



"I want to teach the students what each (construction) trade is and then let them choose... Even if they don't go into a construction career, they might at least pick up on a lot of home maintenance skills."



ANDY HACKENJOSH
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CIVIL ENGINEERING GRAD

Students in Building Trades class work together on framing a house as part of their studies at Adam Central. Students from nearby schools also take this class, which meets three hours a day. At the conclusion of the course, all students are OSHA certified.

Hoosier Hot 50 Jobs

...is an online listing of the 50 fastest growing, high-wage jobs of tomorrow. The Hoosier Hot 50 Jobs are ranked on wages and demand in 2018 for the state of Indiana. Construction-related careers and their expected salaries rank high and often on this list, including:

Construction Laborer	\$36,739
Construction Supervisor	\$57,377
Construction Superintendent	\$78,237
Operating Engineer	\$47,523
Heating, AC, Refrigeration	\$40,217
Carpenter	\$38,124
Cost Estimator	\$55,372
Plumber	\$50,139
General Maintenance/Repair	\$36,291
Electrician	\$51,852
Building/Grounds Supervisor	\$36,625
Maintenance Painter	\$34,010

<https://net.solutions.dwd.in.gov/hhs50/RegionalDownloads.aspx>

Adams Central Building Trades On-the-job training blueprint for future

Some complain that "there are no jobs to be found" and that four years of college debt is not a risk many are prepared to take.

Others like to work with their hands and enjoy creating projects with an outcome they can see.

Adams Central's Building Trades classes offer students the opportunity to gain actual experience and training in a skills group that just might get them a job and a decent salary right out of high school.

The three-hour, three-credit course, offered twice a day fulfills the requirements of the new Technical Honors diploma including "internships, community service and dual credit opportunities."

Last year, the classes built the program's

eleventh home in the area, and sold it through local realtors working with the school for \$175,000.

Students learn practical job skills including plumbing, electrical and heating knowledge, carpentry, painting and masonry. Teacher Andy Hackenjosh emphasizes that his students also get to experience "teamwork, leadership, creative problem-solving and real world work application in one-on-one instruction."

The list is long of former students who are now out in the workforce with an early jump on their careers.

"We've had all kinds of students - from a class salutatorian to someone struggling in school; both girls and boys. There's something everyone can learn and use."

