

Kent Innovation High

A new way of learning! Coming Fall 2011

Kent ISD and our Superintendents will open an exciting new high school this fall quite different from traditional high schools. With a focus on project-based learning and collaboration with both students and teachers, this school will demonstrate some of the best thinking in the country about how students learn and new ways of teaching.

From the glass walls and integrated presence of technology, to the ongoing teamwork of students and teachers, the physical and cultural environment is designed to:

- Personalize learning for all students
- Engage students in what they're learning
- Bring students together in teams to create real projects and solve real problems
- Foster trust, respect and responsibility between students and staff
- Give students a voice in what and how they learn

At Innovation High you won't see a class called "Social Studies." Classes combine traditional subjects into interesting new topics, with many ways to personalize learning. For example, a Current Events course could combine social studies and math to study trends in contemporary cultures around the world.

Quick Facts

- Open in the fall of 2011 with 100 ninth graders
- Located at Kent Career Technical Center – C Wing
- Free busing from local schools
- Welcoming students from local districts, charter, non-public and home schools
- Initial subjects will include math, language arts, science and social studies
- Students will spend 2/3 of their day at Innovation High and the rest at their home district for electives and after-school activities



Based on a national model out of Napa, California called The New Tech Network, Innovation High will serve as an incubator of innovation for all our schools. Students from all of our districts will participate in this exciting new school, while their teachers and principals come learn about these new techniques and then innovate back in their own districts.



New Tech Network

www.newtechnetwork.org

3 Ways Innovation High is Different from Traditional Schools

Project-Based Learning

Project-based learning is the way students master their material in every class at Innovation High. Students work through multiple projects during the year and develop key workplace skills, like problem-solving and critical thinking. They research, ask and answer questions and then demonstrate what they've learned in presentations to business and community members.

Integrated Technology

We give students the world of research and learning – right at their fingertips – starting with their own laptops. Technology tools are used continuously at Innovation High, where students no longer rely solely on teachers and textbook for their learning, but on their own research and discoveries as well. Innovation High students own their own education and technology helps them learn.

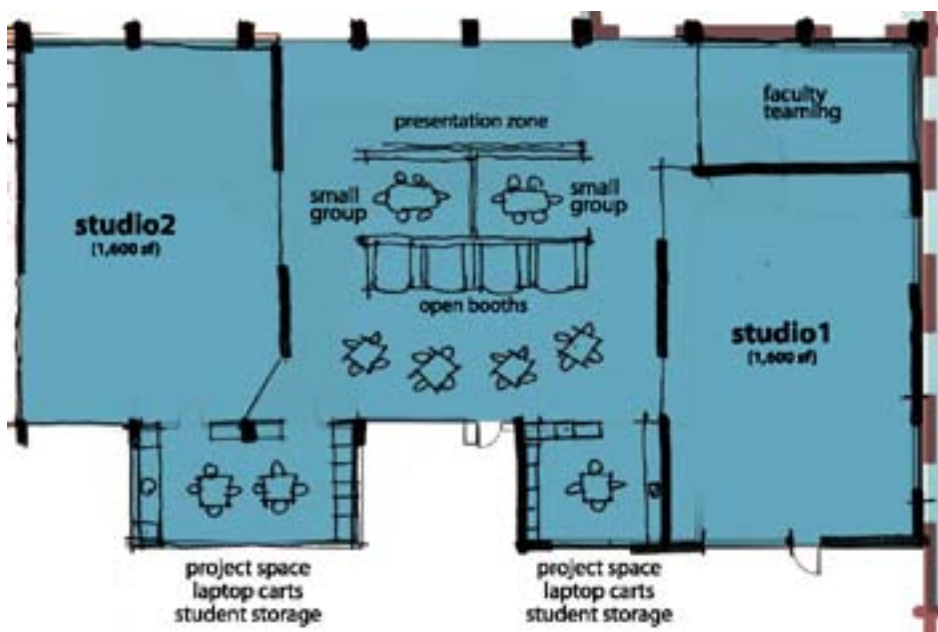
Team-Driven Environment

Gone are the days of desks in rows and quiet, solitary book-work. At Innovation High, teams of students drive learning. From flexible classrooms to the lounge or common rooms, students can take advantage of the atmosphere which matches their learning styles and the needs of the project. It's not quiet, but it is productive. Students learn to work, gather and share information, plan and achieve – together. Along the way, they learn skills needed to work successfully with others, including the personal responsibility of being an effective team member.

**“Three words that describe my school?
Challenge, fun, freedom.”**

—Junior Student, Napa New Technology High

Innovation High Floor Plan



Enroll Now!

Enrollment for Kent Innovation High is open now. Interested students and families can complete an enrollment form (available online at www.kentisd.org, click on Kent Innovation High School). Families will be notified in writing once the enrollment process is complete.

For more information or help enrolling, call Principal Kym Kimber at 616.365.2228.

From the New Tech Network (newtechnetwork.org) – Our Story

New Tech Network helps high school students gain the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in life, college, and the careers of tomorrow. We work nationwide with schools, districts, and communities to provide services and support that enable schools to implement innovative high schools that promote deeper learning.

We began in the mid-90s in Napa, California. Working with the local school district, business and community leaders began researching innovations in education to re-imagine what a truly great school might be like. In 1996, the Napa Valley Unified School District established Napa New Technology High School

with the first class of 100 students. Today, our name is New Tech Network and we support 62 public high schools in 14 states.



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