As Chattanooga’s first magnet school, CSAS follows the principles of The Paideia Proposal written by Mortimer Adler, advocating the same curriculum for all students. The course of study is general, not specialized; liberal, not vocational; humanistic, not technical.

While our students are well-prepared for college and career, we feel strongly that students should also be productive citizens who are able to participate in a democracy. To that end, we value discussion of and engagement with thoughtful texts.

Our student body is diverse - our students come from nearly all zip codes in Chattanooga! This diversity allows students to explore ideas in a way that mirrors our ever-changing world!