

STUDENTS IN DRIVER'S SEAT

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The Automotive Service Technician Apprenticeship Program is currently in its third year at McNair. Instruction is provided by Brian Barenscoth, a certified mechanic and teacher. Interested grade 12 students learn to diagnose and repair all facets of automotive operation, including power train, suspension, brakes and electrical. In addition to high school credits, all successful

apprenticeship students also receive credit for their Level One technical training from the Industry Training Authority. The program also has a partnership with Kwantlen University College, which allows students to receive classroom instruction at the brand new Cloverdale campus.

Students in this program at McNair are in the shop every day, all day for one full semester. This has the advantage of allowing students to be fully immersed in their auto training.

Apprenticeship programs such as these allow students to graduate skilled, work-ready and in demand. Students receive high school credit for these post-secondary programs and do not have to pay any tuition – a cost savings of around \$2000.

All Richmond School District students and parents are invited to come out & see Automotive Apprenticeship students demonstrate their skills at the 5th Annual Career Options Fair. All of this takes place indoors on Thursday, February 28th, from 3:00 – 8:00 pm at Cambie Secondary School.