

MORRIS COUNTY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

FULL TIME ACADEMY ADMISSIONS HANDBOOK

Welcome



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CAREER ACADEMY EDUCATION

Morris County School of Technology offers students a unique high school experience that combines comprehensive academics with career and technical education (academy) classes. Students who apply to Morris County School of Technology should choose an academy based on career interest. Students will take a minimum three-year course sequence in their academy program.

ACADEMIES:

- Academy for Biotechnology (Anticipated at Mountain Lakes High School)
- Academy for Computer & Information Sciences
- Academy for Culinary Arts
- Academy for Design
- Academy for Education & Learning
- Academy for Environmental Science (Offered at Jefferson Township High School)
- Academy for Finance & International Business
- Academy for Health Care Sciences
- Academy for Law & Public Safety
- Academy for Math, Science & Engineering (Offered at Morris Hills High School)
- Academy for Sports Medicine
- Academy for Veterinary Science
- Academy for Visual & Performing Arts – Dance
- Academy for Visual & Performing Arts – Multimedia

GUIDE TO APPLYING

Visit us at www.mcvts.org/admissions

Phase 1:

- Complete online application (www.mcvts.org/admissions). Deadline is first Friday in December. The admissions window is 9/14/16 – 12/2/16.
- **Record applicant pin number, email address used for login, and password for your records (this information will be used to access the applicant status page later in the process)**
- Select admissions testing date and time
- Print confirmation page
- Print and sign release form for your middle school
- Deliver signed release form to middle school guidance counselor or principal so they can submit required grades and standardized test score information to the admissions database

Phase 2:

- Take admissions test at Morris County School of Technology on the assigned date and designated time (November and December)
- For admissions score, admissions rubric information, and to see the data submitted by the middle school, check applicant status page:
<https://portal.mcvts.org/application/status.aspx>
 - Admissions test scores will be available on the applicant status page (<https://portal.mcvts.org/application/status.aspx>) approximately one week after test administration.

Phase 3:

- Qualified applicants invited for an interview via email (January)
- Check applicant status page: <https://portal.mcvts.org/application/status.aspx> for interview time and date or non-acceptance status
- Non-acceptance notices will go out via email approximately mid February

Phase 4:

- Interviewed students will either be accepted or waitlisted
- Commitment to attend must be declared on applicant status page (<https://portal.mcvts.org/application/status.aspx>) by the date in the acceptance email
- Accepted student shadow sessions will be held approximately the end of February / early March

*All admissions inquiries should be emailed to: applicants@mcvts.org

What Determines Admission?

Conditions for Applying to the Academies at Morris County School of Technology:

- You must be in 8th grade by September of 2016
- You must be a resident of Morris County or live in a county that does not have an academy program that we offer. Morris County residents will always be given preferential admissions consideration over non-Morris County residents
- Admitted applicants will begin their 9th grade year in September of 2017; we do not accept transfer students or upperclassmen to full time academies. If a student is accepted to an academy and subsequently withdraws, they will not be readmitted to the academy program at a later date.
- Homeschooled and Private School students will be admitted based on the available data if all required admissions data is not available
- You must apply to only one academy. You can change your academy only until interviews begin. Once interviews begin, you can no longer switch academies

Admissions Test

Admissions test sessions are scheduled as part of the online application process. The test used in admissions is the College Board's Accuplacer. Our admissions test consists of the Accuplacer Arithmetic (Elementary Algebra for Math, Science & Engineering and Biotechnology), Reading Comprehension (Sentence Skills for Math, Science & Engineering and Biotechnology) and the Writeplacer. The test takes roughly 1 ½ hours but the math and language arts sections are untimed, so it is difficult to predict the exact duration of the test. The Writeplacer is timed for 50 minutes unless the applicant has an extended time accommodation in an IEP or 504. During the test session, students may

also be asked to write a personal statement. The personal statement will not be factored into the rubric score.

Students will need their pin number and pencils for the test session. The pin number will be the test ID number. Do not bring a calculator to the test session. If the applicant must reschedule a test session, they must email applicants@mcvts.org

Students with IEPs and 504s will receive those test accommodations and modifications once the admissions office has received the salient portion of the IEP or 504.

Applicants to the Academy for Math, Science & Engineering or Academy for Biotechnology program who are also applying to the Morris Hills Regional School District's magnet programs will NOT be allowed to take the Accuplacer Elementary Algebra test more than once. Students applying to both programs will take the Elementary Algebra exam at Morris Hills High School and not at Morris County School of Technology. Morris County School of Technology will get the Elementary Algebra Accuplacer scores from Morris Hills Regional School District. Likewise, applicants applying to both Morris Hills Regional High School District's magnet programs and any Denville Campus academy or Academy for Environmental Science will take the Arithmetic and Reading Comprehension Accuplacer exams at Morris Hills Regional High School District and those scores will be shared with Morris County School of Technology.

Admissions test scores will be available on the applicant status page (<https://portal.mcvts.org/application/status.aspx>) approximately one week after test administration.

Applicant Grades

The applicant's middle school will directly enter the final 7th grade averages for English, Math, Science and Social Studies. The grades will be averaged and converted into a rubric score which will be accessible to the applicant on the applicant status page: (<https://portal.mcvts.org/application/status.aspx>).

PARCC Scores - This is not applicable until the 2017-2018 school year

The applicant's middle school will directly enter the 7th grade PARCC scores for Math and Language Arts Literacy. The scores will be converted into a rubric score which will

be accessible on the applicant status page:
(<https://portal.mcvts.org/application/status.aspx>).

Interview

Not all applicants for each academy will be invited to interview. Only the top ranked applicants will be asked to interview. Applicants are interviewed in groups of approximately six. The interview panel will ask applicants questions and then provide candidates with a group task related to topics taught in the academy program. Applicants will also be required to present their work and reflect upon the activity. Students will be scored by the interview panel using an interview rubric. The interview is worth 20 rubric points.

Admissions Status and Notifications

Notification of admissions status will be available through the applicant status page. Information there will include grades, test scores and notification of interviews, acceptances, non-acceptance and waitlist status.

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