

# Monty Tech Admissions - Frequently Asked Questions

## Applying to Monty Tech



### Is there an application due date?

You should turn in your application right around the end of trimester/semester 1 of your 8th grade year. Your school will gather the necessary supporting documentation and send that to Monty Tech Admissions.

All application materials and a completed interview are needed by March 31st in order for an applicant to be considered for the first round of admissions, which occurs in April.

### Will I be notified that you have received my application?

All applicants receive a letter in the mail informing them we have received their application.

### How do I apply as a homeschooled student?

You should turn in your application right around the end of trimester/semester 1 of your 8th grade year. If you are participating in an online school, turn your application in to the registrar and the school will gather the necessary supporting documentation and send that to Monty Tech Admissions.

For homeschool students being educated by a parent/guardian, we ask that grades in the areas of English, math, science and social studies be provided for all of Grade 7 as well as the first half of Grade 8. Homeschool students will also be interviewed by the Dean of Admissions.

### How can I prepare for my interview?

We recommend that students spend some time on the Monty Tech website to learn about the programs we offer so they can speak about why they are interested in attending Monty Tech for high school.

Visit [www.montytech.net/admissions](http://www.montytech.net/admissions) to watch a video on interview tips.

### Can I submit letters of recommendation?

School staff will complete a recommendation section for each applicant as part of the application. Letters of recommendation will be read, if submitted, but are not factored into a student's score as they are not required of all applicants.

### What are some ways I can explore Monty Tech as a middle school student?

#### **Summer Camps**

We offer a variety of shop-related summer camps each summer for students entering grades 6-8 the following school year. Popular offerings have included Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, House Carpentry and Advanced Manufacturing. Visit [www.montytech.net](http://www.montytech.net) each May for information about that summer's camp programs.

#### **VIP**

7th and 8th grade students are eligible to come here to Monty Tech after school one day a week for five weeks to participate in a different shop and do a fun, hands-on activity to learn what that shop is about. Visit [www.montytech.net](http://www.montytech.net) and click on the VIP button to learn when the sessions are and which schools have transportation provided for them.



## How are students placed in shops at Monty Tech?

### Freshmen Pre-Exploratory and Exploratory Process

During the first vocational week, all incoming freshmen rotate through a pre-exploratory program that consists of two periods in each vocational area. At the conclusion of the week, students select twelve vocational areas they would like to explore during the first semester. Students will then be placed in a nine-week rotation exploring nine of their twelve choices - students are guaranteed to explore their top three choices.

After completing the nine-week rotation and discussing their options with their parent/guardian, all freshmen will select their top six choices for their final vocational placement. At the end of the exploratory period, all students will be placed in a vocational area based on:

- student's ranking of the vocational areas (1-6 where 1 is their most desired shop)
- the grade the student received during his/her exploratory for that shop's week
- space availability

Students are graded on conduct, effort, cooperation, willingness to follow instructions, follow through on assigned tasks, daily attendance, and personal safety/care of equipment.

A student must receive a vocational assessment grade of 60 or higher in a shop in order to select it as one of their top 6 choices.

It is important that students work to the best of their abilities in ALL exploratories as scores received in other exploratories may be used in the case of a tie for a shop space.

The Guidance Department will make every effort to place the student in one of their six choices. In cases where students are unable to be placed in one of their top choices, the guidance counselor will meet with the student individually and contact the parent/guardian to discuss next steps.

Additional information will be provided, as the students get ready to make their final selections.

