



## TECH HIGH SCHOOL FAQ'S

### **1. Is Tech High School on probation with SACS-CASI?**

No. Tech High School is an independently accredited agency in good standing with SACS-CASI

### **2. Is Tech High involved in the CRCT cheating scandal?**

No. Tech High is not involved in the CRCT cheating scandal. Tech High has strong procedural measures in place to ensure that there is minimal possibility for tampering or cheating on standardized testing. Additionally, our school culture has created a high level of integrity which discourages this type of activity.

### **3. Are you a private or public school?**

Tech High is considered a free public school, and we are bound by the same laws as traditional public schools. The word Charter denotes our ability to control our curriculum, school governance and school wide policies and procedures.

### **4. Who can attend Tech High?**

Any student who is eligible to attend an Atlanta Public School is eligible to attend Tech High School as long as they are currently in or will be entering grades 9 – 12.

### **5. Do you have an application process for prospective students/families?**

No. Tech High has a 4 Step enrollment process, which involves the counselors, front office staff and the principal. **Step 1:** complete the online enrollment registration form at [www.techhighschool.org](http://www.techhighschool.org) or come to the school to fill this out in person. **Step 2:** bring the required enrollment documentation to the school. **Step 3:** Attend an orientation or meet with the principal or assistant principal. **Step 4:** Meet with the school counselor for academic review and scheduling.

### **6. What grade levels do you work with?**

9<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **7. Who designs your curriculum?**

Tech High abides by the state curriculum. Additionally, Tech High provides three career pathways: Engineering, Information Technology and Communications. These career pathways expose the students to internships, job shadowing, guest speakers and extracurricular activities in each sector and offers course electives that provide students with an opportunity to gain a seal on their diploma, but it does not suggest that the student must pursue future careers in these areas

**8. Do you offer advanced or college preparatory classes?**

Yes. 4 AP classes, accelerated math classes and some honors classes. Every student should be prepared for college, thus all of our classes are rigorous, relevant and meaningful.

**9. What is your board structure at Tech High?**

The Tech High School Board is made up of local business and community representatives and parents. The board is responsible for the policies of the school as well as its fiscal well being.

**10. Is Tech High a technical school?**

No. Tech High does not prepare students for trades. Tech High prepares students for college and exposes them to careers in engineering, information technology and communications.

**11. What type of school schedule does Tech High operate?**

A 6 period day that begins at 8am. A seventh period is added to enable certain students to gain credits toward graduation if a class had been previously failed.

**12. What is the grading system?**

The grading schedule is composed of grades A-C. \*D's are only offered during specific remediation opportunities. 90-100 = A; 80-89 = B; 71-79 = C; 70 = D\*

**13. Who takes the GHSGT (Georgia High School Graduation Test)?**

Students who are in the eleventh grade are required to take the GHSGT. Students who have been enrolled in high school for three years, and have not yet reached the eleventh grade due to lack of credits are also eligible to take the GHSGT.

**14. I heard that students are no longer required to take the GHSGT?**

Students entering high school during the 2011/2012 school year and after will no longer be required to take the GHSGT. However, they will be required to take the EOCT (End of Course Test). This test counts for 20% of the students overall grade.

**15. Does Tech High have a uniform policy, and why?**

Yes. The uniform policy is essential to our culture as it provides uniformity, professionalism and focus. Research has shown that schools utilizing uniform policies show increases in their overall academic performance.