According to the 2019 Idaho Career Information System—

- **Automobile Mechanics** earn $40,028 per year ($19.24/hour) Idaho median.

- Wages vary depending on the employer and also vary according to the level of skill and experience of the mechanic. They are paid using “flat rate” for a set number of hours per repair or, have a set hourly wage and even some may receive a commission and benefits can vary as well.
Automotive Technology training is offered through the CTE Center—Meridian Campus. Students engage in hands-on instruction and “live” work in one of two state-of-the-art automotive labs filled with current diagnostic and industry equipment. Program sponsors including Napa Auto Parts (a special sponsor which provides auto parts at wholesale prices) provide support and guidance to ensure industry standards are met and the shops are viable.

Students work on community vehicles if applicable to the curriculum and expertise of the student.

This program has a proven track record of excellence and has been recognized by the Idaho Division of Career and Technical Education. 

Certification:
Students may earn a SP-2 Safety Training Certification. The program also offers students an opportunity to earn Technical Skill credits through SkillStack badging aligned to technical college competencies.

Overview
Automotive Technology III—In this advanced class, students spend most of their time in the auto shop applying their diagnostic and repair skills. Students work on vehicles from the community which replicates work in an auto repair business shop. Students receive training for entry level positions and advance their knowledge of Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) industry standards.

Tech Center courses:
Automotive Technology I—In this class students are introduced to basic automotive technology concepts and skills including learning the technical terms and location of all vehicle parts. This is a one semester class giving students an opportunity to decide if they want to pursue the two higher level classes.

Automotive Technology II—This course is a year-long course that extends over two block class periods. The course covers the theory of operation in the classroom with the actual work applied in a “live” shop. For this class, it is strongly recommended that students purchase their own set of basic hand tools that they can use for the remainder of the program.

Complimentary Courses are:
- Introduction to Mechanics
- Intro to Small Gasoline Engines

If a student’s home high school doesn’t offer these beginning prep classes, students may travel to take them in 10th grade at the center.

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