

Snowden School

Optional Open House



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January 14, 2021

5:30pm

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Snowden School Administration



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SNOWDEN'S FOUR PILLARS OF EXCELLENCE



OPTIONAL FOCUS ON ACADEMICS

GRADES 1-5

Enriched Academics:

Reading

CLUE

Math

Language Arts

Science

Social Studies

GRADES 6-8

College Prep

Language Arts/CLUE

Math

Science

Social Studies

6th Grade - Reading

High School Credit Courses: Algebra

1, Physical Science

Spanish 1

Career Exploration



ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

STEM – partnership with St. Jude

U of M E-Day- placed in multiple events

Wordsmith –University of Memphis History Day Documentary – 1st place

Duke University TIP Students are State Recognized

Science Fair: 8th grader scored 1st place in Snowden Science Fair and 3rd place in the SCS Science Fair, a 7th grader scored 1st place in the Snowden Science Fair and 1st in the SCS Science Fair.

Scholastic Art and Writing Award Winners – Gold Key Award

Facing History and Ourselves Neighborhood Network

History Day Competition – 1st Place

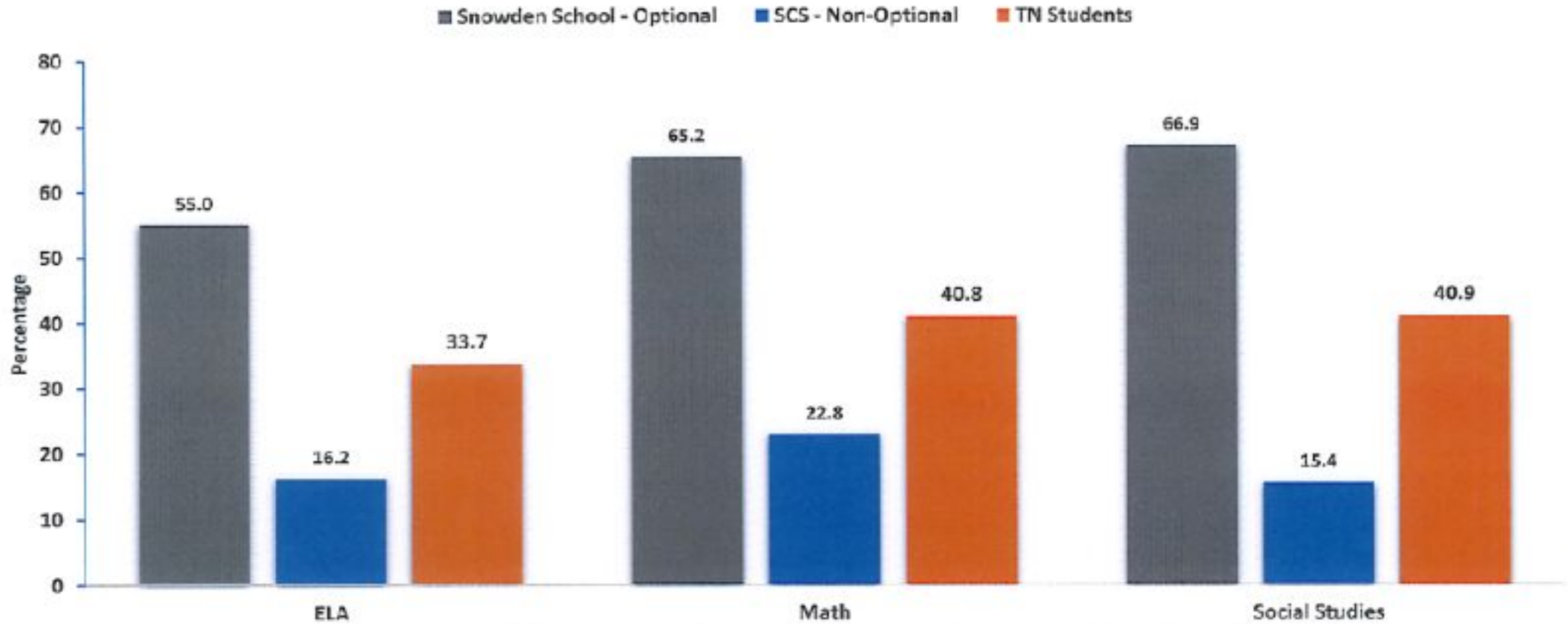
Geography Bee State Level Competitors

TASC Award Winners (TN Student Council Award)

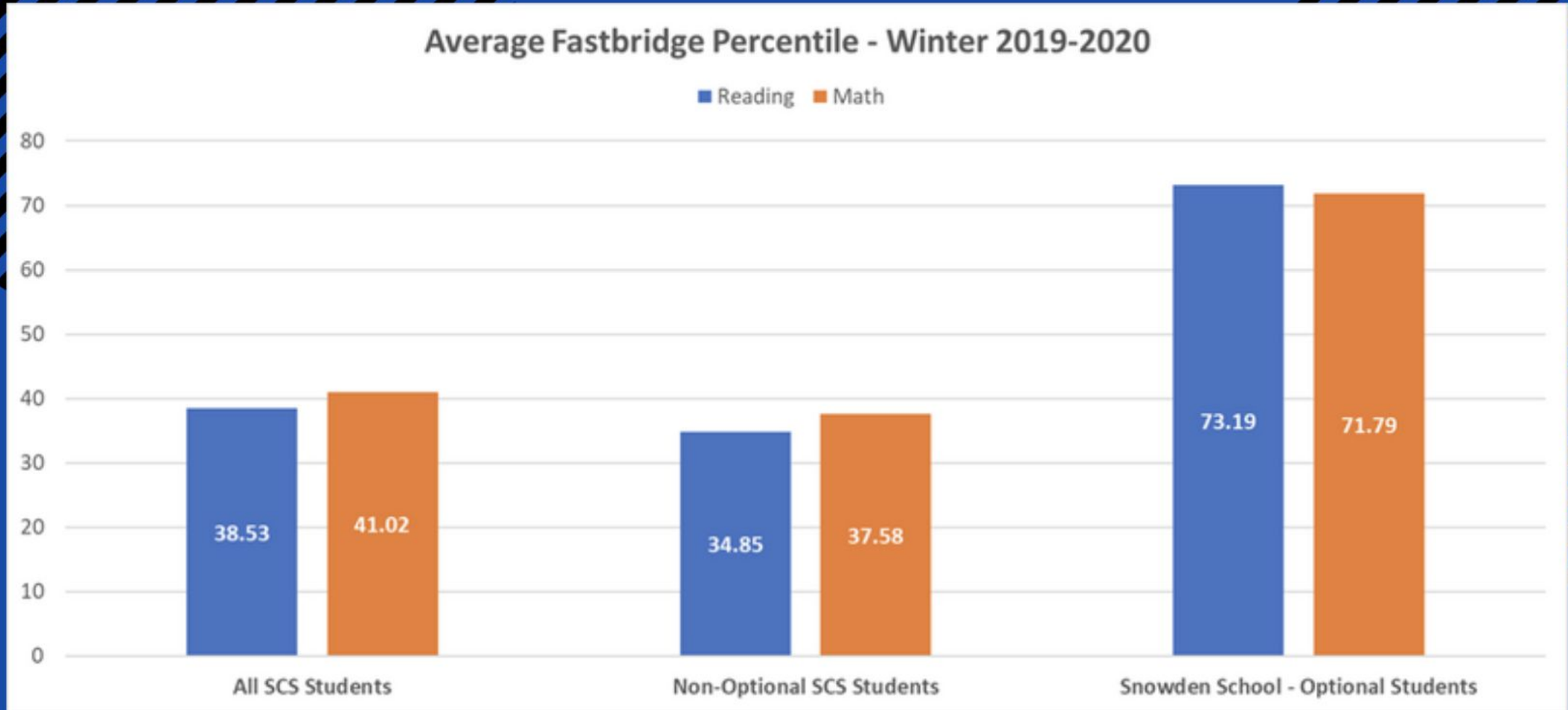


ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Comparison of the Percentage of Students Scoring On Track/Mastered by Subtest on the Spring 2019 TNReady Achievement Test for Three Groups of Students



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT



EXTRACURRICULARS

Elementary School

Elementary Lighthouse

Leadership Team

National Elementary Honor Society

Poetry Club

Pep Club

Art Club

Chess Club

Spanish Instruction

Playhouse on the Square Theatre

Classes

Elementary Cheer

Elementary Basketball (Grades 3-5)

Middle School

Student Council

National Junior Honor Society

Beta Club

Film Club

Drama Club

Chess

Playhouse on the Square Theatre

Classes

Art Club

Game Design Club

Lunch Book Club

Multicultural Club



OPTIONAL SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

SNOWDEN SCHOOL (1-8)

2021-22 ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

- First and second grade applicants must take the Optional Schools admittance tests, scoring at or above the 70th percentile in total and mathematics.
- First grade applicants must have satisfactory skills and behaviors and achieve mastery in all academic and support subjects on the most recent kindergarten report card.
- Third – eighth grade applicants must score at or above the 70th percentile on the FastBridge aReading and aMath assessments; score at or above the 70th percentile on the TCAP TNReady English Language Arts and the TCAP TNReady Mathematics assessments; score at or above the 70th percentile on the NWEA MAP Growth Reading and NWEA MAP Growth Mathematics assessments; score at or above the 70th percentile on the Total Reading/Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/Mathematics Composite of an acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests must be dated Spring 2019 or later.
- Second - eighth grade applicants must have all A's and B's with no more than one C as a semester average, satisfactory grades in conduct and satisfactory progress in the non-academic subject areas on the most recent comprehensive report card.
- All applicants must have satisfactory attendance, including promptness to school and to each class, with no more than 15 absences, tardies and/or early dismissals.
- To remain in the Optional Program, a student must maintain an average of C or S in each subject, each semester. All students must maintain the entrance requirements for standards in academic and support subjects, conduct, skills and behaviors and attendance.
- Final approval is contingent upon review of student's second-semester/final report card issued by June 16, 2021.



Learn More: (901) 416-0257 | schools.scsk12.org/snowden-k8



APPLICATION PROCESS



The new to Snowden application process is completely online!

Apply through the Optional Application portal on the SCS website (scsk12.org)

Portal opens at 10:00am on Tuesday, January 26th

Requires a valid email address

An email confirmation will be sent

Please be sure to choose a 1st and 2nd choice.



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Shelby County Schools Division of Optional Schools & Advanced Academics 2021-22 Frequently Asked Questions

What are Optional Schools?

One of the most exciting choices in Shelby County Schools (SCS) is the Optional Program. Parents/legal guardians may choose from 46 theme-based programs tailored to their children's special talents and abilities. Optional schools offer programs at the elementary, middle and senior high levels throughout the county. These programs enrich, supplement and broaden the standard school curriculum.

Some Optional programs offer more challenging or additional courses of study. Some use different methods in unique learning environments. Others focus on developing students' talents in particular areas. What all Optional schools have in common is they foster an environment of high expectations where children will learn beside classmates who are similarly driven to succeed.

Who can transfer into an Optional program?

Qualified students can transfer into an Optional Program when the applicants meet all of the entrance requirements of the school's Optional Program and space is available.

How do I apply online?

The Optional Schools Application Process is completely online for new students. Parents/legal guardians can easily complete and submit an online application from any personal computer, tablet or smartphone (with internet access) that supports online forms.

The online application portal will be accessible on the SCS website, www.scsk12.org, beginning at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2021. A valid email address is required in order to submit the application online. Current SCS students are encouraged to use their PowerSchool student number (also same as lunch number). For non-SCS students, a social security number is requested. You will receive an email confirmation with the date and time of your application submission.

How do I participate in the process if I do not have a computer with Internet access?

Parents/guardians without a personal computer or smart phone with internet access may consider visiting a Memphis Public Library location during regular business hours to access the online application.

- All Memphis public libraries locations will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

When is the first day to apply for an Optional transfer?

Online applications may be submitted on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, beginning at 10 a.m.

What documents are needed in order to apply for an Optional transfer?

If the applicant is a current SCS student, SCS already has the required documents on file. Once a current SCS student's online application is submitted, no further action is needed to finalize the application. Parents/legal guardians of **non-SCS students** must submit the following documents within 10 business days **AFTER** submitting the online application:

1. Nationally normed achievement test scores

- Test results in the FastBridge aReading and aMath assessments; the TCAP TNReady English Language Arts and the TCAP TNReady Mathematics assessments; the NWEA MAP Growth Reading and NWEA MAP Growth Mathematics assessments; Total Reading/Reading Composite and Total Mathematics/Mathematics Composite of another acceptable nationally normed achievement test. Acceptable tests must be dated Spring 2019 or later.



REQUIRED ITEMS FOR OPTIONAL PROGRAM:

Completed On-Line Application

No further action needed for current SCS students.

Non-SCS students:

Copy of a current Comprehensive Report card with grades, skills and behaviors, conduct, and attendance
Copy of nationally normed achievement scores dated spring 2019 or later.

Submit documents to the Optional Office within 10 days of application submission.

Attach confirmation page to documents.

Initial applications are typically processed within 10-12 weeks.
You can check the status of your application with the SCS Optional Office or Joy Gilliam, Optional Coordinator.



Thank you for coming!
Questions?
Type them in the Q&A!





Thank you for coming!
We are Snowden Strong,
and we are STRONGER with YOU!

More questions? Please contact:

Snowden Optional Coordinator: Joy Gilliam, Assistant Principal, gilliamjm@scsk12.org

Snowden Principal: Shadonica Scruggs, scruggsss@scsk12.org

Optional Office: Linda Sklar, Director (901) 416-5338

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