

L.A. County Skilled Trades Summers Program



Partner Spotlight

La Mirada High School

La Mirada | 44 Students | 2-6 Weeks | Welding and Auto Restoration

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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

- Upper-class students train in advanced welding, serve as peer mentors to beginner students and lead a community impact project.
- A six-week auto restoration program will be introduced for advanced students from La Mirada and Norwalk High Schools.
- This innovative welding program is led by Mr. Brent Tuttle, a 2020 winner of the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence.
- Certifications Offered: OSHA 10, CPR/First Aid.

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To see La Mirada 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.

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.