

Application Process & Information

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Lake County Tech Campus is an extension of many area high schools for students to attend classes in a specific career training program. Tech Campus is regarded as one of the best career and technical education facilities in the Midwest with a highly qualified staff dedicated to excellence in career and technical education. With over twenty member high schools, Lake County Tech Campus has the largest career technical secondary educational system in the state of Illinois. For more information, check out www.techcampus.org.

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TECH CAMPUS COURSES OFFERED

For details on the courses offered, please go to www.techcampus.org

Courses Offered

MANUFACTURING & TRADES	HEALTH SCIENCES	HUMAN SERVICES	INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY (IT)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automotive Collision Repair Automotive Services Construction Skills & Management Welding & Fabrication Industrial Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certified Nursing Assisting Emergency Medical Services Medical Assisting Biomedical Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Culinary Arts Cosmetology Law Enforcement & CSI Early Education & Teaching Criminal Justice Firefighting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Game Programming & Virtualization Computer Support Services Multimedia Cybersecurity

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Requirements

GPA	ON-TRACK	ATTENDANCE	BEHAVIOR
2.0	Required classes for graduation completed	90%	With Deans' Approval

Students who do not meet the minimum requirements will be automatically waitlisted.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Friday, October 17, 2025

All students will receive an email with the link to complete the application and the link to complete which session (morning or afternoon) they would like to attend.

ACCEPTANCE STATUS

Students will be notified by their school email of their acceptance status.

ACCEPTED STUDENT MEETING

Students will meet with the Tech Campus Liaison to review information and receive paperwork which will require parent/guardian signatures.

WAITLIST STATUS

Students who do not meet the eligibility requirements will be waitlisted. Students will receive communication regarding the missing criteria for acceptance.

Students will also be waitlisted if space is not available.

MAINTAINING ELIGIBILITY

Students are expected to maintain grades, on-track graduation status, 90% attendance, and good-standing behaviorally to maintain eligibility. Students may lose their acceptance status if they do not maintain academics, attendance, and good behavior. All school rules apply as outlined by the Student Handbook. <https://www.zb126.org/domain/2540>

MORNING SESSION / AFTERNOON SESSION

MORNING SESSION

Students who select Tech Campus morning session (AM) will return to the ZB Campus around 10:40AM. Students will only be able to take a maximum of four classes. Advisory does not fit for students who attend the AM session. Athletes and students with jobs frequently prefer the morning session.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Students who select Tech Campus afternoon session (PM) will be able to take a maximum of five classes. Students who select the PM session will have an option to have an advisory/lunch period. Students in the PM session without a lunch or advisory will be able to pick up their lunch and take it on the bus. Zion-Benton East students may only take the afternoon session of Tech Campus.

MORNING TECH CAMPUS (AM)	AFTERNOON TECH CAMPUS (PM)
TECH CAMPUS Return to ZB for classes @ 10:40AM	ZB Periods 1 - 5 / ZBE 1 - 4 Five classes
ZB Periods 5 - 8 Four classes No option for advisory / lunch	Option to have an advisory / lunch
	TECH CAMPUS Return to ZB @ 3:30PM Cosmo return to ZB @ 5:00PM

TECH CAMPUS COURSE CREDITS

Tech Campus courses are worth 1.5 credits which is equivalent to three semester classes each semester. Tech Campus has a total of 3.0 credits for the year. Absences impact Tech Campus courses significantly as missing one day of Tech Campus is equivalent to three class periods.

COSMETOLOGY

Cosmetology is a 2 year program. Cosmetology is worth 2.0 credits which is equivalent to 4 semester classes. Absences impact Tech Campus significantly as 1500 hours are required. Cosmetology and athletics compete with each other.

ZBTHS JUNIOR PE WAIVERS

Due to the required courses, Juniors are eligible to receive a PE waiver each semester of Tech Campus. Seniors are not eligible for Tech Campus PE waivers.

SENIOR CORE ELECTIVES

Tech Campus classes are considered Senior Core Electives for Seniors. Each semester is 1.5 credits. For the year, it is 3.0 credits.

TRANSPORTATION & BUS INFORMATION

SCHOOL PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS

All ZB students are required to take the bus provided by District 126. Extenuating circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case system. More information will be provided at the Tech Campus Orientation.

Bus Departure & Arrival Times

	Departure Time	Departure Location	Arrival Location	Arrival Time
Morning	7:40 AM	Zion-Benton Twp.	Tech Campus	8:15 AM
Morning	10:15 AM	Tech Campus	Zion-Benton Twp.	10:50 AM
Afternoon	11:45 AM	New Tech Zion East	Zion-Benton Twp.	12:00 PM
Afternoon	12:10 PM	Zion-Benton Twp.	Tech Campus	12:55 PM
Afternoon	2:50 PM	Tech Campus	Zion-Benton Twp.	3:30 PM
Afternoon	4:20 PM	Tech Campus	Zion-Benton Twp.	5:00 PM

3:30PM RETURN - PM SESSION

Students returning to the ZB Campus at 3:30PM will have access to the Activity Bus as transportation home.

5:00PM RETURN - COSMETOLOGY

Due to the required hours, cosmetology students will return at 5:00PM to the ZB Campus. There is no school-provided transportation available at drop-off. Students are required to have personal transport for their transportation home.

DRIVING TO TECH CAMPUS

Driving to Tech Campus is handled on a case-by-case basis. When given permission, the student must pick up the form from the Lake County Tech Campus office at least 48 hours prior to the date needed for driving.

Permitted situations may include automotive students bringing their cars for repairs in the shop or student athletes who need to return to the ZB campus before the 3:30 PM return time. Students will need to complete the form from the Lake County Tech Campus at least 48 hours prior to the date needing to drive.

Going to work or childcare are not accepted reasons to drive to Tech Campus.

TECH CAMPUS TUITION

Tech Campus tuition is \$3,800. Tuition for the cosmetology program is \$4,800. District 126 will cover the cost of the tuition for approved students.

TECH CAMPUS CONTRACT

See the most current [Tech Campus Drop Policy](#) here.

TECH CAMPUS FEES

Students will be responsible for fees associated with Tech Campus courses. If financial assistance is needed, students may talk to the Tech Campus Liaison and/or the Tech Campus Dean.

All required program fees must be paid prior to purchasing optional items, participating in SkillsUSA and participating in other fee-based activities.

Program	1st Year 2023-24 Fee	2nd Year 2023-24 Fee
Automotive Collision Repair	\$66	\$18
Automotive Service	\$40	
Certified Nurse Assisting	\$27	
Cosmetology	\$200	
Criminal Justice	\$30	
Culinary Arts	\$140	\$26
Early Education & Teaching	\$5	\$5
Emergency Medical Services	\$40	
Fire Fighting	\$43	
Introduction to Policing	\$30	
Medical Assisting	\$25	
Welding/Fabrication	\$90	

If the program is not listed, then that program doesn't require a student fee.

ZION-BENTON TECH CAMPUS POLICIES & PROCEDURES

See the most current Zion-Benton Tech Campus Policies & Procedures [here](#). All school rules apply.

TECH CAMPUS STUDENT HANDBOOK

See Tech Campus Student handbook [here](#) or at www.techcampus.org.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Go to www.techcampus.org and click on
"CONTACT" for other specific contacts.