

# Automotive Interns Program

## NYC Fleet

A partnership of DCAS, NYC Public Schools, Fleet Agencies

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- For well over a decade, DCAS has supported paid hands-on internships for students from the City's automotive high schools.
- In 2024, DCAS took the program from a summer only to a year-round initiative.
- DCAS supplies electric and hybrid vehicles and engines for students to learn on. DCAS also supplies electric vehicles for driver's education.
- Students participate in Vision Zero, Fleet Show, and sustainability events.
- The auto high degree meets the experience requirement for the auto service work civil service exam, creating a pathway to City employment.
- DCAS and MTA chair Automotive Commission which seeks to link schools with private and public sector support.
- Key partner agencies are NYC Public Schools, NYPD, DSNY, Parks, FDNY, and DOT.

# Announcement of Year-round Internships

## DCAS Announces Major Expansion of Automotive Internship Program

November 13, 2024

*This year, the Automotive Internship Program has expanded to include spring and summer, making the program year-round for New York City youth.*

**NEW YORK** - Today, the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) announced a major expansion of the automotive fleet internship program for high school students. Initially expanded to include a spring cohort in 2023, the program will now offer city high school students the opportunity for hands-on automotive training all year round, bridging a vital gap in automotive education. The internship is also a critical component of a direct pipeline from automotive high schools to City employment: the City has a civil service exam for entry-level automotive repair titles that have a two-year experience requirement that can be satisfied with a degree from one of the City's automotive high schools, which allows for a direct pathway to civil service.

"It is our mission to strengthen the workforce and help the youth gain skills for their future careers; with this expansion to our automotive internship program, we're accomplishing both of these important goals," said **DCAS Commissioner Louis A. Molina**. "The program will equip students with the knowledge and hands-on experience to work in the automotive industry and pave the way for them for City employment, and I'm thrilled to welcome this latest cohort to City service."

"For well over a decade, DCAS has partnered with NYC Public Schools to offer hands-on automotive internships at City repair garages at agencies including NYPD, DSNY, FDNY, DOT, and Parks," states **Keith Kerman, Deputy Commissioner at DCAS and NYC's Chief Fleet Officer**. "Nearly 500 students have participated. Previously a summer program, for the first time we are now hosting interns year-round with our new spring and fall programs. High school students are getting their first work experience, learning about fleet safety and sustainability, and are on a path to City employment in these critical technical roles. Thanks to all our partner agencies."



# Automotive CTE Programs Supported by DCAS

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DCAS Supported Automotive High Schools	Borough
Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education High School	Bronx
Automotive High School	Brooklyn
South Brooklyn Community High School	Brooklyn
The School of Cooperative and Technical Education (Co-op Tech) High School	Manhattan
George Washington High School	Manhattan
John F. Kennedy Jr. High School	Queens
Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Education High School	Queens
Transit Tech Career and Technical Education High School	Queens
Ralph R. McKee Career and Technical Education High School	Staten Island
Tottenville High School	Staten Island

# Automotive High School Internship Program

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- Program administered through Grant Associates based on state funding.
- DCAS works with fleet agencies including DSNY, NYPD, FDNY, DOT, and Parks to identify garages for student placements.
- This is not inclusive of MTA program
- Prospective employers other than city government should reach out to Grant Associates

# NYC, NY State, NASCAR Promote Seatbelt Safety and Salute Spring Automotive High School Interns

On Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 2024, the Governors Traffic Safety Committee and NASCAR star Ross Chastain joined NYC Public Schools, DOT, Sheriff, Health, and DCAS to promote the importance of seatbelt use as part of the state's "Buckle Up New York, Click it or Ticket" campaign. Executive Deputy Commissioner Christian Jackstadt of New York State DMV joined NYC DOT Commissioner Ydanis Rodriguez, NYPD Chief of Transportation Philip Rivera, NYC Health Chief of Staff Jenna Mandel-Ricci, and NYC Chief Fleet Officer Keith Kerman to make the safety [announcement](#).

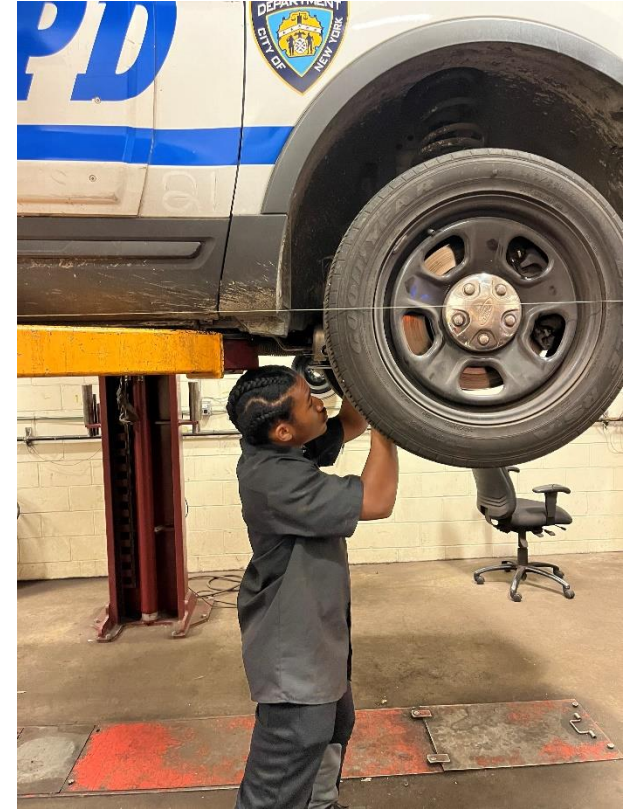
The event took place at A-Tech High School in Brooklyn. NY State Troopers staffed a simulator that enabled participants to experience the force that a 7-mile-an-hour crash exerts on the human body. Participants also engaged in the "Seatbelt Challenge," racing in teams to see who could most quickly buckle up.

The event was attended by hundreds and also served as an occasion to recognize our first class of spring automotive high school interns. Each summer, NYC Public Schools and DCAS provide paid hands-on automotive internships in partnership with our large fleet agencies, such as NYPD, FDNY, DSNY, DOT, Parks, and DCAS.



# Automotive High School Spring Internship Program, 2024

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# Automotive High School Summer Internship Program, 2023

**NYC DCAS**  
Citywide Administrative Services

Dawn M. Pinnock, Commissioner  
Keith T. Kerman, Deputy Commissioner  
and Chief Fleet Officer

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## Celebrating the 2023 High School Automotive Summer Interns

By: Keith T. Kerman



City fleet agency interns, DCAS Commissioner Dawn M. Pinnock, Deputy Commissioner Keith Kerman and others outside NYPD's Fleet Services Station in Queens.

On August 8, 2023, DCAS Commissioner Dawn M. Pinnock and NYC Chief Fleet Officer Keith Kerman joined Adam Breier, deputy executive director of career and technical education (CTE) at NYC Public Schools, along with fleet agencies including NYPD, DSNY, FDNY, Parks and DOT, to celebrate and recognize this year's class of high school automotive interns. The recognition event was held at NYPD's Shop 4 in Queens.

This year's class was made up of 44 students, our largest program post COVID. Since 2015, DCAS and fleet agencies have hosted 405 automotive high school interns in paid



# Automotive High School Internship Program, 2022

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Dawn M. Pinnock, Commissioner  
Keith T. Kerman, Deputy Commissioner  
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## Agencies Recognize Summer Auto High School Interns, 2022

By: Keith Kerman and Nate Koszer

On August 12, fleet agencies gathered at the New York City Police Department (NYPD) Service Station #4 in Queens to recognize this year's successful team of summer auto high school interns. 35 students from eight schools participated this summer in the hands-on paid internships sponsored through the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program at the Department of Education (DOE). The students spent their summers at the NYPD, the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Fire Department (FDNY), the Department of Sanitation (DSNY) and DCAS.



*NYPD High School Intern Erik Rizzotto from William E. Grady High School getting parts at the Central Repair Shop (CRS) Stockroom from Stock Worker II Nick Daley.*

# Supporting Career Job Fairs

## CityTalk Panel Discussion: Technical Careers in City Government



Sponsored by: DCAS and partnering City agencies

In recognition of Career and Technical Education and Black History Month, DCAS is hosting a panel discussion to help youth learn about technical careers in city government. The CityTalk Panel: Careers in Technical Services will feature representatives from various City agencies who will discuss opportunities working for the City. Attendees will learn about the process for applying for City jobs and gain insights about what it is like to work in the technical fields for the City.

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## NYC CTE VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL FAIRS

January  
18, 19 & 20  
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# Change to Automotive Service Worker Exam Requirements

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## EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Two years of full-time satisfactory experience performing automotive maintenance services, such as inspection, lubrication and oil changing, acquired in a garage or gasoline service station within the last ten years; **or**
2. Graduation from an approved trade school, vocational high school or technical school with a course of study in automotive maintenance and repair; **or**
3. An Associate Degree from an accredited college or university with a major in automotive technology; **or**
4. A satisfactory combination of education and experience which is equivalent to paragraphs 1, 2, or 3 above. Six months of experience will be credited for satisfactory completion of each year of approved trade school, vocational high school, technical school, college or university education.

# Loans of Vehicles and Equipment for Automotive Training



# NYC Fleet and Driver's Education at NYC High Schools

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There are six Driver's Ed Programs using city vehicles; two have on site solar car port chargers

# Loans of Vehicles and Equipment for Training (21 units)

AGENCY	UNIT NUMBER	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	NOTES	ASSIGNMENT
DOE	DOE1856	2015	NISSAN	LEAF	Driver's Ed	Thomas Edison HS
DOE	DOE1857	2015	NISSAN	LEAF	Driver's Ed	Thomas Edison HS
DOE	DOE1858	2015	NISSAN	LEAF	Driver's Ed	South Brooklyn HS
DOE	DOE1889	2016	NISSAN	LEAF	Driver's Ed	JFK HS
DOE	DOE1890	2016	NISSAN	LEAF	Driver's Ed	Co-op Tech HS
DOE	DOE1891	2016	NISSAN	LEAF	Driver's Ed	George Washington HS
DPR	P0295	2014	NISAN	LEAF	Loan to DOE CTE Program	Co-op Tech HS
DPR	P0059	2015	CHEVROLET	VOLT	Loan to DOE CTE Program	Tottenville HS
OEM	OEM076	2011	NISAN	LEAF	Loan to DOE CTE Program	Tottenville HS
DOE	DOE1832	2013	NISAN	LEAF	Loan to DOE CTE Program	McKee HS
DOE	DOE4857	2013	NISSAN	LEAF	Loan to DOE CTE Program	McKee HS
OEM	OEM062	2013	NISAN	LEAF	Loan to DOE CTE Program	Bronx Community College
DOE	DOE1833	2005	FORD	FOCUS	Loan to DOE CTE Program	Al Smith HS
OEM	OEM081	2015	NISAN	LEAF	Loan to DOE CTE Program	Bronx Community College
DOE	DOE4858	2005	NISSAN	LEAF	Loan to DOE CTE Program	Al Smith HS
DPR	P0297	2005	NISSAN	LEAF	Loan to DOE CTE Program	A-TECH
DPR	P0299	2005	NISSAN	LEAF	Loan to DOE CTE Program	A-TECH
DOE	DOE1828	2013	NISSAN	LEAF	Loan to DOE CTE Program	William E. Grady
DOE	DOE1825	2013	NISSAN	LEAF	Loan to DOE CTE Program	William E. Grady
DOE	DOE1834	2013	FORD	FOCUS	Loan to DOE CTE Program	Transit Tech HS
DOE	DOE1835	2014	NISSAN	LEAF	Loan to DOE CTE Program	Transit Tech HS

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