Careers In Construction NW
Shaping Tomorrow's Workforce

Careers in Construction Core Purpose: Work with local schools to increase student participation, advance facilities, curriculum, and networking so that students can obtain quality jobs in the building industry upon graduation.

Support the Future of Skilled Trades

Donate Here

Your Impact

All proceeds from direct donations, fishing trips, and vacation rentals go straight to supporting Careers in Construction NW. Our continued growth across Southwest Washington and now into Oregon has created an exciting opportunity — and a growing need — for additional funding.

Your support helps us:

Expand our programs to reach more students.
Create hands-on learning opportunities in skilled trades.
Open doors to meaningful, long-term careers for the next generation.

Every contribution, big or small, helps us build futures — one student at a time.

Building the Future:
Fort Vancouver High School Opens New Trades Center



A new milestone for skilled trades education in our community! Fort Vancouver High School celebrated the opening of the Ed Lynch Trades Center, giving students expanded opportunities to gain hands-on, industry-ready skills and explore rewarding careers in the trades. Read the full story from The Columbian and see how our community is investing in the next generation of skilled workers.

Read Full Article HERE

Three More Skilled Trades Buildings on the Way!

Construction is getting underway this month at Skyview, Hockinson, and Battle Ground High Schools.

Vancouver School District: Careers in Construction 2026 Report

The future of the skilled trades is taking shape in our schools. Our 2026 VPS report highlights the growth and impact of Careers in Construction in the Vancouver School District, from a 53% increase in student enrollment to industry credentials, hands-on training, direct hiring opportunities, and expanded state-of-the-art facilities.

Take a look at the 2026 report to see how students, schools, and industry partners are working together to build the next generation of skilled workers.

Read HERE



CAREERS IN CONSTRUCTION · PROGRAM REPORT

Careers in Construction Report 2026

Preparing Vancouver Public Schools students for high-demand regional careers through hands-on learning, industry partnerships, and work-ready technical training.

+53%
ENROLLMENT GROWTH
Grown from 268 to 410 VPS students since 2022

DIRECT JOBS
GRADE 13 HIRING PIPELINE
Connecting seniors directly to industry careers

NCCER
INDUSTRY CREDENTIALS
Nationally recognized trade certifications

STATE-OF-THE-ART TRAINING FACILITIES

Generous support from **The Endeavour Fund** and the **Ed & Dollie Lynch Fund** has expanded dedicated training centers with modern industrial equipment:

Ed Lynch Trades Center · Fort Vancouver High School
Supports advanced welding, manufacturing, and career-connected learning.

Endeavour Technical Trades Center · Hudson's Bay High School
Dedicated construction trades building providing authentic training in a professional shop environment.

NEW Trades Center · Skyview High School (Name TBA)
Unifies Construction, Welding, and Manufacturing into a centralized hub serving Skyview & Columbia River students.

DESIGN-BUILD CURRICULUM

CORE TECHNICAL DISCIPLINES
Architecture · Engineering · Carpentry & Framing · Electrical · Plumbing · HVAC · Welding & Manufacturing · Heavy Civil Construction

- **National Certification:** Incorporates NCCER standards honored by union and non-union apprenticeship programs nationwide.
- **Mentorship:** Direct hands-on learning from active regional construction professionals.

WORKFORCE READINESS & PLACEMENT

★ **GRADE 13 HIRING EVENT SUCCESS**
Targeted career placement event connecting job-ready graduating seniors directly with top regional employers seeking skilled entry-level workforce.

Direct Outcome: VPS seniors from the May 2026 event secured immediate employment with *Nutter, Richart Builders, Tapani, Robertson & Olson, Fabrication Products Inc.*, and the *Northwest Carpenters Union*.

- **SkillsUSA Competition Excellence:** In 2026, **26 VPS Construction Trades Program of Choice students** qualified for State competition across architectural design, roofing, electrical, plumbing, carpentry, and telecommunications. State winners advanced to National competition.
- **College Dual Credit Pathway:** Partnership with Clover Park Technical College allows students to earn up to 15 college credits, leading directly to a Bachelor's Degree in Construction Management.

INDUSTRY & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Partners contribute classroom instruction, mentorship, resources, and direct workplace hiring pipelines.

Employers & Contractors:
Nutter Corporation • Robertson & Olson Construction • Legacy L6 • Entek • Quail Homes • ProTech • Richart Builders • Tapani • Fabrication Products Inc.

Industry Associations & Labor:
SW Washington Contractors Association • Building Industry Association of Clark County • Careers in Construction • Northwest Carpenters Union • Machinist Institute • Nutter Foundation

Careers in Construction • Briefing Report on Vancouver Public Schools Building Trades Programs

How to Help

Stay connected with Careers in Construction NW by visiting our website for the latest events, updates, and opportunities to get involved.

Your support makes a difference!

Consider making a donation or shopping at our Trades Tuesday Store, where every purchase helps fund trades education programs in local high schools.

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