



# HOMESCHOOL STUDENT GUIDE

## Applying to the Area Technical School

In partnership with the 10 public school districts in the Jefferson County region, the Area Technical School (ATS) provides Career and Technical Education (CTE) to students in grades 10, 11 & 12. Whether you're pursuing a career in a technical field or exploring your interests, we are excited to support you in achieving your goals. This guide provides homeschool students with step-by-step instructions to apply to ATS.

### Step 1: Learn About ATS

Before applying, take time to explore the programs we offer. Each program provides hands-on experience and prepares you for future education or a career in the industry. Here's how to learn more:

- **Visit Our Website:** Check out program descriptions, requirements, and opportunities at ATS.
- **Attend an Event:** Join us at the **"Show Me ATS" family event on January 28, 2025, 4:30-6:30 p.m.** You can meet instructors, ask questions, and tour the facilities.
- **Contact Us:** If you have specific questions, email Sarah Perry at [sperry1@jeffco.edu](mailto:sperry1@jeffco.edu) or call 636.481.3498.

### Step 2: Verify Eligibility

ATS serves high school students from 10 partner school districts. As a homeschool student, you're eligible if:

- You meet the grade-level requirement for the program you're applying to (typically grades 10-12).
- Some high schools have other requirements for application to the ATS. Homeschooled families should reach out to the high school counselors at their high school of residence to access school-specific information.
- You understand that registering as a part-time student at your district of residence public school district is required.

### Step 3: Complete the Application

Applications for the 2025-2026 school year open on **December 1, 2024**, and close on **February 7, 2025**. To apply:

1. **Visit the Online Application Portal:** Access the application on our website, [www.jeffco.edu/ats-apply](http://www.jeffco.edu/ats-apply)
2. **Provide Necessary Documents:**
  - Proof of homeschool enrollment or transcript with grades.
  - Attendance records (if applicable).
  - Parent/guardian approval form.
3. **Submit Your First and Second Program Choices:** Indicate your top program preferences.
4. **Review Submission:** Ensure all information is accurate before submitting your application.

### Step 4: Await Decision

ATS faculty review applications beginning **February 14, 2025**. Decisions are based on program availability, your application, and supporting documents. Applicants will be notified by mail in late March.

### Step 6: Attend Accepted Student Night

If you are accepted, join us for **Accepted Student Night on April 24, 2025, from 6-7:30 p.m.** This event helps you prepare for the upcoming school year and meet your instructors and classmates.

### Additional Resources

- **Shadow a Current Student:** Experience a day in the life of an ATS student by scheduling a shadowing opportunity.
- **Connect with a Student Ambassador:** Ask current students about their experience at ATS.

We're here to support you every step of the way. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us. Good luck with your application, and we look forward to welcoming you to ATS!



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