



Frequently asked questions

How was the first New Tech school started?

The first New Tech Network school was founded in 1996 in Napa, CA, when local business leaders, frustrated by the lack of skilled graduates ready for the workplace, came together with the idea of starting a school that would teach the skills necessary to thrive in the new economy. That school was New Technology High School in Napa, California.

Napa New Tech's success has become a national model for innovation and excellence in high school education. NTN students surpass their state and local peers with graduation rates, increased college enrollment and college persistence. They also emerge ready for college and the careers of the future. (See [NTN Results](#) in our press kit for more on the academic achievements of New Tech students.)

Does New Tech address state and local educational standards?

Yes, all New Tech schools provide a standards-based education that meets, and often exceeds, state and local requirements. With project-based learning, teachers design academically rigorous projects tied to standards. We believe the "college and career ready" goal is attainable because of policy changes and the development of new tools and resources.

Specifically, the broad acceptance of Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in literacy and math, and the development of authentic and sophisticated measures of student achievement is tied to CCSS and college-ready standards.

How many New Tech schools are there and where are they located?

The New Tech Network encompasses 135 elementary, middle and high schools in 23 states, and Australia.

The New Tech Network design is flexible enough to succeed in a variety of settings, including stand-alone facilities, schools co-located on larger campuses, new schools or existing conversions, charter and independent schools and schools in rural, urban and suburban areas.

Propelled by the success of our schools, we plan to significantly expand our national footprint over the next several years, adding schools in states where we already operate and launching in new states.

For a full list of New Tech School, please visit us at newtechnetwork/school.org

How are New Tech Network schools started?

NTN schools are started at the initiative of schools, districts, states and government, business and community leaders who are

looking for an alternative to the traditional educational approach offered by schools. These parties contact New Tech Network with inquiries and together we begin the process of starting a new school.

What does New Tech Network mean by college and career ready?

At New Tech schools, students are evaluated not only on how proficient they are on traditional subject matter, but also on their progress in mastering skills such as knowledge and thinking, agency, collaboration, oral communication and written communication. We believe skills such as these are vital to success in post-secondary education, career and civic life.

What makes New Tech schools different from traditional schools?

The New Tech design embraces three key elements that set our schools apart from traditional schools.

- **Teaching that Engages.** Project-based learning (PBL) is at the heart of the NTN instructional approach. PBL uses technology and inquiry to engage students with issues and questions that are relevant to their lives.
- **Culture that Empowers.** NTN's culture empowers students and teachers. Each school has a unique identity that promotes trust, respect and responsibility. At New Tech schools, students have exceptional ownership of their learning experience and are given a level of responsibility similar to what they might experience in a professional workplace.
- **Technology that enables.** Smart use of technology supports our innovative approaches to instruction and culture. All classrooms have a 1:1 computing ratio. Networked computers become tools for students to become self-directed learners who no longer rely primarily on teachers or textbooks for knowledge.

For more about the New Tech Network design of teaching and learning, see the About Us section of our website — www.newtechnetwork.org.

What is New Tech Network District Development work?

NTN District Development leverages knowledge acquired during a decade of school development work to create a systematic and strategic process to transform K-12 teaching and learning. We work with leadership teams who have successfully implemented NTN schools and now wish to pursue district-wide change aligned with Common Core State Standards.

NTN facilitates systemic, adaptive change focused on a common vision so that every student in the district graduates college and career ready.

How does New Tech Network work with schools?

New Tech Network is a non-profit school development organization that guides schools through every phase of planning, starting, running and continually innovating an NTN school. We work hand-in-hand with principals, teachers, district administration and staff to provide the support, training and coaching they need to successfully implement and manage a New Tech Network elementary, middle or high school or district-wide strategy.

NTN works with districts to ensure long-term viability by also focusing on formal leadership development. We help administrators and teachers incorporate the key principles of adaptive leadership and of successful learning organizations into their way of working with one another, students and families.

Before starting an NTN school, districts must lay a solid foundation by committing to the basic conditions critical for school success.

Can I tour a New Tech high school?

Yes, we welcome groups and individuals to join us for tours of schools in the New Tech Network. Tours are open to educators, business leaders, community leaders, economic developers and members of the media. The purpose of these visits is to give an overview of the New Tech High School model and allow visitors to experience it first hand through classroom observation and student and teacher interaction.

What is Digital Learning @ NTN?

[Digital Learning @ NTN](#) offers high-quality project-based online courses to students. Courses are designed and facilitated by exemplary NTN Teachers who bring a collaborative, tech-infused curriculum to life. DL@NTN courses are delivered through Echo, the online learning management system used by all NTN schools. The online courses are initially STEM-focused project and problem based, and grounded in relevant context. Currently, classes are offered

Students collaborate with students from other schools on projects that require critical thinking and communication, two key Common Core concepts. Students also engage in cross-site collaboration, which parallels the distributed work experience many companies utilize today.

What is New Tech Network's relationship with KnowledgeWorks Foundation?

New Tech Network is a subsidiary of [KnowledgeWorks Foundation](#). Cincinnati, OH-based KnowledgeWorks strives to be a national

leader in developing and implementing innovative and effective approaches to high school education. New Tech integrated with KnowledgeWorks in October 2009 in order to accelerate the growth of NTN schools nationwide.

How can I learn more about New Tech Network?

The New Tech website is a good source of information about our organization. Visit www.newtechnetwork.org for videos, school profiles, tour information, press releases and news, as well as a description of our services and how we work with schools.

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