MISSION: The Soulsville Charter School (TSCS) will prepare students for success in college and life in an academically rigorous, music-rich environment.

OUR SCHOOL: The Soulsville Charter School (TSCS) is a public, tuition-free charter school. Founded in 2005 with 60 6th graders, TSCS has grown to a full 6th to 12th grade middle and high school serving 667 students in the 2019-2020 school year. The class of 2012 was our first graduating class. Our school works in an exciting partnership with the Stax Museum of American Soul Music and the Stax Music Academy in the inner-city Memphis neighborhood of Soulsville, USA.

In order to achieve the highest level of academic rigor for our students, we have an extended school year and school day, with students in school from 7:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m., with 3:00-3:45 p.m. used for tutoring and clubs.

ACCREDITATION: The Soulsville Charter School is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is authorized by Shelby County Schools through the Tennessee Department of Education.

CORE VALUES: Our core values are Community, Respect, Integrity, Scholarship and Empathy. We believe that “As a Community, we RISE” (Respect, Integrity, Scholarship and Empathy).

Nickname: The Revolution—We are a REVOLUTION—a force rising up against ordinary expectations and the status quo of public education.
SUMMER GROWTH EXPERIENCES (SGEs): Every rising 10th, 11th, and 12th grader is required to complete an SGE. In order to achieve our mission of success in college and life, our students must experience settings outside of our school. The ability to adapt to other settings, expectations and structures is a valuable soft skill that we want each student to have before graduating.

SGEs have included: Alzar School (Cascade, IL), Camp Hope (Memphis, TN), Carleton Liberal Arts Experience (Northfield, MN), Coca-Cola Leadership Symposium at Morehouse College (Atlanta, GA), Diversity Memphis Freeland (Memphis, TN), Georgetown University Summer College Immersion Program (Washington, DC), Harding University Honors Symposium (Searcy, AR), LEDA (Princeton, NJ), Math and Science for Minority Students (MS) at Phillips Academy (Andover, MA), Memphis Bar Association Summer Law Intern Program (Memphis, TN), MPloy (Memphis, TN), National Summer Transportation Institute (Nashville, TN), Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute PREFACE Program (Troy, NY), Rhodes College Writing Institute (Memphis, TN), St. Alban’s School of Public Service (Washington, DC), Sewanee Young Writers’ Conference (Sewanee, TN), Tennessee Governor’s School for International Studies (Memphis, TN), Tennessee Governor’s School for Scientific Exploration of Tennessee Heritage (Johnson City, TN), Tennessee Governor’s School for the Arts-Filmmaking (Murfreesboro, TN), University of Tennessee-Knoxville High School Introduction to Engineering Systems (Knoxville, TN), University of Alabama Student Introduction to Engineering (Tuscaloosa, AL), University of Memphis STEM Academy (Memphis, TN).

SOULSVILLE MUSIC EDUCATION: All students participate in either the String Orchestra, Jazz Band, Choir or a general music education curriculum focusing on theory and history. Many students choose to participate in all three avenues of Soulsville’s music education offerings. Our music offerings are based on proof that musical education greatly enhances general education. TSCS’ partnership with the Memphis Symphony Orchestra has afforded students special opportunities, including receiving small group instruction, playing alongside the professionals on stage, performing for former First Lady Barbara Bush and attending rehearsals and concerts with world-renowned musicians, most recently, Yo-Yo Ma.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Soulsville Charter School follows the State of Tennessee Graduation Requirements.

All students are on the University Path Curriculum.

English—4 credits • Math—4 credits • Science—3 credits • Social Studies—3 credits • World Language—2 credits • Physical Education and Wellness—1.5 credits • Personal Finance—.5 credit • Fine Arts—1 credit • Electives—3 credits

COURSE OFFERINGS

ENGLISH

College Prep English 9, 10, 11, 12
English I
Honors English I
English II
Honors English II
Pre-AP English II
English III
Honors English III
AP English (Lang. and Comp.)
English IV
AP English (Lit. and Comp.)
Honors Math II
Math III
Honors Math III
Precalculus
Honors Precalculus
Introduction to College Math
Statistics
AP Statistics
Honors Calculus

SOCIAL STUDIES

World Geography
Government*
Economics*
US History
AP US History
Facing History and Ourselves*
Contemporary Issues*

MATHEMATICS

Math Ia
Math I
Honors Math I
Math II

WORLD LANGUAGES

Spanish I
Spanish II
Spanish III
Honors Spanish III
Spanish IV
Honors Spanish IV
Honors Latin I
Honors Latin II
AP Latin - Virgil
AP Latin - Caesar

SCIENCE

Biology
Honors Biology
Chemistry
Honors Chemistry

PHYSICS

Honors Physics
Environmental Science

FINE ARTS

Strings I
Strings II
Strings III
Jazz I
Jazz II
Jazz III
Choir
Music Appreciation

OTHER COURSES

Personal Computing*
Lifetime Wellness
Physical Education*
Personal Finance*
Fitness & Conditioning*
Graphic Design
Drama
Women’s Literature*
Dual Enrollment
Introduction to Business
Dual Enrollment African American History

* .5 credit course
FOR THE CLASS OF 2020, THEIR TRANSCRIPTS REPRESENT THE GPA SCALE BELOW FOR THEIR FRESHMAN YEAR

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CLASS RANK

We do not rank our students.

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American InterContinental University Buckhead
American University
Arkansas State University
Austin College
Austin Peay State University*
Barnard College*
Bates College*
Baylor University
Belmont University
Berklee College of Music*
Berry University
Bethel University (TN)*
Bethune-Cookman University
Birmingham-Southern College*
Brown University*
Carleton College*
Centre College
Christian Brothers University*
Clark Atlanta University*
Coahoma Community College*
Colby College
Columbia College Chicago
Connecticut College*
Culinary Institute of America
Cumberland University
Davidson College*
DePaul University
Dillard University*
Drexel University
Duke University
Earlham College
East Tennessee State University*
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emory University*
Fisk University*
Freed-Hardeman University
George Mason University
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Hendrix College
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Johnson & Wales University*
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Lane College*
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Louisiana State University
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Marion Military Institute*
Maryville University
McDaniel College
Memphis College of Art*
Mercer University
Mid-South Community College
Middle Tennessee State University*
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Millsaps College
Mississippi State University*
Mississippi University for Women*
Mississippi Valley State University*
Morehouse College*
Morgan State University
Murray State University*
North Carolina A&T State University
North Park University
Northeastern University
Northwest Mississippi Community College*
Oberlin College
Oglethorpe University*
Ohio University
Oxford College of Emory University*
Paine College
Pellissippi State Community College*
Philander Smith College
Radford University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*
Rhodes College*
Rice University
Rockhurst University
Rust College*
Saint Louis University*
Samford University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design-Atlanta
Sewanee: The University of the South*
Smith College
Southern Methodist University
Southern University at New Orleans
Southwest Tennessee Community College*
Spelman College*
Spring Hill College
Stillman College
Syracuse University
Tennessee State University*
Tennessee College of Applied Technology*
Texas Southern University*
The New School
The University of Alabama
The University of Memphis*
The University of Tampa
Tougaloo College
Tuskegee Nazarene University
Trinity University
Tufts University*
Tuskegee University*
Union University*
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Evansville
University of Kentucky
University of Miami
University of Mississippi
University of North Texas
University of Notre Dame*
University of Pennsylvania*
University of Rochester
University of Tennessee, Chattanooga*
University of Tennessee, Knoxville*
University of Tennessee, Martin*
University of Virginia
Vanderbilt University*
Volunteer State Community College*
Wabash College
Wake Forest University*
Webster University
Wellesley College*
Wesleyan University*
Wiley College*
William R. Moore College of Technology
Wofford College*
Xavier University*
Xavier University of Louisiana*

*Matriculated

Class of 2018 Post-HS Placement
• 100% accepted to 4-year colleges.
• 54% matriculated to 4-year colleges.
• 16% matriculated to 2-year colleges.
• 10% joined the military.
• 20% are attending career college.