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AUTO CLASSES GET STUDENTS READY FOR THE MOTOR CITY

They call Detroit the Motor City, and it has an effect on everyone, even students from the small town of Armada.

Armada High School offers several auto classes as a part of its curriculum. Students have the choice of taking autos for one hour, or they can take it as a 2-hour block class.

So what exactly do students do in autos?

"There's not really any set things that we have to do in autos," said junior Jason Jaynes of Armada. "We don't really get assignments; we kind of work at our own pace."

But don't think the students don't learn anything just because they don't get homework. They learn all kinds of things about cars, from oil changes to alignments. Students also learn about automotive electrical systems of cars.

"I work mostly on electrical stuff. I learn about the lights and how they work," said senior Rob Tibbits.

Most of the students in autos class work on their own cars during class time. "I work on my truck a lot," said Tibbits, who admitted that he had doubts about the class at first. "I wasn't sure if I wanted to take the class at first, but now I'm glad I did. I've learned so many different things about cars."

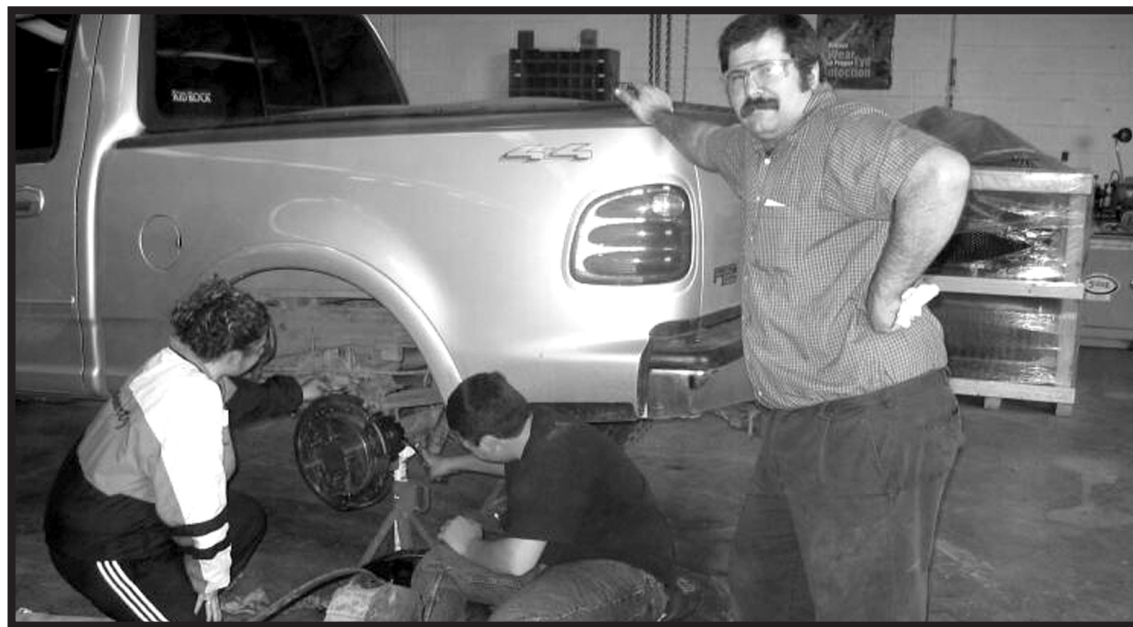
"I really like autos because I get to work on my car, and I can help other people figure out what's wrong with their cars," Jaynes said.

Students can use what they learn in the class later in life. "The class is cool because you learn so many different things, and you get to do it at your own pace," Tibbits said.

Autos is a useful class that people should consider taking.



Sophomore Will Lynch works on his 1970 Camaro in Armada High School's Autos lab.



Armada High School Auto Maintenance teacher Joe Hart oversees students, junior Brandi Schwartz, left, and freshman Dustin Dube as they work on the brakes of a truck.

CTE promotes foundation for lifelong learning

Students who enroll in Career and Technical Education have the opportunity to acquire skills that prepare them for successful career entry, advancement and continuing education. These skills are transferable as well as job specific. Skills are basic to their general education, providing them with the foundation for lifelong learning.

Career and Technical Education opportunities available for students enrolled at Armada High School through a consortium with Romeo Public Schools:

- Allied Health Technology
- Auto Mechanics
- Business Services/Technology
- Cooperative Education
- Construction Trades
- Drafting
- Electrical/Electronics Repair
- Emergency Medical Treatment
- Hospitality Food Services
- Machine Tool/Machine Shop
- Marketing Education
- Technology Education

Tell me and I'll forget.
Show me and I'll remember.
Involve me and I'll understand.

— Confucius

Armada co-op gives students real world experience

At Armada High School, co-op is a great learning experience in which students get the opportunity to get out of school and go into the workplace.

"Co-op is good for students. They learn a lot of experience," said business teacher Joanne Bates.

To get into a co-op class, students need to be seniors and have the co-op teacher's approval for the kind of job that they are looking for. Co-op classes help many students find their way in life; they learn various tasks and trades that may lead to future occupation.

Armada student Lyndy Devroy said, "I benefit from taking this class because it helps me make extra money on the side, and I get a good learning experience."

Most students believe that they benefit from co-op because it is a start to young adulthood. Some jobs that are included in the co-op program are at Achatz Pie Co., Armada IGA, and Wiegands Nursery and Garden Center.

Senior Heide Ballard said, "If you have the right kind of job and do the right things, co-op could help toward a learning experience in a career such as in business."

Ballard is not alone in feeling that the experience is useful. It is recommended by many students who participate in the co-op program.

Co-op student Ryan Malburg believes that, "co-op teaches discipline and gives you strong leadership characteristics."

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Laying a good foundation with Building Trades program

At Armada High School the Building Trades classes are in the process of building a modular home right outside the classroom.

The class has been working on the house since the beginning of school. So far the house has been framed, sheathed, roofed and sided. The electrical and the wiring are almost done, and the students are about to start installing the insulation.

In this course taught by Jeremy Brackenberry, students study basic carpentry, electrical, minor plumbing, minor heating and cooling, and several other skills.

"Some of the benefits of this class are starting to learn a trade, or you can test it out to see if you would like

it as a career," Brackenberry said. "This course is not hard as long as you just pay attention, follow directions and ask questions."

"My favorite part of this class is learning the structures of a house that I never knew about and knowing you built something with your own hands," said senior Ryan Walkowski.

Another building trades student, senior Brian Carlson, said his favorite part of the class is "learning about carpentry, because that's what I'm going to school for."

"This class would be good for anybody going into the trades or someone who just wants to do it to learn about it," said junior Matt Rusk.



Armada Students in the Building Trades program get the experience of working with professionals and building a house.

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