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Residency Requirements

- **Within Career Technical District Residency:** Students must be Ohio residents within Butler County or Northwest Local School District. Eligibility will be reviewed for residency status.

Outside Career Technical District Residency: Ohio residents outside the district may apply starting April 1, 2026.

Credit Eligibility Requirements

3-Year Programs: Applicable to current 9th-grade students.

- Apply and submit a completed application by March 15, 2026, with a current transcript.
 - 9th Grade students are identified on their transcripts by the year they begin high school. The student must have completed one semester in high school at the time of application. Students must be entering their sophomore year starting in August 2026.
 - *Homeschooled Students: Students who are homeschooled during their ninth-grade year will be expected to enroll in their public school district of residence, a community school, or a nonpublic school to participate in the 3-Year Program. It is the responsibility of the student's district of residence, community, or nonpublic school to determine the appropriate grade level of a home-schooled student in accordance with state law and their school district's policies. A counselor from the student's district of residence or school will need to verify the student's grade level before Butler Tech can verify their eligibility to enroll in the program.*
- At the time of the application deadline, the student must have earned one (1.5) core high school credits.
 - *Core credits are earned in English, Math, Social Studies, and Science.*
- To be eligible for enrollment, students must ideally earn four (4) core credits by May 31, 2026. However, students will maintain eligibility for enrollment if they have earned at least three (3) core credits by May 31, 2026. Butler Tech may deny enrollment for students who do not meet this requirement by May 31st.

2-Year Programs: Applicable to current 10th-grade students.

- Apply and submit a completed application by January 31, 2026, with a current transcript.
 - Current 10th-grade students are identified on their transcripts by the year they begin high school. The student must have completed three semesters in high school at the time of application. Students must enter their junior year starting in August 2026.
 - *Homeschooled Students: Students who are homeschooled during their tenth-grade year will be expected to enroll in their public school district of residence, a community school, or a nonpublic school to participate in the 2-Year Program. It is the responsibility of the student's district of residence, community, or nonpublic school to determine the appropriate grade level of a home-schooled student in accordance with state law and their school district's policies. A counselor from the student's district of residence or school will need to verify the student's grade level before Butler Tech can verify their eligibility to enroll in the program.*
- At the time of the application deadline, the student must have five (5) core credits earned.
 - *Core credits are earned in English, Math, Social Studies, and Science.*
- To be eligible for enrollment, students must ideally earn eight (8) core credits by May 31st, 2026. However, students will maintain eligibility for enrollment if they have earned at least six (6) core credits by May 31st, 2026. Butler Tech may deny enrollment for students who do not meet this requirement by May 31st.

One-Year or One-Semester Programs: Applicable to current 11th-grade students for 26-27 Fall Placement.

- Apply and submit a completed application by March 15, 2026.
 - Current 11th-grade students are identified on their transcripts by the year they begin high school. The student must have five (5) semesters in high school at the application deadline. Students must be entering their senior year starting in August 2026.
 - Should be enrolled in English and Math courses during their senior year.
 - Home school counselors must complete and sign the student's graduation pathway plan by March 15, 2026, to determine eligibility and placement.

Credit Eligibility and Summer School Opportunities

Credit eligibility is an essential piece of student enrollment at Butler Tech. Because a lab takes up half of the day, a student does not have additional time to make up deficient credits. This places a student at risk of not graduating on time. Students will need to make up credits to remain credit-eligible before May 31. In some circumstances, students may have the

opportunity to attend Summer School at Butler Tech. Please discuss this with any Butler Tech counselor for more details.

Lottery Selection and Placement Process

- **Priority Placement for the 25-26 10th Grade Career Exploration Academy and 10th Grade Health Science Academy:** Students receive priority placement in their chosen pathway before the lottery. Final program selections must be made by January 31, 2026, to retain priority status.
- **Selection Process:** Students may select up to three programs ranked 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice. Placement prioritizes first-choice programs, with subsequent choices considered based on availability.
- **Declining Offers:** Students have five days to accept or decline a placement offer. Declining a first-choice offer will be confirmed with parents/guardians. Students that decline their first-choice program, regardless of reason or circumstances, will need to reapply.
- **Waitlist Status:** Highly sought-after programs may reach capacity, placing students on a waitlist. The Enrollment Team will contact waitlisted students as openings occur.
- **Open Program Status:** After both lotteries, remaining openings will be filled starting April 1, 2026, on a first-come, first-serve basis for non-waitlisted programs.

Passion Commitment

Students accepted into a lab program must remain in that program for its duration, either one, two, or three years, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Special Education Services

- **IEP Students:** Placement decisions for students on an IEP will be made by the IEP Team in the Spring. An IEP meeting will include representatives from the home district and Butler Tech.
 - Each application includes a statement that must be checked before submission: “I understand final placement decisions for students on an IEP will be made by the IEP Team to ensure the placement is agreeable with the IEP team. An IEP meeting will be convened in the Spring. Additionally, a meeting may be scheduled for students on a Section 504 plan to determine whether modifications/adjustments to their plan are necessary to support their enrollment at Butler Tech.”
 - After selection, if the student receives a placement notification, the following will occur:

- For students who receive special education services, an IEP meeting will be convened in the Spring at the high school with representatives from the home district, Butler Tech, the accepted student, and guardians. The purpose of this meeting is to consider appropriate services, accommodations, and support related to the accepted program and the new academic setting. Final placement decisions will be made by the IEP Team.
- For students with a 504 plan, a meeting may be requested at the high school with representatives from the home district, Butler Tech, the accepted student, and guardians to determine if modifications/adjustments to the plan are necessary to support enrollment at Butler Tech.
- Butler Tech Counselors will review end-of-year transcripts for all students to determine credit eligibility.

Mechatronics Program Placement Requirements

- **Enrollment:** Students must apply and submit a completed application by January 31, 2026, and register with Sinclair College.
- **Eligibility:** Students must meet specified test scores through ALEKS Math and ACCUPLACER Writing tests. Testing qualification and verification will occur post-lottery.
- **Testing:** Students have until May 31st to meet the testing requirements. However, it is recommended that students complete testing to qualify by April 17, 2026, so that they can attend Acceptance Day in April.

Contact Information For questions or inquiries about the application or placement process, please contact Tiffany Jones, Secondary Education Enrollment Specialist at jonest@butlertech.org or call 513-645-8332.





