



MONMOUTH COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

CLASS OF 2031 ADMISSIONS GUIDE

For students applying in 8th grade for entry in September 2027.

MCVSD operates six Career Academies: **Allied Health and Science**, **Law and Public Safety**, **Biotechnology**, **Communications**, **High Technology**, and the **Marine Academy of Science and Technology**.

WHAT EVERY FAMILY MUST KNOW

All five points are firm district policy

You must attend an information session at the academy you apply to. MCVSD verifies attendance as part of the application review. Registration is required for every session.

Your child may submit one application only, to one academy. Attend sessions at as many academies as you like while deciding.

The application window is October 1 to November 30, 2026. Late applications are not accepted under any circumstances.

The entrance exam is Saturday, January 9, 2027. Photo ID is required at check in.

Admitted students may not transfer between MCVSD Career Academies. This fall's choice is a four year decision.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Mandatory

ACADEMY	LOCATION	2026 SESSION DATES
Allied Health & Science	Neptune	Thu Oct 1, 6:30 PM / Sat Oct 10, 10:00 AM Sat Oct 24, 10:00 AM / Tue Nov 17, 6:30 PM
Law & Public Safety	Long Branch	Thu Oct 22, 6:00 PM / Thu Nov 19, 6:00 PM
Biotechnology HS	Freehold	Sat Oct 10, 10:00 AM / Thu Oct 22, 6:30 PM Thu Nov 12, 6:30 PM / Sat Nov 21, 10:00 AM
Communications HS	Wall	Wed Oct 14, 6:30 PM / Sat Oct 17, 10:00 AM Thu Nov 12, 6:30 PM / Sat Nov 14, 10:00 AM
High Technology HS	Lincroft	Sat Oct 10, 10:00 AM / Thu Oct 22, 6:30 PM Sat Nov 14, 10:00 AM / Thu Nov 19, 6:30 PM
Marine Academy of Science & Technology	Sandy Hook	Sat Oct 3, 10:00 AM / Thu Oct 15, 6:30 PM Sat Nov 14, 10:00 AM / Thu Nov 19, 6:30 PM

WHAT GOES IN THE APPLICATION

Grade transcript

Application checklist signed by an 8th grade school official

Documentation of interest in the academy's specialized program

Information session attendance, verified by the district

Proof of Monmouth County residency if attending school out of county

Verified against official district sources on September 8, 2026. Source: mcvsd.org Career Academy Admissions and Information Sessions pages. M.E.K. Review is an independent test preparation company and is not affiliated with, endorsed by, or sponsored by any school district. Please confirm all dates directly with the district.

KEY DATES

WHO MAY APPLY

8th grade students who are full time residents of Monmouth County at the application deadline.

APPLICATION WINDOW

Oct. 1 to Nov. 30, 2026

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Oct. 1 to Nov. 19, 2026

Mandatory. Advance registration required for each session.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

November 30, 2026

Late applications are not accepted.

SCHOOL RECORDS

Postmarked by Dec. 18, 2026

ENTRANCE EXAM

January 9, 2027

Photo ID required. Students without government issued ID must bring the district Picture ID Form.

ADMISSION DECISIONS

4 to 6 weeks after scoring

RESIDENCY EXCEPTION

Five academies accept Monmouth County residents only.

MAST is the exception: it accepts applicants from outside the county, except Ocean County residents, with up to five seats available to them.

NO EXAM FOR ALPS

The Academy of Law and Public Safety is the only MCVSD academy with no entrance exam. ALPS applicants still attend a mandatory session and submit the full packet.

HOW TO APPLY

mcvsd.embark.com
applications@ctemc.org
732-431-7942

THE APPLICATION TIMELINE

Every date confirmed for the Class of 2031

WHEN	WHAT HAPPENS	WHAT YOUR FAMILY DOES
September 2026	Applications are not accepted before September 1	Begin attending information sessions at the academies you are considering
October 1	Online application opens at mcvsd.embark.com	Apply to one academy only. Sessions continue through November 19
On submitting	A Confirmation Page and Application Checklist are generated	Print both and hand them to your school counselor or principal
November 30	Application deadline	Late applications are not accepted under any circumstances
December 18	School records must be postmarked by your middle school	Confirm with the school office that the transcript and signed checklist were sent
January 9, 2027	Career Academy Entrance Exam	Bring photo ID: school ID, passport, or county ID
February to March	Admission decisions are released	Watch your email, then log in with your registration credentials to view the decision
On acceptance	Math placement test	Students must show Algebra I proficiency or complete the district five week summer Algebra course

THE ENTRANCE EXAM

SECTION	POINTS
Mathematics	35
Writing / Language Arts	35

Multiple choice, explicitly aligned to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. MCUSD publishes an **Academy Entrance Exam Standards** sheet on its admissions page, which is the closest thing to an official blueprint any Central Jersey district releases. No sample questions are published.

WHAT THE MATHEMATICS SECTION COVERS

- Ratios, rates, percent and proportional reasoning
- Algebraic expressions and multi step linear equations
- Functions, tables and interpreting graphs
- Angles, area, volume, coordinate geometry and the Pythagorean theorem
- Data interpretation, sampling and probability

WHAT THE WRITING AND LANGUAGE ARTS SECTION COVERS

- Informational text: central idea, evidence and argument
- Literary analysis: theme, character and figurative language
- Grammar, punctuation, sentence structure and vocabulary in context

HOW YOUR CHILD IS SCORED

100 points

15	15	35	35
7th grade final	8th grade Q1	Mathematics exam	Writing / LA exam

Seventy of the one hundred points come from a single January morning. Grades are counted from Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science.

PLACEMENT RULE	EFFECT
Minimum score for admission	75 of 100
Top qualified applicant from each sending district	Offered first
All remaining seats	By composite score

Your district pool is the public school district you live in, not the school your child attends. Because the top scorer in every town is taken first, competitiveness varies sharply from town to town.

YOUR FAST TRACK 8 SCHEDULE FOR THIS EXAM

COMPONENT	WHEN	PURPOSE
Math Placement Test	October 1, 2026, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Full Length Placement Test