

Somerset County Vo-Tech Program Overview

Auto Body



Overall employment of automotive body and glass repairers is projected to grow 6 percent over the next 10 years, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Job opportunities should be best for jobseekers with industry certification and training in automotive body and glass repair. The median pay for automotive body and glass repairers in 2020 was \$44,190 per year or \$21.24 per hour.

(Source: United States Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Students in the Auto Body Technology Program learn the fundamentals of damage repair, metal straightening, panel replacement and preparation for painting and refinishing. Students gain experience through demonstration, theory and hands-on shop projects, while working in a state-of-the-art facility.

Students who graduate from the Auto Body Technology Program can pursue a career as an Auto Body Technician as well as related careers. Graduates may also elect to further their education by attending college or a post-secondary technical institution. Some fourth year students may have the opportunity to earn credits for real world employment.

Curriculum:

Year 1: Shop Safety, Appropriate Use of Hand and Power Tools, Auto Body Career Opportunities

Year 2: Basic Welding, Basic Metal Working, Basic Collision Repair Techniques, Painting, Fillers

Year 3: Advanced Abrasives & Plastic Repair, Advanced Painting, Bolt on Panel Replacements, Working with Glass

Year 4: Identifying Vehicle Damage, Damage and Repair Estimates, Welded & Bonded Panels, Shop Management, Customer Relations, Advanced and Independent Study

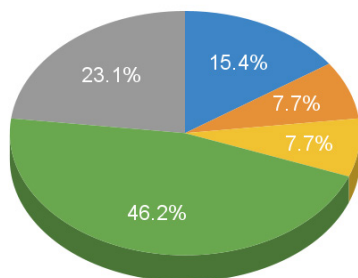
Classes meet for 2 periods/2 hours per day, 5 days a week

Average number of new students accepted per year: 14

Opportunity for professional certifications: YES

Opportunity to earn college credits: NO

Auto Body Student Plans at Graduation



FUTURE CAREERS

Auto Body Technician
 Auto Body Shop Manager
 Auto Body Business Owner
 Collision Repair Estimator
 Insurance Adjustor
 Parts Assembler
 Refinishing Technician

RECENT STUDENT POST-SECONDARY DESTINATIONS

Automotive Training Center
 Lincoln Technical Institute
 Penn College of Technology
 Raritan Valley Community College
 Universal Technical Institute
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SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps each student excel by providing educational programs, events and competitions that support career and technical education (CTE) in the nation’s classrooms.

SCVTHS students have the opportunity to compete for state and national recognition in the annual SkillsUSA competitions.

Recent Awards

2018	Bronze Medal	State Custom Automotive Painting Competition
2018	Gold Medal	State Automotive Refinishing Technology Competition
2019	Gold Medal	State Custom Automotive Painting Competition
2019	Bronze Medal	State Automotive Refinishing Technology Competition
2019	Bronze Medal	State Collision Repair Technology Competition



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The Auto Body advisory panel members include:

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