



Building Trades Program

Welcome to Building Trades class.

Please read the following for some important information about the class.

Class meeting times:

Periods 1-2 7:50 – 9:15

Periods 6-7 1:35 – 3:00

These times are designed to give you adequate and safe driving times to and from your home schools. Baring severe weather or unusual circumstances you should not need to be late to this class or your other classes due to transportation time!

Class meeting place:

For approximately the first one to two weeks of the term the class will meet at Washington High School. Non-Washington students should park in the large parking lot across from the Auditorium beside the tennis courts. Enter the building through the doors across from the tennis courts. Later we will meet at the house construction site.

Attendance:

Good attendance is a key ingredient for success in this class. You should plan to be on time and in class every day. Signing in is your responsibility, be sure to sign yourself in every day!

Equipment provided by student:

- 1) safety glasses
- 2) hard hat
- 3) hammer
- 4) tape measure
- 5) pencils
- 6) tool pouch

Except for the pencils you will not need your equipment until we go out to the job site. The items do not need to be purchased new and will be explained more in class. You will be provided with a pair of safety glasses and a hard hat.

Proper dress:

When you are working at the house you are likely to get dirty! Plan accordingly. Often times gloves, boots and long pants are logical choices. As the weather gets cooler, dress warmly. We work in the cold, sometimes in the rain, and perhaps even in the snow.

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Transportation:

It is your responsibility to get to the house site each day. We encourage car pools and will try to resolve any transportation problems at our first few class meetings. Your school may have a van available for transportation. If you need this service please check with your counselor.

Safety:

Having a good safety record does not just happen. It must be planned for and all students and staff must make it a top priority. Students will not be permitted to continue in the program if they cannot or will not follow the safety rules of the class. Much time will be spent on safety in the early part of the class, as well as all during the year. Decide now that you will be a part of a safe work site. Do it for yourself as well as for the others in the class.

Grading:

Successful completion of this course will earn you 2 credits each term. You will be evaluated in three basic areas; attendance, work quality and work quantity. Each of the three areas will have relatively equal weight. However, you should realize that poor attendance would affect all of the areas.

Other:

If you or your parents ever have any questions about the class or the Building Trades program please contact me. I can be reached by phone or text at, **319-431-0674**. My e-mail address is: **dsmith@cr.k12.ia.us**.

The Building Trades, Student-built House project is a cooperative venture of the Cedar Rapids Community Schools. I hope that you find value in being a part of this program and I'm confident that you will be an important asset to the program as well.

Be sure to check out the Building Trades web site at, www.StudentBuiltHouse.com also like us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/CRSBH.

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