

Preparing Students for the World of the Future
Questions and Answers About New Tech
At Eastside Memorial High Schools at the Johnston Campus

What is a New Tech school?

New Tech schools are small, innovative schools that prepare students for the world of the future and provide them with the skills they need to be successful in college and at jobs. New Tech schools provide students with a rigorous college preparatory curriculum and skills needed for the 21st Century. Students in New Tech schools work in teams with other students and use computers every day in class. Lessons are taught using a “hands on” approach that brings real life experience into the classroom.

What are the two New Tech High Schools on the Eastside Memorial campus next year?

Eastside Memorial's Green Tech High School will be a science, math, engineering and technology school that focuses on environmental studies, “green” technologies, and “green” design. ***Eastside Memorial's Global Tech High School*** will be an international studies school that will intertwine global issues into all subject areas with the intent of making students globally competent citizens. Both schools will provide a college preparatory curriculum, career classes, and opportunities for internships, community service, and dual college credit for juniors and seniors.

What is “hands-on” learning at New Tech?

“Hands-on” learning is a style of teaching that trains teachers to use real life problems and experiences in the classroom so that students take an active role in learning subjects and understand the relevance of what they are learning in class.

What grades will be included at the two New Tech schools?

The full New Tech program will start with 9th and 10th graders in school year 2009-2010 and add a grade each year to offer the full 9 – 12 grade program.

Are there other New Tech schools in Austin and around the United State?

Yes. Akins High School opened a New Tech Academy in 2006-2007, and the Manor New Tech opened in 2007-2008. There are 40 New Tech schools around the U.S. in cities such as Los Angeles, Sacramento, and Chicago.

Will students be able to participate in sports, choir, band and other extracurricular activities?

Yes. Students of all Eastside Memorial Schools (including the New Tech schools and the International High School) will have an opportunity to compete together in athletics and extracurricular activities as the Eastside Memorial Panthers.

Who can attend the New Tech schools?

Any entering 9th or 10th grade student in AISD is eligible to attend the Eastside Memorial New Tech schools. If more applications are received than slots are available, then students will be selected by blind lottery. Priority will be given to students in the attendance zone for Eastside Memorial. AISD will provide bus transportation.

Can a student enroll in New Tech if they have already chosen to attend another high school in the district?

Yes. To enroll, parents must fill out a “choice application” that indicates they want to enroll their student in the New Tech schools at Eastside Memorial. Any AISD student who is entering 9th or 10th grade in 2009-2010 is eligible.

How do I enroll in one of the New Tech schools?

Choice applications are available at the Eastside Memorial High School office (1012 Arthur Stiles Road), at the Office of Student Services (1111 West Sixth Street), or on-line. The applications should be mailed or dropped off at the Office of Student Services, 1111 West Sixth Street, Austin, TX 78703.

For more information, call 414-2319 or go to the web site at www.austinisd.org/eastsidenewtech for a more detailed list of “Questions and Answers”.