other subject areas as well as 21st century learning skills like problem solving and critical thinking.

**Accelerated Reader (K12)** is a computerized program that tests reading comprehension and tracks students’ progress over the course of the school year.

**REACH Academy** is designed to support the needs of students while providing opportunities for those who want to accelerate their route toward high school completion.

**Worldly Wise** provides direct academic vocabulary instruction that develops the critical link between vocabulary and reading comprehension.

**Thinking Maps** are eight visual-verbal learning tools, each based on a fundamental thinking process and used together as a set of tools for showing relationships, which promote: student centered and cooperative learning, concept development reflective thinking, creativity, clarity of communication, and continuous cognitive development using a common set of tools to build a new structure.

**STAR 360** is a comprehensive K12 assessment solution, allowing educators to screen and group students for targeted instruction, measure student growth, predict performance on summative exams, and monitor achievement on state standards for college and career readiness.

**EXCEL (Exceptional, Children, Exploring, Learning) Gifted/Talented**

The gifted program provides a challenging curriculum unique to students’ abilities. Gifted curriculum emphasizes: enrichment, acceleration, higher level thinking skills, multidisciplinary content, abstract thinking skills, and a higher degree of complexity than regular classroom curriculum.

**The Freshman Academy** is designed to allow students to experience a smooth transition from middle school into high school, to aid them in a successful postsecondary experience, and to begin preparation for postsecondary education.

- Guidance Counselor devoted to only 9th grade
- Honors courses in all core areas
- Advanced Placement Course for World History
- College fairs and visits
- Induction and exit ceremonies

**Advanced Placement** offers rigorous, college level classes that enable academically prepared students to pursue college level studies, with the opportunity to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both while still in high school.

**Honors Courses** offer more academically challenging assignments, course work, and learning opportunities for students.

**Football** (MS/HS)

**Basketball** (ES/MS/HS)

**Soccer** (MS/HS)

**Baseball** (HS)

**Band** (MS/HS)

**Cheerleading** (ES/MS/HS)

**Volleyball** (HS)

**Track and Field** (HS)

**Softball** (HS)

## COMING SOON

**Chess**

**Tennis**

**Academic Decathlon**

**Bowling**

**Golf**

**Volleyball** (MS)

**Baseball** (MS)

**Softball** (MS)

**Soccer** (ES)

**JR ROTC** (HS)