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For the Renaissance Technical Center and the Meridian Technical Center no applications are required. In February, students register for these classes like they do any other elective class. After registration, the home high school and the magnet technical centers build, tweak, and align their “Master Schedule” based on student requests. If a magnet course offered at these two technical centers fills beyond capacity, a fair random drawing will be administered by designated personnel at the District Service Center. Students will receive their schedule at August registration at their home high school.

**Who is eligible to take Professional-technical classes at the technical centers?**

Depending on the magnet program sophomores, juniors, and seniors are eligible. Some home high schools do not offer necessary prerequisites. Efforts are made to offer the opportunity to travel to take this prerequisites required to pursue a specific PT magnet program.

**What are the “home high school” prerequisites?**

The description of each course in the course handbook includes information about home high school prerequisites.

Freshman prerequisites (foundational courses for many of the magnet programs) are:

- Personal Skills Development (counts as a Speech credit)
- Introduction to Small Gasoline Engines
- Introduction to Animal Science (aka Introduction to Livestock Industry)
- Horticulture I / Botany
- Intro To Engineering Design / Architectural Drafting

Sophomore & Junior Prerequisites

- Foods & Nutrition (one semester course)
- Introduction to Culinary Arts (one-year course)

If a student’s home high school does not offer the above prerequisites then students can still register for the class so that in the master schedules may be aligned so that it is possible for students to be transported in order to take the prerequisite of choice. Another option is to apply for a transfer to a home high school that offers these prerequisites.

**How do I know which programs are offered where?**

An overview page at the beginning of the Professional-Technical Magnet Schools section within the current Course Handbook covers this information about each center and the pathways (programs) they

offer. Specific course and pathway sequencing information is found within each section under the name of the center that offers it.

**Do any of the centers offer the same programs?**

Yes, Welding and Automotive Technology are offered at *both* the Meridian Professional-Technical Center and the Dennis Technical Center. See chart below to know which site is available to your school. **Note:** Students currently enrolled in one of the magnet programs this year, will remain at that site.

<b>High School:</b>	<b>Automotive Technology</b>	<b>Welding</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meridian High School</li> <li>• Mountain View High School</li> <li>• Rocky Mountain High School</li> </ul>	<b>Meridian Professional-Technical Center</b>	<b>Meridian Professional-Technical Center</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eagle High School</li> <li>• Eagle Academy</li> </ul>	<b>Dennis Technical Center –must drive OR the Meridian Technical Center-bus provided</b>	<b>Dennis Technical Center –must drive OR the Meridian Technical Center-bus provided</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Centennial High School</li> <li>• Central Academy</li> <li>• Meridian Academy</li> </ul>	<b>Dennis Technical Center</b>	<b>Dennis Technical Center</b>

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