

L.A. County Skilled Trades Summers Program



Partner Spotlight

Bell High School

Bell (Southeast LA) | 24 Students | 4 Weeks | Carpentry and Auto

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Harbor Freight Tools for Schools launched Skilled Trades Summers in 2021 to introduce high schoolers to in-demand careers and provide foundational skills prior to graduation. In 2026, 11 programs across L.A. County will offer:

- “Earn and learn” model for all participating high school students
- Intensive, hands-on training leading to high-value industry credentials
- Career readiness support

Program Features

- In addition to the carpentry program, the new auto program will build foundational auto service mechanical skills.
- Students will lead three community impact projects: two campus remodels (carpentry) and community vehicle safety inspections (auto).
- Career Readiness and Life Skills: workshops and forums featuring skilled trades professionals, provided by Southeast Community Development Corporation.
- Certifications Offered: 10 credits towards high school graduation, OSHA 10 (Carpentry).

To see Bell High School students in-action, watch our video [here](#).

To learn more about Skilled Trades Summers, please contact Senior Director of L.A. County Programs Belen Vargas bvargas@hftforschools.org and visit hftforschools.org/los-angeles-county.

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About Harbor Freight Tools for Schools

Harbor Freight Tools for Schools is the flagship program of The Smidt Foundation, established by Harbor Freight Tools owner and founder Eric Smidt, to increase understanding, support and investment in skilled trades education for U.S. public high school students.