Overall employment of automotive body and glass repairers is projected to grow 6 percent over the next 10 years, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Job opportunities should be best for jobseekers with industry certification and training in automotive body and glass repair. The median pay for automotive body and glass repairers in 2020 was $44,190 per year or $21.24 per hour.

(Source: United States Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Students in the Auto Body Technology Program learn the fundamentals of damage repair, metal straightening, panel replacement and preparation for painting and refinishing. Students gain experience through demonstration, theory and hands-on shop projects, while working in a state-of-the-art facility.

Students who graduate from the Auto Body Technology Program can pursue a career as an Auto Body Technician as well as related careers. Graduates may also elect to further their education by attending college or a post-secondary technical institution. Some fourth year students may have the opportunity to earn credits for real world employment.

Curriculum:
Year 1: Shop Safety, Appropriate Use of Hand and Power Tools, Auto Body Career Opportunities
Year 2: Basic Welding, Basic Metal Working, Basic Collision Repair Techniques, Painting, Fillers
Year 3: Advanced Abrasives & Plastic Repair, Advanced Painting, Bolt on Panel Replacements, Working with Glass
Year 4: Identifying Vehicle Damage, Damage and Repair Estimates, Welded & Bonded Panels, Shop Management, Customer Relations, Advanced and Independent Study

Classes meet for 2 periods/2 hours per day, 5 days a week
Average number of new students accepted per year: 14
Opportunity for professional certifications: YES
Opportunity to earn college credits: NO

**FUTURE CAREERS**
- Auto Body Technician
- Auto Body Shop Manager
- Auto Body Business Owner
- Collision Repair Estimator
- Insurance Adjustor
- Parts Assembler
- Refinishing Technician

**RECENT STUDENT POST-SECONDARY DESTINATIONS**
- Automotive Training Center
- Lincoln Technical Institute
- Penn College of Technology
- Raritan Valley Community College
- Universal Technical Institute
- WYOTECH

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SCVTHS students have the opportunity to compete for state and national recognition in the annual SkillsUSA competitions.

**Recent Awards**

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The Auto Body advisory panel members include:
- Mark Algie: 3 M Company
- Patti Backman: Lincoln Educational Services
- Edgar Chaven Jr.: Britland Auto Body
- Samantha Mantegna: Automotive Training Center
- Ross Pedone: Empire Auto Parts
- Charity Ritter: Bridgewater Auto Body
- Gary Scaro: Albert Kemperle
- Ed Winkens: Pro Spot Welding