

Aircraft school receives full FAA approval

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VICTORVILLE • An aircraft mechanics school at the Southern California Logistics Airport has received full accreditation from the Federal Aviation Administration, school and city officials said.

Officials at the SCLA School of Aviation Technology had been waiting for the third and final piece of certification since opening the school last year.

About 80 students attend the school, Jim Worsham, an engineer and city consultant who helped to found the school, said. That includes 30 students scheduled to start the program later this month.

Aircraft mechanic schools are generally divided into three instructional components: General aviation, airframe and powerplant, collectively known as A&P. The FAA certified the school's general aviation and powerplant portions last year, allowing students to work on airplane engines in a fully accredited program, Worsham said.

John Hardell, a General Electric employee and president of the school, coordinated the drive to get FAA certification for the airframe curriculum, Worsham said.