Traverse City Area Public Schools'
SCI-MA-TECH Questions and Answers

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What is SCI-MA-TECH?
SCI-MA-TECH is offered to Grand Traverse area students in grades 9-12 who have a strong interest in math, science, and technology. SCI-MA-TECH, located at Traverse City Central High School, offers students enhanced opportunities in math, science, and technology including special accelerated classes that utilize the latest in technology and research equipment. SCI-MA-TECH students also visit businesses and universities across the state, complete an internship in a career of their choice, hear from speakers, and participate in special extracurricular activities such as the FIRST Robotics Competition, the MATE Underwater ROV Competition, and the Northern Michigan Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Symposium.

How do I enroll in SCI-MA-TECH?
For the 2008-2009 school year, SCI-MA-TECH will add 9th grade to the program for the first time. Current 8th and 9th grade students can apply for admission to the SCI-MA-TECH program.

Application due dates are as follows:
- For current 8th graders – February 29th
- For current 9th graders – February 15th

SCI-MA-TECH staff will interview all students who turn in complete applications by the due date. Admissions decisions will be completed by late March.

For more information, contact SCI-MA-TECH Director John Failor at 231-933-3554 or failorjo@chs.tcaps.net. Applications can be found at www.sci-ma-tech.org.

How will trimesters affect SCI-MA-TECH?
We plan to offer the SCI-MA-TECH classes during the first two periods of the day, either Zero and 1st periods or 1st and 2nd periods. We plan to offer Zero Hour classes for SCI-MA-TECH seniors and juniors for the 2008-09 school year. We may offer Zero Hour for sophomores. We do not plan to offer Zero Hour for freshmen.

Can I attend SCI-MA-TECH classes and return to a different school for the rest of my school day?
Yes, SCI-MA-TECH has had many students currently and in the past who attend SCI-MA-TECH classes in the morning and then return to a home school for afternoon classes. These students have come from schools such as St. Francis, Suttons Bay, and Elk Rapids.

How do I learn more about the SCI-MA-TECH program?
Contact John Failor, SCI-MA-TECH Director, at 231-933-3554 or failorjo@csh.tcaps.net. Prospective students are welcome to come visit Central High School and see SCI-MA-TECH in action. Another good resource is SCI-MA-TECH's Web site, www.sci-ma-tech.org.