



AmTech

CAREER ACADEMY

Frequently Asked Questions

[Which students can attend AmTech?](#)

[What grade levels will be at AmTech?](#)

[How many schools/pathways will be offered at AmTech?](#)

[Does a student interested in attending AmTech have to apply?](#)

[What if I participate in extracurricular activities, can I still attend AmTech?](#)

[What Freshman courses will be offered at AmTech?](#)

[Can I take classes that are not listed for my Program of Study?](#)

[Can I take Forensic Science if I am not in the Law Enforcement Program of Study?](#)

[Will I need a travel period built into my schedule?](#)

[Can I stay more than 2 periods at AmTech?](#)

[Will there be courses offered outside of the school day? Online Courses?](#)

[Will there be opportunities for internships/job shadowing/ apprenticeships?](#)

[Will there be opportunities to participate in student organizations?](#)

[Will there be a different bell schedule than the high schools?](#)

[Will lunch be served at AmTech? Food?](#)

[Will I leave AmTech with a certification/license or something else to show for my hard work?](#)

[Can students outside AISD attend?](#)

[Does it cost to attend?](#)

[Should I take special courses in middle school to attend AmTech?](#)

[Is there a dress code?](#)

[Do I have to be GT or Pre-AP to attend AmTech?](#)

[Will I earn dual credit from these courses?](#)

[Will buses still be available?](#)

[Will there be help for me concerning careers, scholarships, job applications, preparing for college, etc?](#)

Which students can attend AmTech?

All AISD students interested in one of the pathways

Homeschool students that live in the AISD attendance zone

What grade levels will be at AmTech?

AmTech is a 9th-12th grade campus. Depending on which school/pathway you choose, will determine when you will be at AmTech

How many schools/pathways will be offered at AmTech?

There are currently 9 schools and 28 pathways at AmTech...Animal Science; Architecture, Construction & Manufacturing; Business, Marketing & Finance; Culinary Arts; Law & Public Service; Media Arts; Medical Arts; STEM/IT; & Transportation

Does a student interested in attending AmTech have to apply?

Any student who is interested in attending AmTech will complete the [pre-registration](#) form AND let their home campus counselor know they would like to participate in the particular school/pathway. This includes current AACAL students.

What if I participate in extracurricular activities, can I still attend AmTech?

Of course! Students can participate in any extracurricular activities and still attend AmTech. The details of your schedule will be worked out with the counselors during the pre-registration process at your home campus.

What Freshman courses will be offered at AmTech?

The freshman courses that will be offered at AmTech will be Principles of Ag (School of Animal Science), Auto Basics (School of Transportation), Principles of Health Science (School of Medical Arts) and Engineering Essentials (School of STEM). All other freshman courses will be offered at the home campuses at this time.

Can I take classes that are not listed for my Program of Study?

Yes, if your schedule allows, and the course is not at a maximum capacity with students within that program of study, you may take classes outside of your program of study as an elective.

Can I take Forensic Science if I am not in the Law Enforcement Program of Study?

Yes. Students do not need to be in the Law Enforcement Program to take Forensic Science as a 4th Science credit. The same goes for Anatomy & Physiology and Advanced Animal Science.

Will I need a travel period built into my schedule?

In some instances a travel period will need to be built in the schedule. Your counselor will work out these scheduling details and every effort will be made to minimize travel periods.

Can I stay more than 2 periods at AmTech?

If your schedule allows and you have your own transportation, you may take additional classes. Depending on your arrival and departure time, you may still use AmTech Express bus service.

Will there be courses offered outside of the school day? Online Courses?

AmTech will only be offered during the school day at this time. Online courses will be available as needed and based on availability.

Will there be opportunities for internships/job shadowing/apprenticeships?

Yes! Practicum courses will be offered at the Senior level to provide the students opportunities to participate in work-based learning experiences.

Will there be opportunities to participate in student organizations?

Yes. Students will have the opportunity to join student organizations associated with their program of study. These organizations provide students with opportunities in leadership development, community service, and local, state and national level competitions.

Below are CTSO's (Career & Technical Student Organizations) that may be available at the campus in the future

DECA: Distributive Education Clubs of America (marketing) <http://www.deca.org/>

HOSA: Health Occupations Students of America <http://www.hosa.org/>

SkillsUSA <http://www.skillsusa.org/>

TSA: Technology Student Association <http://www.tsaweb.org/>

NTHS: National Technical Honor Society <https://nthhs.org/>

Will there be a different bell schedule than the high schools?

AmTech bell schedule will flow closely to the home campuses, so students do not miss out on class periods due to transportation, as much as possible.

Will lunch be served at AmTech? Food?

There will not be a cafeteria for students, but students, staff, and the public will have opportunities to purchase food & drinks from the Bistro and Coffee Shop on days that it is open and run by our Culinary Arts students and staff.

Will I leave AmTech with a certification/license or something else to show for my hard work?

Every student will have the opportunity to obtain a certification from their school/pathway. Some schools will start offering them their Junior year, while others will be offered their Senior year. Additionally, some pathways offer opportunities for college credit.

Can students outside AISD attend?

For now, students must be full time Amarillo ISD students or a homeschool student that lives within the AISD attendance zone.

Does it cost to attend?

No, it will not cost to attend AmTech. Some courses that are dual credit might have an expense, but that information will be given to those students at that time. Other course fees or organization dues might be required.

Should I take special courses in middle school to attend AmTech?

There are no “pre-requisite” courses required in middle school to attend AmTech, although many campuses do offer electives in areas such as computer science, keyboarding, robotics, and STEM that may be helpful when deciding what pathway you may be interested in upon entering high school.

Is there a dress code?

AmTech will follow the district dress code in the student handbook. When students are attending internships or out in the community, they will be expected to follow the dress guidelines of the internship site.

Do I have to be GT or Pre-AP to attend AmTech?

No. All students are welcome to attend if they are interested in one of the schools/pathways!

Will I earn dual credit from these courses?

Some courses will be available for dual credit.

Will buses still be available?

AmTech Express buses will run between home campuses and AmTech throughout the day.

Will there be help for me concerning careers, scholarships, job applications, preparing for college, etc?

Yes! The AmTech Career Center will assist all students with certified staff to help students navigate their final years of high school.