



Professional Technical School. . .

The 21st Century School

- 13th year in operation
- 5 Career Pathways:
 - Computer networking
 - Computer programming
 - Media/Graphic arts
 - Electronics
 - Pre-engineering



- Designed to provide *high-end*, state-of-the-art technical programs that foster quality technical education at the secondary level. Programs and services are directly related to the preparation of high school students for employment in current or emerging occupations. . . these schools are closely linked to postsecondary education, thereby avoiding redundancy and maintaining *rigor*. They are also closely linked to current business and industry standards to ensure relevance and quality (IDAPA 55.01.03)

What is a Charter School?

- Free and public education
- School of Choice
- Students are enrolled through a lottery each year
- MTCHS is a Meridian District planned and authorized charter
- Greater autonomy and flexibility with curriculum
- Have separate Board of Trustees- 1 District, 1-HP, 1-parent, 1-PTE, 1 Former District Board Chair
- Funded directly by state. No bonding capacity.
- May have a particular focus– MTCHS is Technology
- All teachers are certified and “Highly Qualified” in their subject areas
- Special education services available

What Makes Our School Unique?

- Technical Focus
- Integrated Academics
- Entrepreneurialism & Innovation
- Professionalism
- Small class/School size
- Electronic Environment:
 - Server space
 - Online Content Delivery Systems
 - Googledocs/Gmail/Remote Desktop
- High Expectations
- Weekly progress reports & 24/7 access to Student Progress Reports
- “Open Labs” provided before and after school– 6 hours per week



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- Higher grading scale: 74% and above is passing
- Integrated yearly grade level projects
- Over 1000 hours of technology training in technical pathway over four years
- Four years of math
- Technical curriculum strongly tied to industry
- Opportunities for technology certification (A+, Net+, SCJA, CIW, Adobe ACA, ESA, CSWA, Windows Desktop)
- Graduation requirements: 56 credits (state 46)
- 280 hour internship in a business related to pathway

Internship Partners

- Aero Special
- Angler's Expressions
- Aspen Sound
- Bit smart
- BLAM Design
- Blooming sensations
- Boise Art Museum
- BSU College of Engineering
- Cartridge World
- Office of Gov
- Circle Tree Media
- City of Meridian
- Computers for Kids
- Custom Kitchen Creations
- Dedicated Devices
- Discovery Center of Idaho - S ID Science Collaborative
- Engineering, Inc
- Extended Systems
- Fiber Pipe
- Fox News
- Healthwise
- Hewlett-Packard
- Idaho Army Guard
- Idaho Business Education Association
- Idaho Computer Systems
- Idaho Department of Commerce
- Idaho School Boards Association
- Internal Revenue Service
- J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation
- KBCI Channel 2
- KCCO Website
- Meridian Computer Center
- Micron
- MTCHS Internal Internship
- Noble Resource Group
- Northwest Research Group
- Urban Dezigns
- Print Works
- RealVision-flight Deck Systems
- Quick Computers

Quarterly Activity/Community Service Opportunities

- Skiing
- Snowboarding
- Bowling
- Ice skating
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Climbing
- GIS/GPS Orienteering
- Golfing
- Field Sports
- Volunteer opportunities



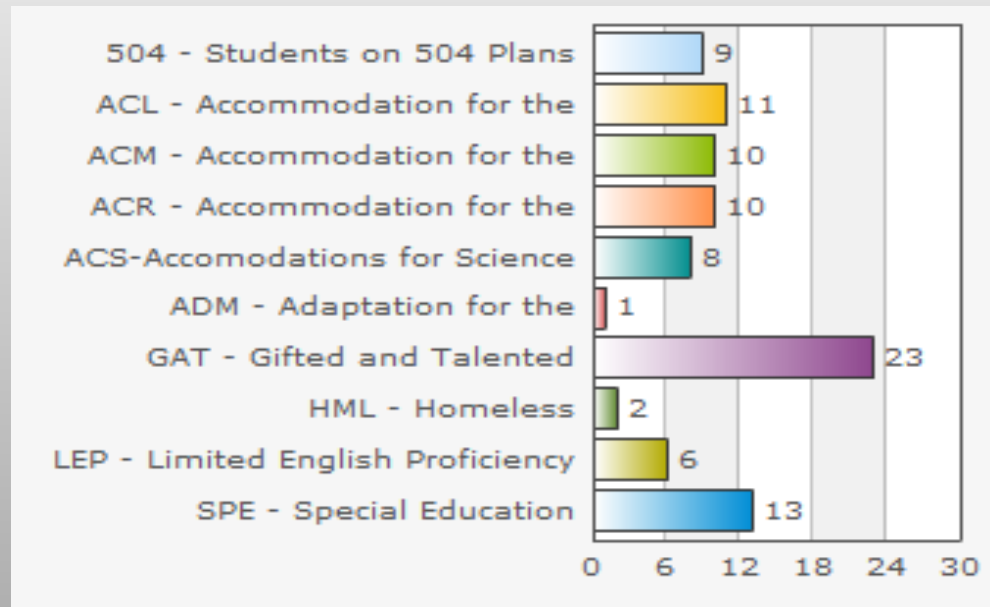
Community Service/Volunteerism

- Nine hours per year
- Part of citizenship grade (CPG)
- Examples include:
 - Independent IT projects for Non-profits
 - Working with refugees
 - Repairing computers for children
 - Visiting and serving veterans at the VA Hospital and Home
 - School beautification
 - Parks and Rec.
 - Boise Ridge to Rivers
 - Tutoring elementary students in Math & Reading



Demographic Information

- Fall 2011 Enrollment 201 Students
- Meridian School District by Lottery
- 89% male, 11% female
- 12% Gifted Talented
- 7% Special Education
- 3% LEP



ISAT RESULTS 2011

10 th grade Mean RIT Scores				
	Math	Reading	Language	Science
2004	259.8	239.9	235	* No Data
2005	258.8	233.1	230.6	* No Data
2006	255.4	237.5	233.4	* No Data
2007	253	237	234	* No Data
2008	253	234	235	* No Data
2009	258	236	240	* No Data
2010	253	236	237	233
2011	258	237	237	234
Proficient score	238	220	226	219
State Average	248	232	233	225
District Average	251	234	234	228

Class of 2011 Highlights

- There are 31 graduates this year
- One is a National Merit Scholar
- Three have a perfect 4.0 GPA
- 65% have a GPA of 3.5 or higher
- The average GPA for this class is 3.5014 (highest in history)
- Eight continued employment after internships were completed
- Six attended the National SkillsUSA competition in June, 2011
- 84% are attending college next year
- Twelve seniors are receiving scholarships to attend colleges and universities in the fall
- These seniors will receive over \$343,630 in scholarships over the next four years
- Fifteen are members of the National Honor Society



Preparing for the future

- Average student loan upon graduation in Idaho: \$22,000.
Consider: \$22,000 @ 6.8% for ten years = 252.62 monthly!

source: <http://projectonstudentdebt.org/files/pub/classof2007.pdf>

- Average Salaries in Idaho:

- Software Developer/Engineer: \$56,000

- Electrical Engineer: \$61,000

- Microsoft CSA: \$54,000

- Media/Graphic Artist with 1-4 yrs: \$10-\$19 hourly

Source: www.payscale.com

Source: <http://labor.idaho.gov/publications/HotJobs.pdf>

- Senior Economics/Seminar class emphasizes “financial literacy”

Tech Prep/Dual & Concurrent Enrollment

- A new way to college and the workforce; a new way to success
- MTCHS students may receive college credit while still in High School
- Currently have articulated agreements with BSU, ISU, CSI & CWI.
- Agreements with post-secondary schools are in our technical (majority) & academic areas.
- Credits are purchased at reduced price
- More information @ <http://www.mtchs.org/Tools/Resources/Documents/DualCreditTechPrepBrochure.pdf>

Frequently Asked Questions

- School Hours 7:55 - 2:30
- Yearly Calendar is the same as the Meridian School District
- Shuttle Bus Transportation is provided from Home High School
- Hot lunches and breakfasts are served at MMACHS; microwaves and refrigerator are provided here
- Clubs: SkillsUSA, Student Gov't, Key Club, NHS, Chess
- Other Activities: Prom, MTCHS Talent Show, Tech Parties
- Sports/activities can be played at “home” high school
- Music/band/orchestra is not offered at MTCHS
- Charter law requires a lottery with no preferential acceptance except for siblings and children of MTCHS employees

Important Information

- Application can be found at: <http://www.mtchs.org>
- Application deadline is February 17, 2012 @ 2:30 p.m.
- February 23, 2012 - Lottery draw for 2012-2013
- Lottery winners will be listed on our website:
<http://www.mtchs.org>
- Winners will be posted on the front entry by 3:30 p.m.
- Number of Freshman accepted determined by current enrollment
- The website is a great resource: <http://www.mtchs.org>