

ACTION REPORT

2025 POSITIVE SCHOOLS CONFERENCE

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The 2025 Positive Schools Conference, a cornerstone event for Metro Nashville Public Schools educators and professionals, took place on July 17, 2025, at James Lawson High School. This year's conference drew in more than 330 attendees, presenters, exhibitors, volunteers, and MNPS leadership.

The event kicked off with an inspiring keynote address from motivational speaker Jonathan Grant Brown. Throughout the day, attendees participated in a variety of workshops and breakout sessions, all aimed at building and enhancing a positive school culture in each school building across the district. The diverse range of topics ensured that there was something valuable for everyone, from teachers and administrators to counselors and support staff. The day ended with a panel featuring the 2025 Positive Schools Award winners.



Jonathan Grant Brown delivers his keynote address to the crowd



Panelists representing the 2025 Positive Schools Award winners participating in the closing plenary panel

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KEY FINDINGS

- More than 330 MNPS staff & contractors, presenters, exhibitors, volunteers, and MNPS leadership were in attendance.
- Providing this level of professional development for that many educators through a traditional conference model could cost the district upwards of \$500,000 in registration, travel, and logistics. But by aligning our local resources and lifting up our own expertise, we've created a high-impact, accessible experience that's customized for our schools and students.

A highlight of the conference was the presentation of the 2025 Positive School Awards

These awards recognized outstanding contributions to positive schools within the MNPS community. The award winners, celebrated for their dedication and innovative practices, include:

- Community Partner winner = Metro Nashville Police Department
- Department winner = Advanced Academics Department
- High School winner = Cane Ridge High School
- Middle School winner = Isaac Litton Middle School
- Elementary School winner = Old Center Elementary School
- Non-Traditional School winner = The Academy at Hickory Hollow
- Navigator Award High School winner = James Lawson High School
- Navigator Award Middle School winner = H.G. Hill Middle School
- Navigator Award Elementary School winner = Dan Mills Elementary School
- Overall Navigator School winner = McMurray Middle School



Conference attendees visit exhibitor tables



A presenter addresses session participants



2025 Positive Schools Conference Award winners

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Inta Sanford (MNPS)
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