



## Elmore Park Middle School Named Apple Distinguished School

**Bartlett, TN – November 2, 2018** – Elmore Park Middle School (EPMS) is pleased to announce that it is being recognized as an Apple Distinguished School for 2018–2021. EPMS was selected because of its approach to how teachers have worked alongside students to discover the power of technology in creating an innovative and compelling learning environment. Teachers, through a collaborative effort, work to engage students and provide tangible evidence of academic success.

Considered centers of innovation, leadership, and educational excellence, Apple Distinguished Schools use Apple products to inspire creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking. They showcase innovative uses of technology in learning, teaching, and the school environment and have documented results of academic accomplishment.

“It has never been about what we had to do. It will always be about what can we do. This recognition reflects the staff’s ongoing positive attitude and deep commitment from day one of this initiative,” said EPMS Principal Ethan Randall.

Over the last three years, teachers at EPMS have worked with students and encouraged student creation in the learning process. This work often includes using Apple applications such as iMovie, Keynote, and Pages. A specific group of students known as the Genius Bar have led the charge through developing troubleshooting and “how to” videos that are housed on the school’s website. EPMS also has a Public Relations Student Intern team that utilizes an iPad device along with an Apple Pencil to tell the school’s story via social media outlets. Collectively, the experiences of the past three years have led to increased student learning as evidenced by Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System (TVAAS) scores, which measure academic growth from year to year. For the 2017-2018 school year, EPMS earned a Level 4 School-Wide Composite score after being a Level 1 prior to the infusion of technology. Both the staff and students look forward to continued success and discovering how technology can improve their everyday lives.

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*Elmore Park Middle School is located in Bartlett, TN and operates as a part of Bartlett City Schools. Each year the school serves approximately 800 students in grades 6-8. Additionally, the school is classified as a Title 1 school with almost 50% of the students receiving Free or Reduced Lunch.*

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