

Grand Island Public Schools CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Course Length: Two semesters

Grade Levels: 11, 12

Prerequisite Courses: None

Course Description:

This course addresses the stages of normal development and the factors influencing children ages two through five years. Creative play activities are explored for each developmental area. Students explore career opportunities in the field of child care as well as prepare for parenting experiences.

Child Development Course Standards

As a result of their participation in this course, students will:

- Demonstrate an understanding of a child's physical, social, emotional, cognitive, and moral development.
- Evaluate quality child care programs.
- Explore various careers related to early childhood.
- Practice skills needed to meet the needs of the holistic child by observing and participating with children.
- Acquire skills to create and maintain a safe and healthy environment ,which provides opportunities for growth of each child's developmental level.
- Participate in lab experiences, making observations and contributions, while participating in classroom activities.
- Analyze how knowledge and skills related to individual, child and family development affect the well-being of individuals, families and society.