

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Course Offerings/credit
(minimum of 3 courses)

<i>Child Psychology</i>	1
<i>Child Development</i>	1
<i>Working with Young Children</i>	1
<i>CPR and Babysitting and Child Care Training</i>	.5
<i>Psychology</i>	1

Career options

- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary/Secondary Education
- Day Care Worker
- Special Education
- Social Services

Learning Opportunities

- *Partnership with pre-school*
- *Elementary School Job Shadowing*
- *Daycare facility observations*
- *“Baby think it over “ infant simulator*

PATHWAY DESCRIPTION

Students choosing to follow the need for Early Childhood Education services is growing, as are opportunities in this career field. The years before a child reaches kindergarten are amount the most critical in his or her life to influence learning. This pathway, which is for individuals who plan to work with young children, focuses on careers related to education and training services that assist children in their development. These careers include Early Childhood Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Day care worker for children or the elderly or operator.

The Child Development Program is designed to provide the most current and comprehensive content to students about the growth and development of the young child, including the emotional, social, and intellectual needs common to the development of children from conception through adolescence. This program focuses on basic

competencies such as the following: Real Life Connections to parenting, Career Opportunities, Professional behavior, Application of Child Development Principles and Communication Skills.

This plan of study should serve as a guide, along with other career planning materials, as you continue your career path. Courses listed with-in this plan are recommended coursework and should be individualized to

meet each learner’s educational and career goals. All plans should meet high school graduation requirements as well as college entrance requirements. The child Care pathway courses include the following electives: Child Psychology, Child Development, Working with young children, Community First Aid/CPR/AED and Advanced Child Care Training, and Psychology.



PATHWAY RECOMMENDATIONS

Students interested in pursuing a pathway in this area should meet with their guidance counselor to select the best sequence of courses that will satisfy the North Smithfield High School graduation

requirements and at the same time, meet the criteria to receive a seal of concentration in Fashion, Merchandising. Students will also develop a child care related focus which will culminate in

field experiences for the required senior project. It is recommended that students choosing this concentration, actively seek postsecondary schools to further their education in this field.