

NYS CTE Model Program

SCHOOL NAME:

Eastern Suffolk BOCES: Eastern Long Island Academy of Applied Technology, H.B. Ward Technical Center

PROGRAM:

Early Childhood Education

LOCATION:

Riverhead, NY

SUCCESS DATA:

100% graduation rate

100% of eligible students earned a license/credential

100% of eligible students passed a technical assessment

ENROLLMENT:

15

PROGRAM TEAM:

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Program Instructor

Marie Davis,
Principal

Chris D'Ambrosio,
Assistant Principal



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Early Childhood Education program at the H.B. Ward Technical Center at Eastern Long Island Academy of Applied Technology (Eastern Suffolk BOCES) prepares students to begin careers in teaching or as child care providers. The one-year program with a second-year option allows students the opportunity to earn a Child Development Associate Credential as well as participate in community-based internships, exploring varied educational settings and student groups.

KEY PROJECTS

The Early Childhood Education program runs an on-site preschool that gives high school students the opportunity to set up a preschool, develop a schedule, and to engage with families. Further, students have the chance to apply learning through the creation and execution of lesson plans and learning activities. Creativity and problem-solving are encouraged, helping students create and sustain engaging classrooms where teamwork is essential and real-life situations occur daily.

BUSINESS/INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS:

The program partners with various preschools and elementary schools in the local area that host students as interns. Students intern at St. David's Preschool, Coram Elementary School, Miller Avenue Elementary School, and Cutchogue Elementary School. Through the Advisory Committee, industry representatives review student employability profiles, ensuring that the skills emphasized in the program are aligned to industry standards. The Advisory Committee also ensures that the program remains current in the practices and preschool curriculum used in various types of early childhood education settings.

ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS:

Students can earn up to 6 articulated credits through agreements with five institutions of higher education, including:

- Herkimer County Community College
- Monroe College School of Education
- SUNY Canton
- SUNY Cobleskill
- SUNY Empire

INDUSTRY CREDENTIALS:

Students receive CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and AED (automated external defibrillator) certification. In the second year of the program, the focus is on students earning the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential.

The CDA is a nationally recognized credential

that permits students to work as child care

professionals in an early childhood program. The

goals and standards within the CDA are establishing and maintaining safe, healthy learning environments, advancing physical and intellectual competence, supporting social and emotional development, establishing positive and productive relationships, ensuring a well-run purposeful program responsive to needs, and maintaining a commitment to professionalism.



AWARDS/RECOGNITION:

In 2017, Siena Gates, a student of the Early Childhood Education program at the H.B Ward Technical Center was a U.S. Presidential Scholars in Career and Technical Education New York State nominee.

CTSOs:

Students are encouraged to become members of SkillsUSA. Through SkillsUSA students participate in competitive events, community service activities, and develop various leadership and employability skills. Students are encouraged to join Early Childhood Education organizations such as the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the National Association for Family Child Care, along with attending local presentations from these organizations.



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