

Motivating,
Valuing, and
Empowering
Students for Success



Mt. Vernon Exploratory School

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Enrollment Information

Enrollment information and dates can be found on our school and district websites. Families whose children will thrive in a project-based learning environment with 21st Century technology skills (communication, collaboration, critical thinking) are encouraged to apply through our Magnet School application. Any Hall County School District student in grades kindergarten-fifth grade may apply. The district website also has information regarding the non-resident/tuition application procedure.

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A Project Based Learning School



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Enrichment Opportunities

- ♦ Chorus ♦ Drama
- ♦ Explore Time ♦ Fairy Garden Club
- ♦ Families ♦ Lego League
- ♦ Math Mania ♦ Running Club
- ♦ Spelling Bee ♦ Tech Fair
- ♦ Tennis Club ♦ Tome Society



Leadership Opportunities

- Flag Team
- Morning Announcements Crew
- Newsletter Team
- Peer Tutors
- Safety Team
- Student School Greeters
- Tech Team



Parents and Community

MVES has an active Magnet School Council and PTO. Parents are encouraged to volunteer and participate in school events. Our school is also supported by the North Hall Community Education Foundation. Throughout the school year, we have different opportunities for family and community involvement. Information about school events can be found in our school newsletter, website and Twitter account.

What is Project Based Learning?

Project Based Learning (PBL) is a teaching method in which students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to an authentic, engaging and complex question, problem, or challenge.

Essential Elements of PBL

Significant Content—Projects focus on teaching important knowledge and skills derived from standards and key concepts of academic subject areas.

21st Century Skills—Students build skills valuable for today’s world, such as critical thinking/problem solving, collaboration, and communication, which are taught and assessed.

In-Depth Inquiry—Students are engaged in a rigorous, extended process of asking questions, using resources, and developing answers.

Driving Question—Projects are focused by an open-ended question that students explore or that captures the task they are completing.

Need to Know—Students see the need to gain knowledge, understand concepts, and apply skills to answer a driving question, beginning with an event that generates interest.

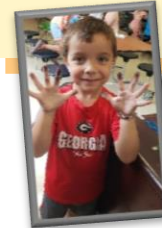
Voice and Choice— Students are allowed choices about products to be created, how they work, and how they use their time, guided by the teacher.

Revision and Reflection—Projects include processes for students to use feedback to consider additions and changes that lead to high-quality products.

Public Audience—Students present their work to other people, beyond their classmates and teacher.

CONNECTIONS CLASSES

Art ♦ Music
Physical Education
STEM



School Highlights

Mount Vernon Exploratory School provides students with a **project-based learning** environment where they develop 21st Century skills with technology integration. Curriculum standards are taught using a hands-on project approach that engages students and promotes deep understanding. Students thrive during **Explore Time** where they have opportunities to grow in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) enrichment areas. The school focuses on developing students’ character, collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking. Relationships are emphasized throughout the school community and during K-5 “**Families.**” MVES Jr. Trojans are respectful, responsible, learners.

