According to the 2017 Idaho Career Information System—

- **Auto Body Repairers** earn $41,880 (Idaho median wage). Workers often earn more based on the difficulty of the work and how fast they complete it. It is considered a “large” sized occupation and the 10 year projected growth as “very fast.”

- About 11 percent of the workers in this occupation are self-employed.

- Job prospects will be very good for people with formal training and certifications. Employment outlook (annual openings) in Idaho is “High.” Employers look for people with strong analytical skills as well as good communication skills.

*Many career and technical education (CTE) courses offer college credit. Instructors inform students of these opportunities and encourage them to consider the benefits of joining a related professional organization which provides students opportunities to participate in related competitions and develop strong leadership skills.*
Collision Repair training is offered through the Career & Technical Education (CTE) Center - Meridian Campus. Students engage in hands on instruction and "live" work in a state-of-the-art environmentally sound collision repair lab filled with up-to-date equipment and products. Local business partnerships help to establish and maintain current industry practices. Teaching is focused on safety and employability skills.

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.

Course Offerings

Recommended Related Course:
- Intro to Mechanics and Welding I

Collision Repair I—This is a one semester class giving students an opportunity to decide if they want to pursue the two higher level classes. In this class students are introduced to basic skills of entry level employment in the career field of collision repair. Students explore related occupations and are instructed on: tools, bolt on panel replacement, basic panel repair, mixing and applying body fillers, welding and environmental concerns related to handling hazardous materials. In addition, shop safety is a high priority.

Collision Repair II—This course is a year-long course that extends over two block class periods and is taught every other day. The course focuses on advanced skill development with hands on application in a state-of-the-art collision repair shop. Emphasis is on safety standards and computerized paint mixing, identification of automotive bodies, trim accessories, estimating, body repair, hardware removal and repair, basic painting and refinishing, buffing and detailing. Students have an opportunity to work on their own vehicles.

Collision Repair III—in this advanced class, students spend most of their time in the shop honing their skills while learning about panel replacement, computerized paint mixing and matching, waterborne base coat refinishing, plastic bumper repair and refinishing, fiberglass repair, computerized frame analysis, and airbrushing.

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