

L.A. County Skilled Trades Summers Program



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California Advancing Pathways for Students (CalAPS)

Bellflower and surrounding communities | 20 Students | 4 Weeks | Residential Construction

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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

- High school students from four different school districts will participate in a residential construction program at Mayfair High School.
- Students will complete small-scale construction projects and a community impact project integrating electrical, plumbing, and solar skills.
- Career Readiness and Life Skills: financial literacy workshops, industry guest speakers, and personalized career plans.
- Certifications Offered: OSHA 10, CPR, First Aid.

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.