



BHUA is a private Christian School for at-risk inner-city children. BHUA is an interventionist type of school with an emphasis on early intervention through early childhood education. BHUA's focus is on educating the "whole student in a nurturing safe environment where academic, social, and spiritual growth is pursued with fervor. As a member of the National Association of Street Schools, BHUA is a part of a national network of schools that provide personalized education, a moral code and tools for self-sufficiency. BHUA is also a member of the Tennessee Association of Christian Schools and the American Association of Christian Schools. BHUA is accredited by The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and The Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation (CITA).

Mission Statement: *The mission of Brinkley Heights Urban Academy is to intervene in the lives of at risk children and youth by providing a high quality individualized Christian education that promotes academic, physical, social, and emotional and spiritual growth.*

Vision Statement: *The school's vision is to develop strong Christian men and women who will plant themselves and their families in this community and take up the challenge to reclaim the streets of their community. "... They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor. They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations." Isaiah 61:3b-4*

Enrollment: 109 students

Faculty and Administrators: 11 teachers (8 Certified Teachers with Bachelor's of Education Degrees, 1 Certified Teacher with a Masters of Divinity Degree, 1 Certified Teacher with Bachelor's of Christian Studies, 1 Teacher with an Associate's of Art Degree), 4 Interns, 1 Executive Director, 1 Information Technology Director, 1 Part-time Librarian, 3 Administrative Assistants; and 1 Business Administrator

Curriculum and Programs: Pre-K4; Elementary-Kindergarten, first grade through fifth grade; Middle School-sixth grade through eighth grade; and High School- twelfth grade

Activities: Field Trips, Library, After School Recreation, and Spring Summer Bible Day Camps.

Athletics: BHUA Physical Education program and Girls' & Boys' basketball teams and a Girls' volleyball team that participate in the TACS league.

Admissions:

Admission to BHUA is based on location of residence and family need. BHUA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin. To enroll a student, parents/guardians must complete and return their enrollment application and financial aid forms. If space is available for a student, applicants will be notified upon acceptance. If space is not available for a student, applicants will be added to a waiting list. Applicants on the waiting list will be notified as space becomes available. Preference will be given to children living in the Brinkley Heights neighborhood. Each year at BHUA, 80% of the children must qualify as low income, and 20% of the openings are available for non low income children.

Tuition: The annual tuition for all students enrolled in Pre-K 4 through 12th grade is \$7,500. Tuition can be paid monthly. Monthly tuition payments of \$750.00 are due by the 10th of each month (August-May).

Financial Aid: Financial aid is available, and most of our students will qualify for some or all of his/her tuition to be paid.

Services: Health Services- School secretary administers approved medicine to children, calls parents/guardians if child becomes ill while at school, maintains student medicine dispensed log. Special Needs Services- Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, and hearing and vision screening provided through Shelby County Schools. Pastoral & Family Counseling - Pastor Tim Cox and Mr. Jason Cox, LMSW Provide personal counseling on as needed basis to families/children and make referrals to outside services. Emergency Family Services - Food, Clothing, Spiritual and referral counseling are provided by Brinkley Heights Ministries. Tutoring Services - Provided by Shelby County Schools Title 1 and individual volunteers.

List of Accomplishments:

1. Student enrollment has grown from 13 students in Pre-K4 and K5 to 109 students enrolled in Pre-K4 through 12th grade.
2. BHUA has been featured in a front page article of Memphis' primary daily newspaper, *The Commercial Appeal*. The article was titled "Fighting for Children."
3. BHUA has been featured on Memphis' NBC affiliate WMC TV news broadcast segment, "Taking Back Our Neighborhoods."
4. BHUA is a member of the Street Schools Network, a national network of schools that provide personalized education, a moral code and tools for self-sufficiency. BHUA is also a member of the Tennessee Association of Christian Schools and the American Association of Christian Schools.
5. BHUA achieved accreditation from The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and The Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation (CITA) in May 2007. Current accreditation is through Cognia (formerly SACS and AdvancED).