

WORK-BASED LEARNING



BERKSHIRE LOCAL SCHOOLS

THE USED CAR PRODUCTION CHALLENGE

MECHANICAL TECHNOLOGY SUMMER PROGRAM A 5-WEEK PAID EXPERIENCE FOR INCOMING SENIORS

Berkshire's Used Car Production Challenge is a five-week, paid summer experience for incoming and returning Mech Tech students who want to accelerate their future in automotive technology. Held at the Berkshire Workforce Development Campus, students work in teams to complete the real-world challenge of getting used vehicles ready for sale within three days or less. The program combines Ford Automotive Career Exploration (ACE) curriculum, hands-on Work-Based Learning (WBL), and a team-based production competition, allowing participants to apply classroom learning to authentic dealership operations while earning \$15 per hour for afternoon WBL participation.



PROGRAM OUTCOMES

This summer program offers a cost-effective, high-impact entry point into an industry-backed career pathway. Students gain credentials, paychecks, and experience — while districts expand opportunities without new infrastructure.

- Ford ACE Certifications & Work-Based Learning Hours
- Career Exposure with Preston Auto Group
- Eligibility for Berkshire's Year 2 Mechanical Technology Program
- Proven model for regional workforce readiness collaboration

Students will work in teams to meet a real-world challenge: getting used vehicles ready for sale within three days or less.

This unique experience combines Ford Automotive Career Exploration (ACE) curriculum, paid Work-Based Learning (WBL), and a team-based production competition, all within the state-of-the-art Berkshire Workforce Development Campus.

PROGRAM DETAILS

JUNE 8- JULY 11, 2025

**Berkshire Workforce
Development Campus**

**13595 W Center St, Burton, OH 44021
– Classroom Building A**

Schedule (Monday–Friday)

**8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. – Classroom
Instruction (Ford ACE Curriculum)**

**12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. – Paid Work-
Based Learning Challenge**

*Students/Guardians provide their own
transportation.*

Contact Dr. Vanessa Povozaev at
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if you are interested in sending your students
to the Used Car Production Challenge. We
have spots available for partner districts!

PROBLEM-BASED LEARNING

