



Education & Training

The Education & Training Pathway is a three-year program designed for students interested in teaching, child development, or leadership roles in education. The pathway combines history, theory, psychology, and hands-on practice to prepare students for careers in education and related fields.

Location: John F. Kennedy High School

Courses

Education & Training I (Grade 10)

This course examines the issues related to and affecting education. It explores the impact of the educational system on the individual, local community, society, and nation. Conversely, it examines the impact of the individual, local community, and nation on the educational system. The concepts of critical thinking, document analysis, and synthesis will be employed by the student to draw conclusions related to the methodology currently employed by the educational system in comparison to other current, historical, and international methods of education.

Education & Training II (Grade 11)

Education & Training II is a study of the history, development, organization, and practices of preschool, elementary, and secondary education. It will provide students with an examination of three components of education 1. Psychology and development; 2. History of education in the nation and in New Jersey; 3. Observation and practice. The course also trains and develops interpersonal and leadership skills for consideration toward a career in teaching. Continued/additional theories of education, teaching, and learning are examined. Course emphasis focuses on application via

projects, SLEs and other in- and out-of-classroom experiences, setting forth a path for twenty-first century learning that embodies an approach to teaching, marrying content to skill. Attention is given to education- both past and present- inequities in society (local and abroad), and both racial and socioeconomic.

Education & Training III (Grade 12)

Education and Training III encourages academically able students who possess exemplary interpersonal and leadership skills to contemplate a career in teaching. The program sets forth the path for twenty-first century learning that embodies an approach to teaching that weds content to skill. The course is “learner-driven,” which translates into embracing learning in the global classroom that is not necessarily contained within that classroom. The Education and Training III program encourages future educators, politicians, or citizens, who advocate for education, to not be mere receptacles filled with information but to influence change and inspire a direction for education towards a meaningful end. Twenty-first century learning must include the power of knowledge that embraces the history of education-both past and present, inequities in society, both racial and socioeconomic, that tests freedom, equality, and opportunity for individual students and school districts. This course will utilize the curriculum Tomorrow’s Teacher: Teacher Cadet program. It recognizes the need to recruit and prepare potential teachers through the educational experience provided in the program’s curriculum with that students will strive to become future educators in the state of New Jersey. This course is a study of the history, development, organization and practices of preschool, elementary, and secondary education. It will provide students with an examination of three components of education 1. Psychology and development; 2. History of education in the nation and in New Jersey; 3. Observation and practice. A number of Work-Based Learning opportunities will be provided throughout our District schools.

Skills Gained

- Building strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Attention to detail and accuracy
- Critical thinking and problem solving

Dual Enrollment with William Paterson University

Students can earn college credits through dual enrollment with **William Paterson University** when meeting the criteria to enroll in the Education and Training III Dual Enrollment (D.E.) section open to students who demonstrate an interest not only in achieving pathway completion but also in furthering their knowledge in education at the college level.

CTSO

- FCCLA - Family Career and Community Leaders of America (fcclainc.org)

Certification

- Basic Life Support/Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and First Aid

Careers

School Teacher, School Administrator, Guidance Counselor, Child Care Center Director, Education Policy Advocate, Career Coach/Consultant

*This pathway sets students up for **entry-level roles right after high school** (like teacher's aide, childcare worker, tutor, or youth program staff), while also preparing them for **college majors** in education, psychology, social work, or human services.*