

industrial arts workshop

The Weld Scholars Program



The **Weld Scholars Program** is a weekly welding training workshop that takes place every Friday during the school day over eight weeks. We offer two sessions per day for two and a half hours each, one in the morning hours and one in the afternoon hours.

Structured based on the immensely successful **Passport Program**, a partnership program with Passport Academy, beginning in 2022, the Weld Scholars Program offers a unique opportunity for students to experience practical hands-on learning in compliment to their traditional schedule, allowing them to learn skills that can open doors to trade careers, practice creative problem solving through building and teamwork, and learn responsibility through commitment and work management.

Benefits to students

- Hands on weld training
- Career exploration opportunities
- Partial job shadow and externship hours
- Additional enrichment alongside their traditional classwork
- Artifacts for Act 158 Evidence Based Pathway graduation requirements
- Up to 20 Internship hours towards the Evidence Based Pathway to Graduation
- Soft skills such as: team building and collaboration, problem solving and adaptability, and self confidence

What IAW provides:

- Eight 2.5-hour weld-training sessions, on Fridays during the school year
- 2-3 student Weld Scholarships per school partner
- Transportation to and from IAW if needed
- Career exploration through guest speakers and site visits

Let us host your
students as
Weld Scholars
in Fall 2024!

What is asked of schools:

- Identification of 2-3 trades-focused students to participate in the Weld Scholars Program
- Host IAW staff for an informational recruiting session in your school
- Permission for students to leave their school's campus to attend weekly Weld Scholars Program at IAW
- Identify whether additional training or supportive services, such as OSHA 10 or customer service training, are valuable to your students

IAW's Mission

The Industrial Arts Workshop (IAW) empowers Pittsburgh-area youth and adults at the intersection of arts, community development, and workforce readiness.

Through the creative process of hands-on sculpture design and welding, students develop skills and have experiences that help prepare them for the workplace – whether that be in welding, another trade, the arts, or some other field all together.

Youth and adults who complete our programs will be stronger, more resilient, and prepared for a bright future.

CONTACT:

For more information about IAW and to discuss your students joining us for the Weld Scholars Program this fall, please contact Tim Kaulen, Executive Director, at tim.kaulen@iawpgh.org or 412.916.7051.



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