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# OREGON Small Schools INITIATIVE

## BizTech

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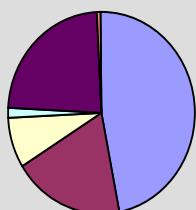
Principal: Ed Bear

BizTech High School is modeled after a nationally acclaimed demonstration school, New Technology High School. As a partner with the New Technology Foundation, BizTech has access to the New Tech Learning System and to the New Tech Project Based Learning Library, as well as additional technology for school and staff training. The school integrates the study of business, technology, and manufacturing with core subjects to promote student mastery of academic skills and content. Increasing numbers of community partnerships provide stronger pathways for post-high school connections.

The following data reflects 2007-2008, unless otherwise noted

### Student Population

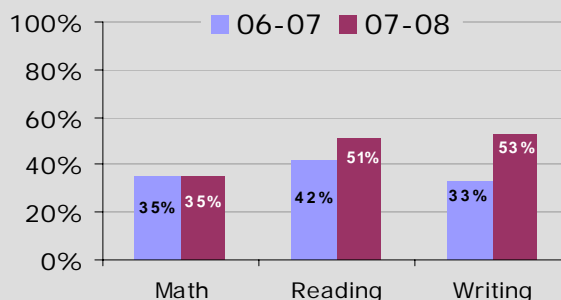
Total Enrollment	229
Low-income students	74.0%
English language learners	10.5%



European American - 46%
Asian/Pacific Islander - 19%
African American - 8%
American Indian - 2%
Latino, Hispanic - 24%
Other - 1%

### Student Achievement

10<sup>th</sup> grade students meeting or exceeding state benchmarks



Sources: Oregon Department of Education and BizTech

### A first for Oregon

In September 2004, Marshall High School, in outer Southeast Portland, became one of the first large high schools in Oregon to convert into autonomous, small schools. Marshall's conversion was in direct response to challenges it faced: only 25 percent of students met 10th grade benchmarks in math and reading, and the school's poor reputation in the community resulted in persistent decreases in enrollment. At Marshall, close to 60 percent of students are from low-income families and almost 40 percent are students of color. When planning the three schools, staff focused on creating a plan to turn student achievement around. Marshall's three autonomous schools offer a rigorous, personalized college preparatory curriculum each with a unique educational approach. Of the three original academies, BizTech Academy and Renaissance Arts Academy continue to partner with E3 to continue improving their work.

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