

Welcome to Thomas Metcalf School Open House 2024

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college *of* Education
Gladly We Learn and Teach

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Mission of the Laboratory Schools

Provide a school in which excellence in education theory and practice can be observed, studied, and practiced by teacher candidates and other pre-service school professionals.

Provide an environment in which research and development activities may be conducted.

Provide a comprehensive, high-quality academic program for Metcalf and University High School students.

Promote effective, high-quality education throughout the teaching profession and aid other educators in the process of improving the quality of education in their schools.



Clinical Hours and COE Student Involvement at Thomas Metcalf

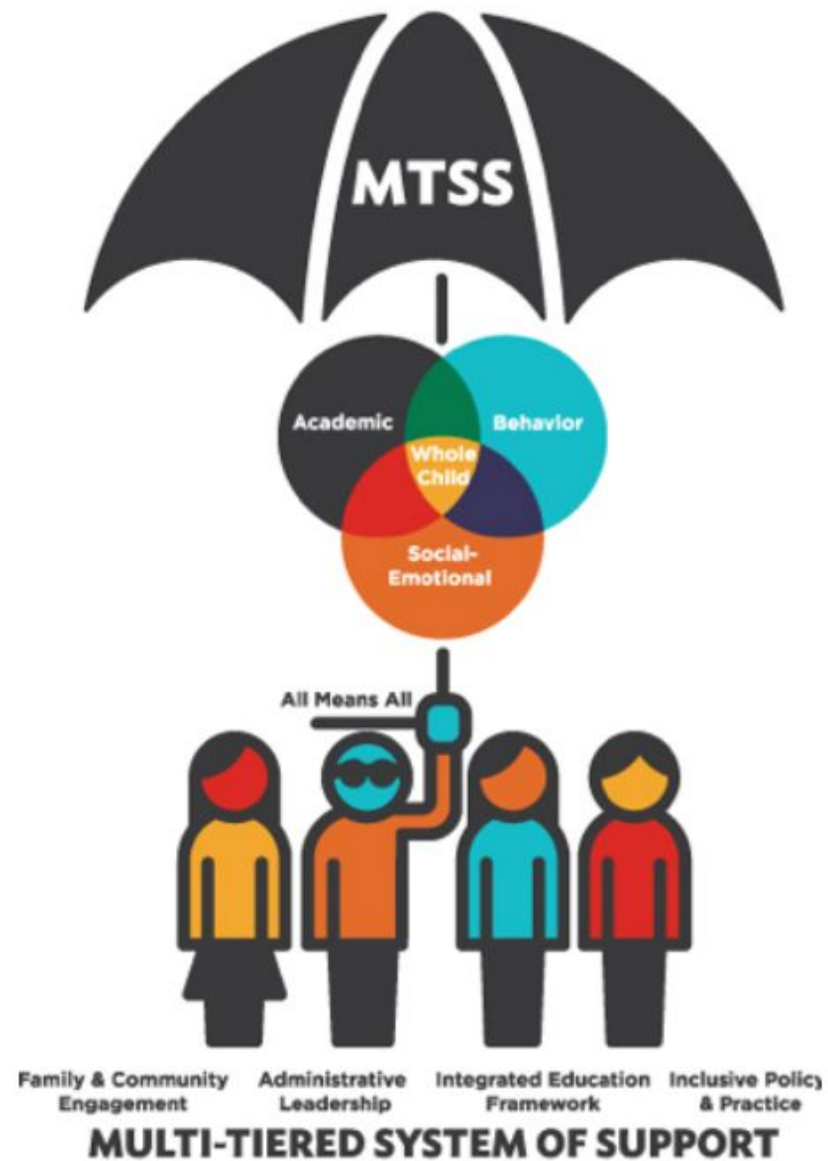
Participation of college students include:

- Observations
- Volunteering
- Small Group Instruction
- Practicums and Internships
- Team Teaching
- America Counts and America Reads tutoring
- Student Teaching



ISU Faculty Teaming with Metcalf Teachers - Ongoing research

MTSS in Action



MTSS is a whole school, data driven, prevention-based framework for improving student learning outcomes for all students through a layered continuum of evidence-based practices and systems. It is an organizing framework that uses specific data sources to inform decisions coordinating diverse academic, behavioral, and social resources to meet the needs of every student.

Unique Learning Spaces at Metcalf School

Outdoor Classroom and Fitness Trail
Zimmerman Library

- Collection of 22,000 titles

K-6 Makerspace (Brick Makerspace)

7-8 Imaginarium

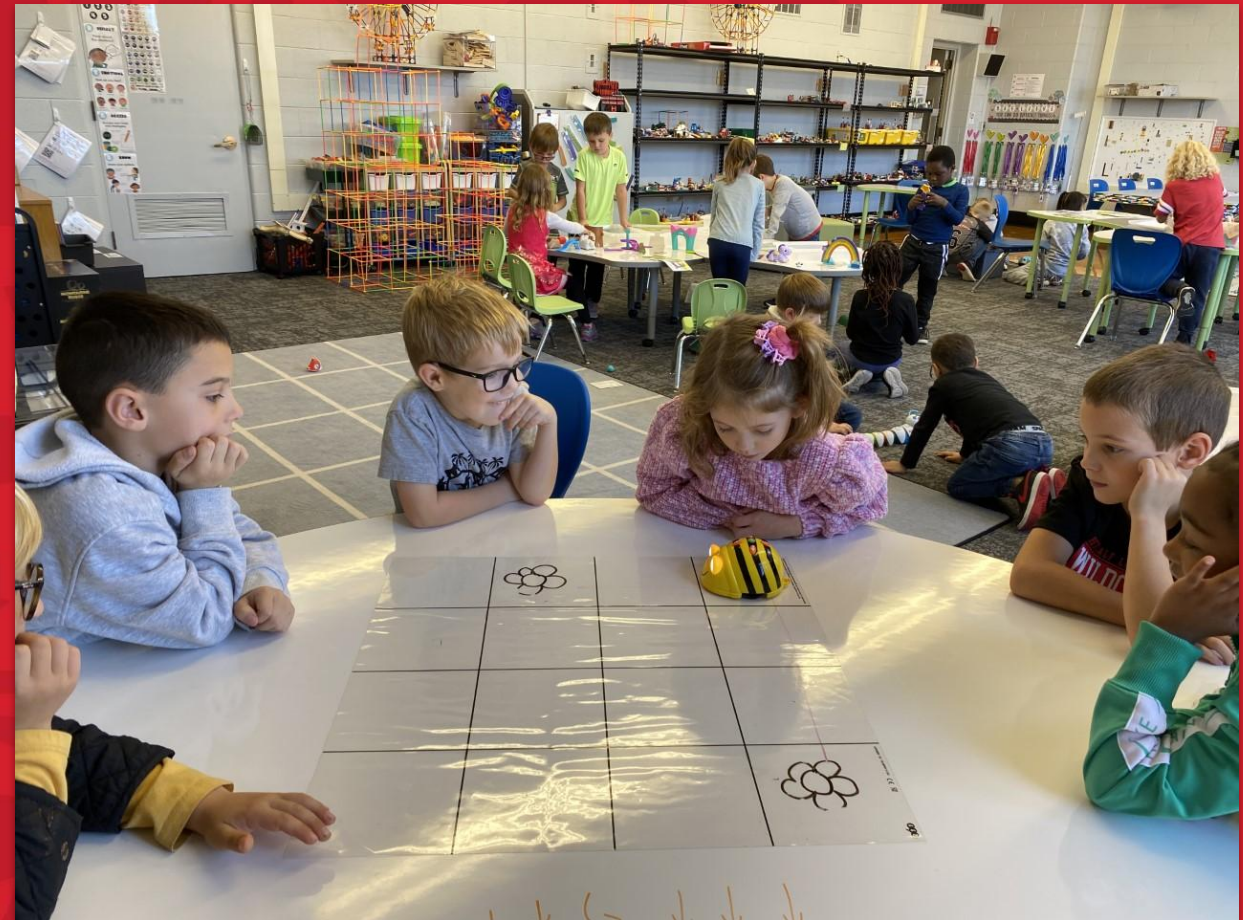
Art Studios A & B

Music, Band and Orchestra Rooms

Hayden Auditorium

Small and Large Gym Spaces

Foreign Language



Technology at Metcalf

Utilize Google tools (Mail, Drive, Classroom, Calendar, Sites, Groups, Apps, GoGuardian, etc.)

All 1st-8th grade: Chromebooks

K-2 classrooms: iPads

Digital Classrooms (SMART, Doc Cameras...)

Mixed Reality

AR/VR - zSpace, Copaces

Onsite Tech Support

*Technology Fees: \$50 (K-2) \$75 (3rd-8th)**

**Amount represents 2023-2024 school year.*

Actual fee may differ for the 2024-2025 school year



The Fine Arts at Metcalfe

Performance Art Courses:

General Music (Gr. K-4)

Band (Gr. 5-8)

Orchestra (Gr. 5-8)

Chorus (Gr. 6-8)

Rock Band (Gr. 7-8)

Jazz Band (Gr. 7-8)

Chamber Groups (Gr. 7-8)

Theater/Drama (Gr. K-8)

Extracurricular Activities:

Fall Play (Gr. 4-8)

Spring Musical (Gr. 4-8)

OrffCats (Gr. 3-4)

Music Academy (Gr. K-8) - Music lessons provided before/after school for a semester cost. Lessons may include: piano, violin, guitar, etc.



The Fine Arts at Metcalf (cont.)

Visual Art Courses:

General Art (Gr. K-6)

2D Art (Gr. 7-8)

Ceramics (Fr. 7-8)

Digital Arts (Gr. 7-8)

Stage Design (Gr. 7-8)



Activities & Athletics



Activities

Chess

Junior Gamma Phi Circus

Scholastic Bowl

Student Council

Game Club

Esports

STEAM Clinics

Speech Team

Culture Club

LEGO League

Musical



*Participation fees apply per activity/per student

Athletics

Summer/Fall

- Baseball
- Softball
- Cross Country
- Golf



Fall/Winter

- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Competitive Cheer



Spring

- Track and Field

*Participation fees apply per activity/per student

Outdoor Education



- 45-year Tradition
- Outdoor Skills & Appreciation
- Team-Building
- Independence
- Scaffolded Experience
- Cabins (5/6)
- Tent Camping (7/8)



Activities & Athletics

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After School Program K-8

Drop-in Program – No registration required

What is included?

Craft, snack, homework help,
indoor/outdoor play, etc.

Cost

\$12 Typical Daily Rate

\$18 Early Dismissal Rate

Parents billed monthly

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Hours

Regular day: 3:00-5:15

Early Dismissal: 1:00-5:15

***Pre-K and free and reduced families, see Nick Lisowski



Preschool

Thomas Metcalf has 3 sections of preschool

- Morning Session: 8am-11am
- Afternoon Session: 12pm-3pm
- Full Day Session: 8am-3pm **new this year*

Students applying for preschool must be 4 years of age by 9/1/2024.

The preschool program is separate from the K-8th grade program. All families will have to reapply for Kindergarten with the rest of the community.

HILIA

Heart of Illinois Low Incidence Association



Regional program for students with low incidence disabilities;
hearing and vision

- Offers a continuum of programming both in the home school districts and at ISU Laboratory Schools
- Students receiving services at Metcalf and U-High are placed by the home district IEP team decision.

What is the process for selection?

1. The Metcalf Admissions Committee meets and sorts applications by grade level, current school district, etc.
2. Student applications are pulled by a blind draw process – filling open seats.
3. Siblings and lab school employee children receive priority consideration.

We have a current student population of:

- 56 Preschoolers
- 449 K-8th grade students
- 17 HILIA students

Available Spots*

Preschool	38
Kindergarten	4
1st Grade	0
2nd Grade	2
3rd Grade	0
4th Grade	2
5th Grade	2
6th Grade	0
7th Grade	0
8th Grade	0

*Anticipated number of available spots.
Actual enrollment numbers may change with updated data.

School Tour

To provide you and your family with a self-paced tour of Thomas Metcalf School, we have placed several QR codes through the first and second floor of Thomas Metcalf and Fairchild Hall. You can use your cellular device, scan the QR code and see that learning space in action. This will provide you with a look inside the daily lives of our children and faculty. As you travel through the building please pay close attention to the standing banners, showcasing our learner qualities.

We thank you so much for your interest in Thomas Metcalf School. Our administrative team will be outside of the auditorium to answer any questions you may have.

We appreciate you taking the time to learn about the programming offered at Thomas Metcalf.

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