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