

A u t o m o t i v e T e c h n o l o g y

Get a start on your “Automotive Service Excellence” (ASE) certification while you’re still in High School!!

If you like working with your hands and you like tinkering with cars.... then the Decatur Automotive Program is for you!

If you would like to learn professional-level auto repair techniques and become ASE certified... then this is the place to start that training!

Why become ASE certified?

- Certification grants you professional credentials.
- Certification demonstrates your commitment to the automotive service and repair profession.
- Certification enhances the profession’s image.
- Certification reflects achievement.
- Certification builds self-esteem.
- Certification can improve career opportunities and advancement.
- Certification may provide for greater earnings potential.
- Certification improves skills and knowledge.
- Certification prepares you for greater on-the-job responsibilities.
- Certification offers greater recognition from peers.



This program is designed to help jump-start your career in a rewarding field!

ASE Certification Defined:

- Passing score on exams
- Two years of post-educational work experience
- Designed for Journeyman Technicians/Specialists
- Good for 5 years
- Credentials accepted industry-wide



ASE Master Status is achieved by passing each of the 8 specialty exams in conjunction with 2 years of post-educational work experience (must retake all 8 exams every five years to maintain this level of certification.)

Is this program right for me?

The motor vehicle repair industry has taken on a new sophistication. It requires advanced technical training and computer literacy. Today’s automotive technician must have:

- thorough knowledge of automotive systems and components
- good computer skills
- excellent communication skills
- above average mechanical aptitude
- good reasoning ability
- ability to read and follow instructions
- manual dexterity



What Decatur's program offers:

Automobile Technician Specialty certification covering the following ASE tests:

1. Engine Repair
2. Automatic Transmission/Transaxle
3. Manual Drive Train & Axles
4. Suspension & Steering
5. Brakes
6. Electrical/Electronic Systems
7. Heating and Air Conditioning
8. Engine Performance



Each year of instruction substitutes for up to 1 year of the 5-year ASE work experience requirement (must successfully complete both years of Decatur's 2-year program to receive any applicable credit)

Are there other benefits?

- Decatur's Automotive Technology program offers crossover credits for English, math, science, and can also count as one of your required electives.
- **By completing this program you can earn college credit!** The program articulates through the King County Tech Prep Consortium with tech-prep programs at both Renton Technical College and Green River Community College.

What is our Mission?

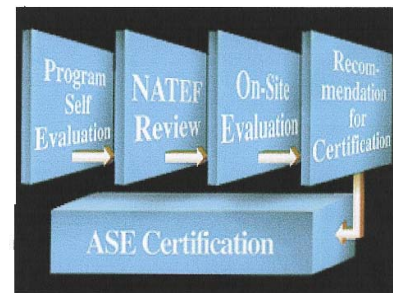
The primary objective of Decatur's Automotive Technology program during the 2004-05 and 2005-06 school years is to achieve ASE Certification for Automotive Training Programs.

- ASE is the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence, a nonprofit organization established in 1972 by the automotive industry to improve the quality of vehicle repair and service through the voluntary testing and certification of automotive repair technicians.
- NATEF, the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation, is a separate non-profit foundation within the ASE organization. The primary mission of NATEF is to improve the quality of automotive technician training programs nationwide through voluntary certification.
- NATEF is responsible for the program evaluation process, and makes recommendations for ASE program certification based on the evaluation.
- The State Departments of Education in all 50 states support ASE certification of automotive programs.

What does Decatur's Automotive Technology Program look like?

Decatur High School is in its first year of a two-year process to become an Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certified school. In doing this, the program is evaluated by the ASE Board of Directors to ensure instructional quality and compliance with industry standards. Decatur's ASE evaluation will be complete in the fall of 2006, at which time we will be able to display the prestigious ASE emblem in the shop.

ASE Certification must be re-evaluated every 5 years.



AVAILABLE COURSES

AUTO MECHANICS INTRODUCTION (more information)

Credits

.5 per semester

Year Course

Prerequisite

None

Special Information

\$4.50 fee

Tech Prep

Science or Math (crossover) with a grade of "B" or better and if followed by Auto Mech. 1 & 2

Occupational Ed. Credit

AUTO MECHANICS 1 & 2 (more information)

Credits

.5 per semester

Year Course

Prerequisite

None

Special Information

\$4.50 fee

Tech Prep

*.5 Senior English elective or Science or Math (crossover) with a grade of "B" or better

Occupational Ed. Credit

AUTO MECHANICS 3 & 4 (more information)

Credits

.5 per semester

Year Course

Prerequisite

Auto Mechanics 1 & 2

Special Information

\$4.50 fee

Tech Prep

*.5 Senior English elective or Science or Math (crossover) with a grade of "B" or better

Occupational Ed. Credit

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