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University Quick Facts

Athletic Communications

Location: Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37132

Founded: September 11, 1911

Enrollment: 25,191

Size: 109 permanent buildings (3.8 million square feet of space) on 466 acres, one mile from the geographic center of Tennessee

Division: NCAA Division I-A (all sports) (8M/9W)

Conference: [Sun Belt](#)

Nickname: [Blue Raiders](#)

Mascot: [Lightning](#)

Colors: Royal Blue (PMS 301) and White

President: [Dr. Sidney McPhee](#)

Faculty Representative: Dr. Terry Whiteside

Athletic Director: Chris Massaro

Brief History

- Founded as one of three state normal schools for teacher training.
- Became State Teachers College in 1925 and Bachelor of Science degree was offered.
- In 1936, Bachelor of Arts was added.
- Became State College in 1943. Graduate school added in 1951.
- Advanced to university status in 1965.
- MTSU is a Tennessee [Board of Regents](#) Institution.

Mission Statement: The Athletic Program promotes excellence in athletics and provides academic and athletic opportunities for every student-athlete, the university, and the community. Building on tradition, the program advances the university's regional and national stature and creates opportunities for innovative partnerships throughout the region. Middle Tennessee State University continually works to maximize human, financial and physical resources to create and heighten the quality of its sports programs.

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