

Frequently Asked Questions

Sno-Isle Automotive Technology

Can I work on my own vehicle?

During your enrollment, you might have the opportunity to work on your own vehicle if it is relevant to the current topics being covered in class. Waiver/permission slip form must also be filled out by you and the legal owner prior to bringing any vehicle into the shop. This opportunity is not guaranteed and always requires your instructor's permission. Remember that this is not a "hobby shop" and the facilities are for educational purposes. So, personal projects are better suited at home unless it fits our curriculum.

How much time is spent in the classroom/shop?

This varies from year to year and from topic to topic. Typically, it's at least a 50/50 split between the two. However, it is not uncommon to spend more time in the shop as the year progresses.

Can I take this class without any previous auto shop classes or experience with cars?

Yes! However, any previous shop classes or experience with vehicles is a plus.

Is the class difficult?

This depends on YOU! If you focus and try the best that you can then no. There will be challenging topics throughout the year, and you may struggle a little. But remember that you need to make sure you ask questions so that you understand and overcome those struggles. Students who come to Sno-Isle and think it's a place to hang out quickly find themselves struggling to pass. It's easy to fall behind if you don't stay on task!

Will I have to read?

Yes. Reading is a necessity in the automotive industry. There will be a fair amount of reading required throughout the school year. We utilize online interactive curriculum. You will also use online resources to look up repair procedures and specifications. There are many safety procedures and important steps that need to be followed so you must be able to read!

What certifications will I earn?

You have the opportunity to earn certificates by completing the assigned safety modules at SP2.org, taking the Entry Level ASE tests [Not to be confused with professional ASE certification tests], Snap On electrical meter certification, Snap On torque certification, etc. Additional after school training classes may be available for earning additional certificates. There is also a Sno-Isle certificate available at the end of the year.

Will Sno-Isle find me a job?

No. It is the responsibility of the individual who seeks employment to go search for a job. Finding businesses who are hiring, and submitting applications is part of the process. On occasion, Sno-Isle will pass on information regarding job openings if we are contacted by local businesses.

What can I expect to learn in Auto?

We focus mainly on 5 areas: Electrical, Suspension & Steering, Brakes, Engine Performance (not aftermarket performance), and Engine repair. You will have an opportunity to learn about these areas. The Auto Tech program is a 1- or 2-year program so it is not possible to cover all of these areas in a year. Students who are invited back to return will have another opportunity to learn about areas not covered during their first year.

Is there a cost to attend Sno-Isle?

Aside from the \$60 lab fee, there is no cost for your education. A lab fee is necessary to offset the cost of student testing, field trip, safety glasses, and consumables. NOTE: If a lab fee isn't paid, you will receive a fine that prevents you from receiving your diploma and Sno-Isle certificate until it is paid. Once students are registered for the Entry Level ASE tests, no refunds will be granted.

Do I need to supply my own tools?

No. Sno-Isle will supply you with the necessary tools and equipment to complete the assigned competencies. Students are discouraged from bringing in their own tools since we are not responsible for any theft or damage caused by personal tools. NOTE: Toolboxes are assigned, and students are responsible for replacing any missing tools prior to leaving Sno-Isle. A fine will be issued for any missing tools which can result in your diploma being withheld until the fine is paid.

How much credit can I earn at Sno-Isle?

You can earn 1.5 elective credits per semester. Please visit the snoisletech.com website for credit equivalency credit. We currently offer Science and English cross-crediting.

What materials will I need for Auto Tech?

The required materials are pencil/pen, paper, binder/notebook, coveralls, and appropriate shoes. Sandals, flip flops, or any other open toed footwear is not allowed. One pair of safety glasses will be supplied at the beginning of the school year. If these are lost, students will be required to replace them at their own cost.

Can I drive to Sno-Isle?

The quick answer is no. Driving to Sno-Isle is not necessary because transportation is provided to and from your high school. However, if you believe you have an extenuating circumstance, you will need to speak to your high school and Sno-Isle administrators for approval. Driving to Sno-Isle without permission will result in suspension.

Can I attend a second year at Sno-Isle?

Yes, but only if you have consistently met the professional expectations and return criteria. These are necessary to earn an invitation back to Sno-Isle. These will be discussed during orientation and is covered in the syllabus (found at snoisletech.com/classes/automotive-technology/)

If you have any additional questions that come to mind, please contact:

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