



School District U-46

High School CTE Childhood Education Curriculum Resources for the 2025-2026 School Year

Board of Education Presentation

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Purpose

The adoption and funding of new Childhood Education curriculum and resources for all high school courses.

Alignment to Strategic Plan

U46 STRATEGIC PLAN AUG 2022 Revised



Student Success

It is our responsibility to ensure all students are engaged in rigorous learning, receive quality core instruction, and can develop the skills they need for better life chances and opportunities. By helping students develop self and peer agency, they will develop a growth mindset as they learn to expand their perspectives.

Effective & Engaged Staff

We will value, develop, recruit, and retain a forward-thinking, highly qualified, and diverse workforce. We will establish a robust process for measuring employee engagement to identify and proactively address employee engagement issues.

Culture, Climate & Community

We will engage in meaningful and effective relationships with our students, families and the greater community and will ensure that our schools are welcoming and inviting places for all of our U-46 students and families. We will become a choice district that inspires families to join us.

Excellence, Efficiency & Accountability

We will advocate for and utilize systems and resources that promote fiscal equity, operational excellence, efficiency and accountability. It is our moral imperative to change until all our systems measurably work for all students.



Rationale

Childhood Education

- Updated 2011
- Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act (PWR)
- Outdated Curriculum
- Inconsistent Implementation
- Need Common Assessments
- Stronger Alignment to Industry Standards

Committee Members

Childhood Education

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Process Timeline

2022-2023
Standards and course relevancy

January 2025
Teams selected

January 15th
Progress report and feedback

February 2025
Instructional Council

Spring/Summer 2025
Training

Fall 2024
Identified curriculum resources

January 13th
Team meeting

January 22nd
Team meeting

April 2025
Board of Education

2025-2026
Implementation

Standards

Childhood Education

- National Standards for Family and Consumer Sciences: 4.0 Education and Early Childhood
- NAEYC Professional Standards for Early Childhood Educators
- Educator Rising Standards
- CCSS.ELA

Program Overview

Childhood Education Program of Study

- Human development stages through preschool age
- Focus on understanding learning through adolescence
- Plan instruction and routines for preschool students
- Support and teach in a preschool setting
- Work alongside mentor teachers in an elementary school setting
- Understand aspects and roles within the education profession

Childhood Education Course Sequence

Course	Grades	Course Information
Child Development 1 <u>Child Development: Early Stages Through Adolescence</u> , 10th Edition (2024)	9, 10, 11, 12	No Prerequisite Reality Works Baby experience 1 Semester
Childhood Education <u>Working with Young Children</u> , 10th Edition (2024) Highscope Preschool curriculum kit ECERS rating scale	10, 11, 12	No Prerequisite Preschool Labs
Advanced Childhood Education <u>Beginnings and Beyond: Foundations in Early Childhood Education</u> , 11th Edition (2024) Highscope Preschool curriculum kit ECERS rating scale	11, 12	Childhood Education recommended Preschool Labs
Education Internship <u>Teaching</u> , 4th Edition (2024) Educators Rising/PDK Educational Foundation	12	Advanced Childhood Education recommended 2 hour course/4 credits Internship Elementary School

Recommended Resources

Childhood Education

Goodheart-Wilcox:

Child Development: Early Stages Through Adolescence, 10th Edition (2024)

Working with Young Children, 10th Edition (2024)

Teaching, 4th Edition (2024)

Cengage:

Beginnings and Beyond: Foundations in Early Childhood Education, 11th Edition (2024)

Educators Rising/PDK Educational Foundation

Highscope Preschool curriculum kit

ECERS rating scale

Implementation Plan

School Year	
2024-2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of curriculum and resources• Summer voluntary professional learning offerings
2025-2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resource Training• Implement curriculum and resources• On-going job-embedded professional learning• Utilize common assessment data to monitor implementation and determine professional learning needs• Monitor resource data usage to ensure effective implementation• Summer voluntary professional learning offerings
2026-2027 2027-2028	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitor implementation of curriculum and resources• Continue offering professional learning• Utilize common assessment data to monitor implementation and determine professional learning needs• Monitor resource data usage to ensure effective implementation• Review relevancy of resource selection• Voluntary summer professional learning offerings

Professional Learning

Content/Course	Curriculum & Assessment Unpacking	Resource Training	Additional Professional Learning Needs
Child Development 1	X	Goodheart-Wilcox	
Childhood Education	X	Goodheart-Wilcox	Play based classrooms and preschool resources
Adv Childhood Education	X	Cengage	
Education Internship	X	Goodheart-Wilcox Educators Rising	Elementary and middle school curriculum and systems

Childhood Education Cost

Item	# of Years of Access	Quantity	Total Cost
Textbooks and Online Licenses	3-6 years	varies by course	\$254,718.95
Supplementary Materials	varies	varies	\$102,488.79
Professional Development	annually	varies	Year 1 \$21,030.00
TOTAL			\$378,237.74

Cost

Childhood Education

Estimated Annual Cost of Consumables \$30,176.64

Estimated Per-Pupil Cost Per Year
\$20.00

Proposed Results

- Updated curriculum
- Common assessments
- Common resources
- Alignment with Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act
- Future pathway endorsements
- Increased enrollment
- Preparation for career and college
- Industry credentials

Plans for the Evaluation of Change

The Office of Career and Technical Education will review Childhood Education data to make shifts in professional learning, support resource utilization, and align with instructional clarity.

Data collected will include:

- Common assessment data
- Industry credential earning rate
- Resource usage

Yearly evaluation of data and feedback on the relevancy of resources will be collected and used to inform curriculum adjustments and professional learning.

