



MIT Academy

Mare Island Technology Academy



2016–17 School Profile & Admission Guide

Did you know?

There are Griffins in Vallejo...



Fully WASC accredited - HS



Title 1 - HS



Title 1 - MS



CTE - MS



Gold Ribbon - MS



CTE - HS



Among highest in Napa / Solano counties!



Gold Ribbon - HS



2016 BRONZE AWARD WINNER
BEST U.S. HIGH SCHOOLS 2015 & 2016
PLUS, WINNER OF 6 STATE AWARDS!

***California Gold Ribbon Awards**
*** Exemplary Career Technical Educ. Program**
***Title I Academic Achieving Schools**

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"America's Best High Schools" 2015



"America's Best High Schools" 2016



MIT is actually 2 schools (middle & high),
a combined 6-12 program that is...

- Safe
- High-achieving
- Engaging, challenging, and FUN!



7th grade math class



Since 1999, Mare Island Technology Academy middle school, along with its sister high school MIT Academy, have provided a rigorous yet nurturing learning environment that strives to meet the needs of all kids. Founded on a “growth” philosophy that all kids can learn, MIT alumni have gone on to UC Berkeley, Stanford, UCLA, Howard, and over 50 other universities nation-wide.

About MIT...

- Independent Charter (a “district” of two independent charter schools) established in 1999
- Run by MIT Board of Directors (parents & community members)
- Highly qualified, credentialed staff
- Uses technology and innovative instruction (extended school day, PBL, RTI, etc.)
- Unique MIT Policies: dress code, parent participation, grad requirements, DC trip, internships, college classes, etc.
- And of course, NO tuition! We’re public!



Griffin TV broadcasting from Washington DC



6th Grade Honor Roll!

A Feather for a Griffin! For two years in a row, MIT has won the statewide “Mission: Admission” college-admission contest sponsored by the University of Southern California!

*“Griffin College” at MIT!
In the past two years, MIT students have completed nearly 500 college classes right at MIT!*

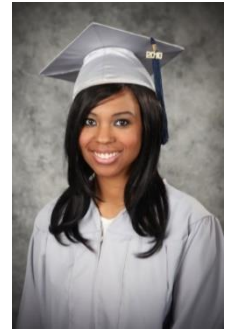
MIT by the Numbers...

- 1999** "Mare Island Technology Academy" middle school established in 1999;
- 2002** "MIT Academy" high school established in 2002;
- #1** Highest performing school in Vallejo, and consistently among top in all Napa-Solano region;
- 90%** 90%+ of MIT's grad's accepted to four-year universities;
- 900** In 2016, MIT consists of 900 students with 200+ students on the waiting list.
- 40** Number of MIT "Scholar Athletes" who play high school sports for VHS or Bethel.
- 100%** MIT's demographics are 50% Latino, 20% AA, 15% Filipino, 10% white, and 5% "other." Over 60% receive F/R lunch. 20% receive special ed or English Language Learner services.



Champion middle school bb team!

*"Growing great
minds and caring
hearts"*



What is a Charter School?

Independent charter schools were authorized by the California legislature in the 1990's. There are currently nearly 1,300 charter schools in California, representing almost 600,000 K-12 students. Charter schools are public schools, open to all students, and have no special entrance requirements. However, charter schools are free to be more innovative, and often have special policies, including uniform requirements, parent volunteer hours, and higher graduation requirements. Many (like MIT) also have extended school days (we go to 3:40). Parents whose children attend a charter have the right to withdraw them at any time and place them in the traditional school system.

Parents who are interested in having their child attend a charter school must fill out a short application indicating their interest. If there are more applicants than available openings, the charter school must by law conduct an admission lottery (but note that siblings of existing students are given special admission priority).

See "More Information" on the back page of this guide for MIT application and lottery information.

Look at What MIT Students Can Do!

By the end of 8th grade, MIT students:

- Should have completed Core Connections 3 (pre-algebra) or Algebra;
- Should be able to type at least 65 WPM;
- Should be certified (or equivalent) in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel;
- Should know basic computer programming in 3 languages;
- Should know 3-5 colleges they are interested in attending.



By graduation, MIT students have:

- Met all UC “A-G” entrance requirements;
- Completed at least 9 college units (most complete many more);
- Completed 140 hours of community service and a senior Internship;
- Completed one or more CTE technology pathways (optional);
- Completed “Destination D.C.” & professional portfolio;
- Applied to 3 universities (minimum)

MIT Student Activities!



Champion Colorguard Team



Lynch Canyon fieldtrip



Spirit Week!



Academic Decathlon Team



Senior Prom!

- Before & After School Program serves 300+ students (and is completely free);
- Over 20 clubs for both middle and high schools, including sports, anime, ACADECA, Black Student Union, Raza, Gay-Straight Alliance, Pan-Pacific Club, Games Club, and many more!
- Dances (both middle & high school);
- X-Games, intermurals, Spirit Week, etc.
- Tons of fieldtrips!
- High school students can play sports for Bethel or Vallejo high schools.
- Step team, Colorguard, and Drumline!
- Lots of theme days – Mix-it-Up Day, Multi-Cultural Day, Challenge Day, Chavez Day, Black History Festival, etc.

Partial University Admission List, 2015-16

Last year's MIT grads were accepted to...

CSU, Chico (2)
CSU, Long Beach
CSU, Los Angeles (3)
CSU, Dominguez Hills

CSU, East Bay (9)
CSU, Humboldt (3)
CSU, Sacramento (22)
CSU, San Diego

CSU Polytechnic, Pomona (2)
San Jose State University (6)

San Francisco State (13)
UC Berkeley (2)

UC Los Angeles
UC Merced (8)
UC Irvine (2)

UC Riverside
UC Davis (4)

UC Santa Barbara
UC Santa Cruz (3)
University of Southern California

California Institute of the Arts
Ex'pression College for Digital Arts
Fisk University (3)

Langston University (3)
Mills College
Clark Atlanta University (2)
Tuskegee University (3)
Military - Navy

Vocational School - Cosmetology
...and many more!

MIT's High School Technology Pathways



Video Game Design



Robotics



Programming



Digital Art

Over half of MIT grads complete one or more Career Technical Education pathways, which are sequences of three or more technology classes that lead to a California CTE certification.

Many also complete a California Certificate of Biliteracy in Spanish or Mandarin.

We're Wired!

Every MIT classroom has 30 computers. Students use technology every day, in every class (even PE!)

Wow! Since 2015 MIT schools have won six "gold medal" awards from the California Department of Education, including two for Career Technical Education (CTE).





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For More Information

Visit our website at www.mitacademy.org

Check out our Facebook page [MareIslandTechnologyAcademy/](https://www.facebook.com/MareIslandTechnologyAcademy/)

...or best of all, come visit us! Contact Diana Yopez at 707-552-6482, ext 100, or at dyepez@mitacademy.org, to set up a tour.

Visit Us! Upcoming Open Houses... Come learn more about MIT from a staff member and get a tour of the facility:

- Sat, 1/21/17, 1–3 pm (Rm Z)
- Wed, 2/22, 6:30–8 (High School Preview Night, MPR)
- Wed, 2/1, 6–8 pm (Rm Z)
- Tue, 2/28, 6–8 pm (Rm Z)
- Thur, 2/16, 8–4 (daytime, drop-in)



Important Deadlines...

Re-enrollments due 2/24/17;

New applications due 3/3/17;

Lottery Friday, 3/10/17, 6:00 p.m., MPR:

- Typically 140 6th-graders admitted directly, with 50-100 onto the waiting list;
- Once on wait list, students keep “priority” status until placed.

April Orientation for new students (mandatory):

- Placement testing in reading and math
- Required paperwork
- Parent orientation: dress code requirements, commitment hours, etc.