

1. For which type of student is New Tech best?

New Tech uses a different method of teaching called project based learning (PBL). Students learn the value of Trust, Respect, and Responsibility. New Tech is for students who want to be fully engaged in the real-world learning environment, dive deeper with technology, and master 21st century skills in an innovative manner.

2. What is PBL?

PBL stands for Project Based Learning. PBL is used throughout New Tech school in order to engage students with real world circumstances. Students will learn about relevant topics with a driving question asked by their teachers. To learn more about PBL, visit the project based learning tab under New Tech!

3. Will New Tech students be offered classes at the other building?

During freshman year and sophomore year, New Tech students will attend core classes at the New Tech building. In student's junior and senior year, most electives will be at the main building.

4. Will the grading be any different?

While the grading scale is the same across campus, New Tech evaluates a little differently. New Tech bases their grades on more than content knowledge and also focus on School-Wide Learning Outcomes such as: technology literacy, written and oral communication, collaboration, and professionalism. Group grades and individual grading is both done. While work is graded the same, projects may be graded differently.

5. If attending New Tech, will students still see friends attending HSTW?

Yes. Students may still see their friends during lunch or elective classes between NT and HSTW. More of these classes will be in the student's schedule during Junior and Senior year. We recommend that students shouldn't choose their school based on where their friends are attending.

6. Will tests still be taken?

Yes, many teachers still administer tests to check progress. Final tests will vary by teacher.

7. How many community service hours are required?

A New Tech student is expected to attain 100 community service hours before graduation. There are many opportunities throughout four years that will allow for these hours.

8. Do New Tech students receive the same diplomas as High Schools That Work Students?

Scottsburg High School offers the same three diploma choices for the entire campus. These options are Academic Honors, Core 40, or Technical Honors. However, a student graduating from New Tech will receive a New Tech certification seal on their diploma

after completing the community service and class requirements provided by the program.

9. How is New Tech different?

New Tech uses Project Based Learning as the primary method of teaching, while the HSTW uses the traditional method. Aside from classwork, New Tech works hand in hand with the community to make projects authentic. This enables students to attain life skills that will assist them in their futures.

11. Can New Tech students still participate in extra-curricular activities?

All extra-curricular activities are offered to all students on campus. New Tech students can still participate in all clubs, sports, and other activities offered on campus.

12. Does New Tech only consist of group work?

No, in many classes there are assignments that students must do individually. However, many of the large projects in each class are done in groups.

13. Will New Tech still have homeroom?

All students at SHS attend Advisory two times a week. New Tech utilizes Advisory to build culture within the school. They use this opportunity to get to know their students in a variety of different activities.

14. How long will the class periods be?

Class periods will be anywhere from 40-60 minutes long. All New Tech students will have at least 1 block class per year that is a combination of two class period.

15. How will students be able to fit in the old Ag building?

This building was remodeled to have large classrooms where several students can fit. There are a total of 9 classrooms at New Tech, 4 of them that can be used for team-taught classes.

16. What if my child changes their mind?

If a student wants to leave New Tech they can choose to do so. They will need to wait until the end of the year, but it depends on the circumstance. If a student wishes to come to New Tech after being at HSTW, they are required to make up New Tech requirements such as 100 community service hours in order to graduate with a New Tech seal.

17. What is the benefit of combined classes?

Combined classes help students make connections between separate subjects. It allows students to see that the basics of every subject are crucial to their education and career paths.

18. What is a benefit of New Tech's hands on environment?

With New Tech's project based learning type of teaching, students are given the opportunity to become more involved during the learning process which motivates students to learn.

19. What is the difference between New Tech and HSTW?

Culture is a major part of the difference, students feel ownership in their school while learning Trust, Respect, and Responsibility. Although the schools are similar in the fact that they both integrate technology in the classroom, the way it is taught is very different. New Tech students use their laptops every single day through a program called Echo. On Echo they find all the information they need for their class, which project they are working on, and their agenda for the day. New Tech integrates technology in a way that students will use throughout their lives. HSTW uses a more traditional way of teaching that incorporates technology as well.

20. How many classes will they take during a semester?

All students at SHS will have seven class periods per day. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, students will have Advisory.