DUAL SCHOOL

During the spring of 2018, we're inviting creative high school students to the Dual School Idea Incubator, a cutting edge supplement to school-year learning. Dual School welcomes students from any Delaware school (public, private, charter, homeschool, etc), and is specifically designed for students whose full potential may not be fully activated in their existing school setting, but hold deep interest in working on a self-directed project.

What is Dual School?

Dual School is a unique learning opportunity built by students, for students, launching its second cohort this spring. In our first cohort, we had participants from Cab Calloway, Salesanium, Ursuline Academy, Newark Charter, Freire Charter, William Penn and Charter School of Wilmington. Students worked on projects ranging from a financial literacy curriculum for low income youth, to a 3-D printed drone, to a program to reduce prejudice in schools.

Students selected to this elite cohort will join a ten-week program, participating in a community valuing authentic connection, self-directed learning, self awareness and committed to igniting student agency. Students will attend community time sessions for three hours each week and work independently on their projects for three hours each week. Students will also participate in two or three project-based learning experiences co-designed by High Tech High once a month.

Through a combination of self-directed exploration, support from adults as partners, and a sense of community, Dual School participants will solve the pressing challenges they and leaders across the world confront everyday, while growing their sense of agency, self-advocacy and capacity for navigating and contributing meaningfully to a complex world.

What makes Dual School unique?

Projects of personal importance: Students work on things they truly care about. They apply with ideas and our job is to help them make those ideas happen.

Connections to professionals: Students are paired with mentors who help facilitate connections to professionals in their field of interest. These relationships lead to a deeper understanding of the problem space and allow students to make quick progress.

Rapid prototyping: Students are pushed to test their assumptions by prototyping ideas. We help them find ways to run small experiments that lead to insights into their projects.

Who should apply to Dual School?

Dual School is seeking passionate students who want to have an impact on the world around them. We welcome students of any academic standing who are eager to fix a problem they see in their community or the larger world. We don't look at grades when considering candidates, but if academic performance declines during Dual School, the student will not be able to continue the program.

Program Description

1. Students Apply: Online at dualschool.com/apply

2. Springboard: Applicants are invited to a full day of workshops, community, and fun on February 10. This is the second round of the application process, but instead of interviewing students, we aim to see them in action and give them the necessary skills to start making progress on their ideas.

3. Cohort Selection: By February 16th

4. Cohort Retreat: Team retreat to launch Dual School March 2-4

5. Community Meetings: Once weekly, starting week of March 5, community will come together to support the growth and development of the cohort's projects and continue to grow skills in testing assumptions, connecting with professionals and prototyping ideas.

6. Saturday Retreats: Two projects designed by High Tech High will give students the opportunity to work with cutting edge technology and build community within the cohort.

7. End of Program: Students will participate in a Discovery Day event, where they publicly showcase their learning

Requirements:

• Weekly Collaborative Work Time with Mentor
• Weekly Community Cohort Session + Workshops
• Monthly High Tech High Saturday Sessions

Student Application Process:

Application priority deadline: *January 19, 2018*
Application final deadline: *February 2, 2018*
If invited, Dual School Springboard: a full day event on *February 10, 2018*
Application Link: *dualschool.com/apply*

Students are expected to:

Attend 3 hours of community time sessions once per week	1313 Innovation
Attend 2 weekend sessions of project-based Learning with High Tech High	Held off-site (tentative: March 2-4, April 14)
Work on their projects for 3 hours outside of community time sessions	Wherever
Maintain a process blog of their learning throughout Dual School	Online