



**MATANUSKA SUSITNA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MAT-SU CAREER and TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL  
Application for 2009/2010**

A long-term dream of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District became a reality in the Fall of 2007 as the career and technical center opened its doors to students. The Mat-Su Career and Technical High School is located at 2472 N. Seward Meridian Parkway-Wasilla, AK next to Teeland Middle School.

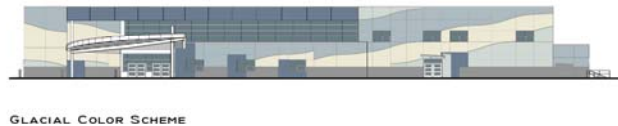
**AVAILABLE CAREER PATHWAYS INCLUDE:**

- **Architecture/Pre-Engineering/Construction**
- **Information Technology/Business/Electronics**
- **Health Sciences/Nursing**
- **Sports & Fitness Technology/Therapeutic Services**
- **Culinary Arts/Hospitality/Tourism**
- **Welding Technology - satellite location at CHS**
- **Outdoor Power Equipment - satellite location at CHS**
- **Automotive Services Technology - satellite location at WHS**
- **Agriculture and Natural Resources - satellite location at PHS**

The Mat-Su Career and Technical High School is a career and technical high school that provides rigorous academic and career and technical courses for students in grades 9 – 12. Instruction will take place on-site as well as in the community through work experiences such as internships and apprenticeships. The Mat-Su Career and Technical High School will eventually offer distance learning programs, so that those in remote areas have access.

**THE MAT-SU CAREER AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE FOR STUDENTS WHO:**

- Plan to enter the workforce and/or to enroll in college/advanced training after high school.
- Want an education focused in a career cluster and career pathway/major.
- Desire a thorough exploration of various technical areas prior to selecting a career cluster and pathway/major.
- Desire on-going, systemic career counseling that connects a high school plan to after high school goals.
- Want a thorough preparation in professional/technical specialty in one or more of the cluster/pathway areas.
- Are interested in work experiences such as internships with business/industry or entrepreneurship.
- Want to go to a smaller high school.



**THE MAT-SU CAREER and TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL:**

- Be academically focused.
- Teach academics contextually.
- Have close connections with college and training programs.
- Have competency-based curriculum.
- Integrate employability skills throughout the curriculum.
- Have a strong career planning component.
- Require an application for admission.
- Have small class sizes in lab and shops.
- Provide students with practical training and work exposure/experiences.

**For an application or additional information:**

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Wasilla, Alaska 99654  
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## **MAT-SU CAREER and TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**

### **Full – Time Student Application Process**

The Mat-Su Career and Technical High School is a career and technical high school that provides both academic and career and technical courses for students in grades 9 – 12. We integrate rigorous academic learning with up-to-date career and technical training to students. Instruction will take place on-site as well as in the community through appropriate work experience such as internships and apprenticeships.

*The Mat-Su Career and Technical High School is for students who:*

- Plan to enter the workforce and/or attend college/advanced training after high school.
- Want an education focused in a career cluster and career pathway/major.
- Desire on-going, systemic career counseling that connects a high school plan to after high school goals.
- Want a thorough preparation in professional/technical specialty in one or more of the cluster/pathway areas.
- Are interested in work experiences such as internships with business/industry or entrepreneurship.
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### **Application Process for Full-Time Students**

**Students seeking full-time admission to the Mat-Su Career and Technical High School must:**

- 1. Complete and submit the attached application.**
  - 2. Student must write a one-page essay explaining why they desire admission to the Mat-Su Career and Technical High School including the skills, abilities, and/or attitudes they have to offer. Also, they should provide any additional information which may be helpful in the selection process.**
  - 3. Participate in an interview with their parents or guardian conducted by the Mat-Su Career and Technical High School administrator.**
  - 4. All applicants must attain a score at or above the school's designated range on a math placement test.**
- Admission will be based on a first come first serve basis with emphasis on proportionate numbers from various pathways and attendance areas in our district.
  - Students with special needs will be included into the career pathways with analysis of their Individual Education Plan (IEP) and consideration of their individual abilities and personal safety.
  - Discipline, attendance and academic records will be reviewed to assure appropriate placement.
  - Students denied admission may access an appeal process.
  - Some national certifications require a four year sequence of courses.
  - Applications can be faxed to 907-352-0480 or mailed to Mat-Su Career and Technical High School (see address on front page).
  - All applications will be dated and time stamped in the order that they are received.
  - Applicants will be contacted as soon as possible to schedule an interview with the administrator.

**MAT-SU CAREER and TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Full-Time Student Application**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current School/Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current High School Attendance Area: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Parent(s)Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

***SELECT ONE CAREER PATHWAY FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING:***

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture/Pre-Engineering/Construction            | <input type="checkbox"/> *Agriculture/Natural Resource (Located at PHS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IT/Business/Electronics                              | <input type="checkbox"/> *Welding (Located at CHS)                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Sciences Technology/Nursing                   | <input type="checkbox"/> *Outdoor Power Equipment (Located at CHS)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Culinary Arts/Hospitality/Tourism                    | <input type="checkbox"/> *Automotive Services (Located at WHS)          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Medicine/Fitness Science/Therapeutic Services |   |

\*Satellite Major: Students will take core academics at the Mat-Su Career Center.

Do you have a driver's license? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

How do you plan to get to school? \_\_\_\_\_ Bus \_\_\_\_\_ Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Drive

What are your plans for after high school at the present time?

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-year University            | <input type="checkbox"/> Apprenticeship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community /Technical College | <input type="checkbox"/> Work           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Military                     | <input type="checkbox"/> No Plans       |

List Career and Technical Education courses you have already taken at your home school.

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I understand that if I am accepted to the Mat-Su Career and Technical High School, I will have to:

- Model employability skills (Initiative, Accuracy, Respect, Preparedness, Punctuality, Integrity).
- Wear appropriate clothing as required by each pathway and the Career Dress Day.
- Participate in work experiences and/or internships, if appropriate.
- Comply with industry requirements on the work site.
- Participate in career development process.
- Interact with industry personnel at the Mat-Su Career and Technical High School.
- Participate in class activities for Career and Technical Student Organizations.

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include Student Essay with Application**

## **The Mat-Su Career and Technical High School Frequently Asked Questions**

### ***1. I want to go to college – is the Career and Technical High School for me?***

Yes! The courses available at the Career and Technical High School will be rigorous and provide focus to help students choose an area of study BEFORE they enter any type of post-secondary education whether it is trade school, two-year college, or four-year university.

### ***2. Will there be transportation to the Career and Technical High School?***

Bus transportation for students coming to the Career and Technical High School will be provided through several different methods. The largest number of students will ride their neighborhood school bus to their home base school and then take a shuttle to the Career and Technical High School. (Schools: Palmer High, Valley Pathways, Colony High, Burchell, Mid-Valley, Wasilla High, Houston High). At the end of the school day a shuttle will return in time to catch the regular route from the home base school. Students who are enrolled in satellite majors or half-time Career and Technical High School students will utilize the before and after school shuttle as well as a mid-day shuttle.

Students who cannot utilize the transportation provided must provide their own transportation.

### ***3. Will students with special needs be able to attend the Career and Technical High School?***

Students with special needs will be included into the programs with consideration of their individual abilities and analysis of their IEP. The placement of students will emphasize their ability to be successful and their individual safety. Support and help will be provided as necessary, based on their IEP.

### ***4. What kind of activities will be available for me at the Career and Technical High School?***

Full-time students attending the Career and Technical High School will have the opportunity to participate in the kinds of extracurricular activities the physical facility at the Career and Technical High School will allow, but will not include sports programs. Students will be allowed to participate in sports in their home boundary school.

The Career and Technical High School will provide the opportunity for the development of numerous clubs and organizations. Co-curricular Career and Technical Student Organizations taught with associated programs will be established, such as: SkillsUSA, Business Professionals of America (BPA), Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA), Family, Careers, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). Eligibility standards for participation in these activities will be the same as for activities throughout our school district.

***5. Will I go to the Career and Technical High School all day?***

The Career and Technical High School is a comprehensive high school and full-time students will be able to fulfill all requirements to earn a MSBSD High School diploma. Electives at the Center will consist of classes from the chosen career pathway major.

There are several career majors which will remain in their current locations: Welding Technology, Outdoor Power Equipment, Automotive Technology, and Agriculture and Natural Resources. Students enrolled in these majors may choose to attend the Career and Technical High School for their academic classes and will be considered full-time Career and Technical High School students.

***6. Will all districtwide pathway classes be at the Career and Technical High School?***

No, certain programs will remain at their current locations and become satellite programs for the Career and Technical High School. These are programs which have facilities that have been certified by industry; Welding Technology, Outdoor Power Equipment, Automotive Technology, and Agriculture and Natural Resources.

***7. Will I be able to get a MSBSD High School Diploma and other Certifications at the Career and Technical High School?***

Yes, the Career and Technical High School is a comprehensive high school and full-time students will be able to fulfill all requirements to earn a MSBSD High School diploma. In addition, several pathway majors prepare students to take industry tests which lead to certifications. For example, the Certified Nursing Assistant major prepares students for the Alaska Certified Nursing Assistant certification.

***8. Will it cost me anything to go to the Career and Technical High School?***

The fees and expenses involved in attending the Career and Technical High School are the same as those associated with other MSBSD high schools. Each career pathway will have clothing requirements. There will be additional costs to students who choose to take industry certification tests.

***9. Can I change my pathway and major once I start at the Career and Technical High School?***

Yes, it is possible to change your major within a pathway or to change to a different pathway. Depending on when the change occurs, it might be difficult to complete the sequence of courses within the major and earn certification.

***10. Do I have to have a job in order to attend the Career and Technical High School?***

No, however relevant work experience is an integral part of the Career and Technical High School curriculum.