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SHEET METAL MECHANIC

HIGH-DEMAND
Job in Kansas 



In this episode, Cool Careers Correspondent Maya learns how airplanes are made — and how many get produced right here in Kansas at Spirit AeroSystems! She follows Tray, a sheet metal mechanic, who works on the body of airplanes. Watch how well Maya does with a drill when it's her turn to try!

Sheet metal mechanics make, put together, and fix sheet metal products and equipment like ducts, airplane bodies, control boxes, pipes and furnace parts. They look at products to make sure everything is working properly and might operate machines to shape sheet metal.

Typical Education Required For This Job: HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA AND ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

Episode Takeaways

Please respond to these questions using complete sentences.

1. True or false: Spirit AeroSystems is the largest employer in Kansas. *Circle one.*

✓
TRUE

✗
FALSE

2. Name one thing Tray says you can learn through playing sports that will help prepare you for a job like sheet metal mechanic.

3. On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 meaning “no way” and 10 meaning “this seems like a great job for me someday,” how interested are you in this career path? *Circle a number.*

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

Definitely not

Maybe

I'm super interested

4. Why did you circle the number you did on question 3?

5. Find the Sheet Metal Worker page on **HirePaths.com**. What's the median salary for this job in Kansas?