



**B**HUA 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:** 98 students

**Faculty and Administrators:** 9 teachers (6 Certified Teachers with Bachelor Degrees, 2 Certified Teachers with Master Degrees, 1 Long-term Sub Non-certified with Assoc. Degree), 2 teacher assistants, 1 Executive Director, 1 Information Technology Director, 1 Part-time Music Teacher/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- ninth grade - twelfth grade.

**Admissions:** Admission to BHUA is on a first come, first serve basis. BHUA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin. To enroll, parents need to fill out and return an Enrollment Application soon as they know they want their child to attend BHUA. If all available space is full then those who have completed and returned their Enrollment Applications will be added to a waiting list. As spaces open up during the year, eligible children on the waiting list will be allowed to enter the program. Preference is given to children living in the Brinkley Heights neighborhood. Each year, 8-% of the children must qualify as low-income and 20% of the openings are available for non-low-income children.

**Expenses:** Tuition is calculated on a sliding scale based upon annual family income. Based on the sliding scale tuition, the majority of parents pay \$30 per month in tuition. The actual Tuition expense for the 2016-2017 school year is \$6,500 per student.

**Financial Aid:** The difference between the actual tuition expense and the sliding scale tuition is provided through financial assistance scholarships. Parents are also encouraged to participate in the BHUA BUCK\$ program which allows parents to earn points by volunteering in the school. These points (called BHUA BUCK\$) may then be used as a discount on their child's tuition.

**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 Memphis City 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 Brinkley Heights Ministries.

**Activities:** Field Trips, Junior Music Conservatory, After School Recreation, Missionary In Training Program, and Summer Bible Day Camps.

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

#### **List of Accomplishments:**

1. Student enrollment has grown from 13 students enrolled in Pre-K4 and K5 to 98 students enrolled in Pre-K4 - 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.