



Impact Report

High School Builder Program

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NCCER's High School Builder Program was launched in 2023 to provide the resources needed to establish career and technical education programs (CTE) in underresourced schools throughout the country, providing opportunities to more students.

NCCER is a 501(c)3 education foundation committed to changing lives through construction education. Our rigorous, high-quality workforce development programs transform lives through career advancement. One way we do that is through our High School Builder Program. Designed to help schools start a CTE program from the ground up, enrolled students gain the experience and earn the credentials necessary to start a fulfilling career in construction and work to strengthen their communities.

Building a long-term talent pipeline is essential to the construction industry. The High School Builder Program gives schools the opportunity to help students engage in hands-on learning and develop essential construction skills. Through the program, students can transition seamlessly from high school CTE programs to postsecondary or apprenticeship programs and into careers in the construction industry.

Thanks to generous support in 2024, NCCER established new CTE programs in 51 high schools located in 22 states. Approximately 2030 students learned about the potential of working in the construction industry. Together we provided the resources students and instructors need to help build the construction industry pipeline.



"Our two classes are going very well. NCCERconnect and NCCER instructor resources are very helpful for this program!"

Jennifer Reiff

Director of Innovation (CTE) and Technology Columbia City High School



Construction is an industry for all and we are grateful to the donors who have made these educational opportunities available to more students. We want to celebrate the inspiring commitment of our partners. Together, we are directly changing lives through construction education. We would like to extend a special thank you to Bechtel Group Foundation, DEWALT, Carhartt, Construction Angels Foundation, and Procore for their remarkable support impacting high schools across the country.



"A few weeks after school started a truck stopped in at our school and said they had a "toolbox" for us. We had no idea what to expect. Once the driver opened the hatch on the truck my students were shocked! We come from a small school with not a lot of resources or money and the tools changed my students' learning immediately. We get more projects done and student engagement is 100% higher because of NCCER."

Bryce Gehlert Building Trades Instructor Belle High School





By The Numbers

We saw tremendous success in our first full year of the High School Builder Program. As support grows, so does our ability to reach more students with the transformative power of construction education.



° The information contained in this report represents 51 high schools that were funded in 2024. As of February 2025, 40 high schools have started their High School Builder Program.



Looking Ahead

Our vision is for every high school to have a CTE program. We know the impact construction careers can have on the lives of students. We remain committed to making CTE programs accessible in every community and changing lives through construction education. In 2024, we impacted 2030 lives by expanding CTE training to 51 schools - our goal is to continue meeting that growth and by doing so, within 5 years we can impact over 10,000 students lives through this program.







Thank you to our incredible partners.

This work would not have been possible without their support and commitment to education and the industry. We look forward to expanding our reach in 2025 and introducing more partners to this impactful program.











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