The Elevator Apprentice: Educator Guide

The Elevator Apprentice: Earn Your Spot in the Trade by **Sito Srotavele** · English edition · hoistwayline.com · hoistwayline.com/for-schools.html

Audience and use

- Grades 11–12, ages about 17–21; career centers and counseling offices
- Career exploration in CTE classes, especially electrical and construction programs
- Students curious about skilled trades that don't require a four-year degree

Chapter map

Foreword	Why day one feels like a different world; humility
1 · The Hangar	The author's background and a change of course
2 · The Otis Buyout	A small elevator company and what makes a strong team
3 · Field Opportunity	How a conversation led to an apprenticeship
4 · Safety First	Safety as a daily decision, not a slogan
5 · Your Turn	The reader's options after high school and how to prepare
6 · Rise & Fall	A short history of the U.S. elevator industry
7 · The Office	Dispatch, customers, and the business side
Glossary	Words to Learn: trade vocabulary

Standards alignment

Supports career exploration in the Florida Architecture & Construction career cluster, alongside the FLDOE 2026-27 curriculum frameworks for Electricity and Building Construction Technologies (employability, safety awareness, and career pathway topics). Teachers should match specific standards from the current framework. The book is not state-adopted; classroom use follows district materials review.

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Discussion questions

1. Foreword: Why does the author say "Knowledge is power. Ego is not"? How does that apply to any new job?
2. Ch. 1–3: What choices and people changed the author's path? What surprised you about how he found the trade?
3. Ch. 4: What does "safety is a decision" mean before anyone picks up a tool?
4. Ch. 5: What are the steps and requirements to apply for an elevator apprenticeship? What could you do this year to prepare?
5. Ch. 6: How did changes in technology and companies shape the industry?
6. Ch. 7: Why does the office matter as much as the field? What skills besides technical ones does the trade need?
7. Glossary: Pick five terms and explain them to a classmate.

Safety: This book is career exploration, not job training or a pre-apprenticeship. Students must never enter hoistways, pits, machine rooms, or car tops, or handle elevator equipment. Apprenticeship requirements are set by NEIEP and each IUEC local (applicants must be at least 17 with a diploma or GED); the book does not guarantee union membership or an apprenticeship.

Ordering

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