

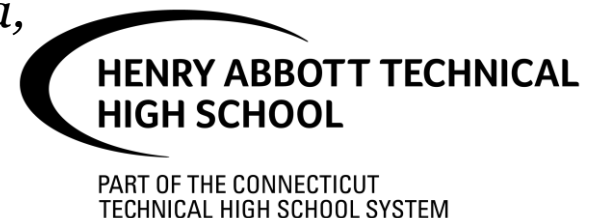
TEAMWORK • REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE • INNOVATION



# Henry Abbott Technical High School Incoming Freshman Orientation

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# Schedule Rotation

- A Cycle
  - 9/12 graders attend Academics
  - 10/11 attend Career Pathways
- B Cycle
  - 9/12 graders attend Career Pathways
  - 10/11 attend Academics

**Schedule rotates every 12 days.**

# Exploratory

- Phase I: Visit all 11 Career Pathways for 2 days each from September-October.
- Phase II: Visit top 3 Career Pathways for 4 days each in November.
- Phase III: Placement in final Career Pathway in December.

# Career Pathways

- Automotive Technology
- Carpentry
- Culinary Arts
- Electrical
- Graphics Technology
- Hairdressing & Cosmetology
- Health Technology
- Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning
- Mechanical Design & Engineering
- Plumbing & Heating
- Precision Machining Technology



# Attendance Policy

- Attendance is very important.
- For absences 1-9, parent must provide a note.
- For absences 10 and more, more specific documentation is required.

# Uniform Policy

- Academic Uniform: Abbott Tech shirt, jeans, ID
- Physical Education Uniform: Abbott Tech PE shirt
- Exploratory Uniform (replaced by CP Uniform in December): Exploratory shirt, jeans, safety glasses, work boots, ID

# Inclement Weather

- **Emergency Closing:** Students dismissed at 10:30 AM.
- **Delay:** 2 hours; school begins at 9:30 AM.

# Bus Transportation

- Local school districts provide transportation to Abbott Tech.
- Bussing issues must be reported directly to bus company.
- Bus company phone numbers on page 13.



# Academics

- Academic Diploma & Career Pathway Certificate
- 4 Marking Periods
- 6 Period Day
- 59 minute periods
- Monday-Friday
- 9<sup>th</sup> Graders take: English, Math 9 (MBL), General Science, World History, Health, PE, Math A, Language Arts Lab, Career Pathway, Academic Access

# Graduation Requirements

- 29 credits for Graduation
- Students complete:
  - PSAT, SAT
  - Senior Summative Assessment
  - Capstone Project
  - Basic Skills Requirements for Graduation

# Career & College

- Abbott Tech students have options:
  - Career Cruising
  - Developmental Counseling
  - Student/Counselor Planning Meetings
  - Career Activities in Career Pathways & Academics

# Family Engagement

- Organizes events during school year.
- Encourages families to stay involved in their child's education.
- Visit Family Engagement Center for Refreshments.

# Student Activities

- Get Involved!
  - Sports (Fall, Winter, Spring)
  - Clubs
  - Organizations
- Visit tables in Atrium



# Sample Calendar

- Gray Shading = A Cycle (9-12 Academics)
- No Shading = B Cycle (9/12 Career Pathway)
- ( ) = 11:30 AM Dismissal
- NS = No School
- / = End of Marking Period
- 4 Marking Periods

# Sample Schedule

- A = Monday
- B = Tuesday
- C = Wednesday
- D = Thursday
- E = Friday

# Stay Connected

- Staff Directory on website (phone/email)
- PowerSchool
- Attend Events
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night 9/14  
(MANDATORY)
  - Parent/Teacher Conferences 11/14
  - Career Pathway Selection Night  
(MANDATORY) 11/28



# Continuation of Application Process

- Abbott Tech must receive the following by **July 7, 2017**.
  - Final grades indicating successful completion from 8<sup>th</sup> grade (final grades and attendance)
  - School disciplinary records
  - School cumulative records
  - Record of immunizations

# Medical Information

- Record of Immunization by July 7, 2017.
- Physical Health Exam after July 1, 2017 but before June 16, 2018.
- Any medications to be given at school need a doctor's written order to be kept on file in the nurse's office.

# Mastery Based Learning

What is mastery based learning and why is it important?

A strategy adopted by the CTHSS that allows students to achieve a predetermined level of mastery before moving on to the next unit of study.

# Mastery Based Learning

What is a blended learning environment and how can it help my child?

Blended learning is the educational approach in which students receive instructional content from traditional classroom methods and technology.

# Mastery Based Learning

What is the ALEKS program?

- Software tool
- Students learn at their own pace
- Determines topics students are ready to learn
- Provides immediate feedback
- Allows teachers to observe student progress to determine when students can move forward

# Mastery Based Learning

How will this approach meet my child's needs?

- Pace of the course matches your child's rate of learning
- Allows for individualized learning and constant feedback on your child's performance through his/her dashboard and progress reports

# Mastery Based Learning

How will the course be graded differently?

- Student will not receive credit for the course until s/he passes the set minimum criteria

# Mastery Based Learning

Is this course NCAA approved?

Yes, the course content is identical to the course which NCAA Clearing House Approved. The only difference is the way in which material is learned and paced.



# Mastery Based Learning

What happens when a child finishes a course before the year is over?

The student will receive credit for the course immediately and receive a grade at the end of the year. The student will then begin the next course.

# Mastery Based Learning

What happens when a student does not finish the course by the end of the school year?

- S/he will continue with the course until it is completed
- Students are encouraged to continue learning through the summer months using ALEKS
- Students can complete more than one course in a school year if s/he works hard and spends time outside of the classroom

# Accelerated Reading

- Students take STAR Reading Assessment
- Results determine student reading level
- ZPD – Zone of Proximal Development  
3.4 -8.4 (Reading Level)

# Accelerated Reading

- Students have point goals per quarter
- Books are worth points based on word count
- AR Quizzing
- Grades for both point totals and quizzes

# Required Summer Reading

- All incoming Freshman are required to read at least one book this summer
- Book title is “Speak”
- Available tonight in Library for \$5.30

# Required Summer Reading

- All incoming Freshman will take a comprehension test on book immediately in the Fall
- Test will count as 5% of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter English grade
- Students may also use this book towards their AR 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter goal.

# PFSO

- Encourages partnership between families and faculty
- Builds a stronger community
  - Partnership with industry & alumnus
- Supports school projects
  - Fundraising and membership dues
- Provides social activities

# School Nurse

- Due July 7, 2017
  - Immunization Record
  - Authorization for Administration of Medicine Form (green form)
- Due August 14, 2017
  - Notification to bus company of medical conditions/allergies
  - Sports Physicals for Fall sports
- Due by June 16, 2018
  - 9<sup>th</sup> grade Physical Form (blue form)



# School Based Health Center

- Part of CT Institute for Communities which operates Greater Danbury Community Health Center on Main St.
- Supplemental medical care for Abbott Tech students
- No out of pocket expense.

# Forms

## STUDENT INFORMATION

Please make any necessary corrections/additions to the information below and return it to the school.  
It is recommended that you use a pen in a color other than black to clearly identify your changes.

Student Name:

DOB:

Grade: & Gender:

Resident Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Home Phone:

Primary Language Spoken at Home:

Please verify the following ethnicity/race information about your child below: 1) Is your child Hispanic/Latino, yes or no? and 2) What is your child's race? Circle all that apply. Please note that you may refuse to answer these questions, but in this event a school district staff member will need to make the identification for you.

Hispanic/Latino(Yes/No):

Primary ethnicity currently listed as:

Please circle one or more applicable races:

Alaska Native | American Indian | Asian | Black or African American | Hawaiian | Pacific Islander | White

Definitions: Hispanic/Latino: Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. American Indian or Alaska Native: origins in any people of North and South America (including Central America), with tribal affiliation or community attachment. Asian: origins in any people of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippines Islands, Thailand and Vietnam. Black or African American: origins in any black racial groups of Africa. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: origins in any people of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa or other Pacific Islands. White: origins in any of people of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

Parent/Guardian Mailing Name:

(All mailed correspondence will be sent to this address)

# Forms

## HENRY ABBOTT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

### REMINDER: PLACEMENT TEST NOTICE

STUDENT is scheduled to take the computerized Mathematics Placement Test at Henry Abbott Technical High School on DATE at TIME.

The Placement test will provide Henry Abbott Technical High School with a baseline of students' Mathematics skills. Students should expect to test for one hour.

# Forms

Kindly complete the following questions which are needed for state reporting. If any information is incorrect, please correct it. Thank you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle School: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of entry into the United States (Month/Date/Year): \_\_\_\_\_

# Forms



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Summer/Fall 2015

Dear Parent or Guardian:

As a student of Henry Abbott Technical School (HATS), your child has the unique opportunity to take advantage of medical services offered through a **School Based Health Center (SBHC)** located in the



# Forms

## Mastery-Based Learning Model for Mathematics

**A BLENDED LEARNING MATH CURRICULUM**



# Forms

## Summer Reading 2017

Summer Reading plays an important role in developing language skills and in encouraging academic growth. The summer reading program at Henry Abbott Technical High School fosters a sense of reading for enjoyment and provides students with an opportunity to increase their independent reading level.

### The goals of Summer Reading:

- Advance literacy and academic performance by engaging teens in reading and reading-related activities during the summer months.
- Foster a love of reading.
- Increase successful reading experiences through, self-selected, voluntary reading.
- Involve parents and all family members in a summer reading experience.
- Encourage young adults to become lifelong readers.



# Address/Contact Changes

- Inform the School Counseling Department at Henry Abbott Tech if there are changes to any of the following:
  - Mailing address
  - Email address
  - Phone numbers

Henry Abbott Technical High School

**ENJOY THE NIGHT!**

