



Bridges Career Academy Young Childhood

Pequot Lakes High School

Understand the variety of careers childcare and education. Learn the foundations of educational strategies and organizations dealing with young children and the developmental stages of childhood. Experience real-life activities in a hands-on learning setting. Develop language and musical skills that will prepare them to work with diverse students in creative ways. Gain entry-level employment or continue education.

Academic Courses

- Child Development
- Psychology
- Spanish I
- American Sign Language

Career Experiences

- Tour local businesses
- Listen to industry speakers
- Attend the Bridges Career Exploration Day or other regional career fairs

Completion Standards

COMPLETE



**Child Development
AND Psychology**



**Spanish I
OR ASL**

GRADES

B ↑

Earn a **certificate**
and **green cord**
at graduation



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Job Skills

In addition to having technical skills, employers expect workers in this industry to have these skills:

- Listening skills
- Written communication skills
- Ability to work with parents and families
- Ability to manage materials and supplies
- Decision making skills



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Young Childhood Career Academy

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The Young Childhood Academy is the gateway to a wide variety of careers in the world of childcare and education. Students not only learn the foundations of educational strategies and organizations dealing with young children but also the developmental stages of childhood. Real life activities take place in hands-on learning settings. In addition, students develop language and musical skills that will prepare them to work with diverse students in creative ways. Students completing this academy will have the skills necessary to gain entry-level employment or the basic knowledge to continue to higher education.

ACADEMY COURSES

Child Development — .5 High School Credit

Are you going to be a parent someday, will you be around children in your life, if so, then this is the class for you. Students will learn about a child's development through hands on learning activities. Students will explore each stage of development from pre-natal to age six to prepare for an in-class child care experience. Special topics include parenting, discipline, special needs, child abuse and child care careers.

Psychology — .5 High School and/or 4 College Credits

This course is the study of the brain and human behavior. In Psychology focal areas will include; principles of psychology, the human brain, the five senses and perception, dreaming, memory and intelligence. This class will combine testing with projects, essays and daily work.

Spanish I — 1 High School Credit

This year-long beginning Spanish course will include the study and practice of the four basic language skills; listening, speaking, reading and writing. Pronunciation, basic grammatical forms and language patterns will be stressed and students will be introduced to the Hispanic culture.

American Sign Language — .5 High School and/or 3 College Credits

This course introduces the fundamentals of American Sign Language (ASL) used by the Deaf Community, including basic vocabulary, syntax, fingers-spelling and grammatical non- manual signals. Questions, commands and simple sentences are covered, leading to basic conversational skills.

COMPLETION STANDARD

Students wishing to receive a certification for this academy must complete 3 of the 4 courses while earning a 'B' or better in each of the courses. Student can complete either Spanish or American Sign Language as their language requirement.

CAREER EXPERIENCES

Students will explore and research careers by listen to professional speakers in their classrooms, tour local businesses and attend the Bridges Career Exploration Day event and other regional career fairs.

JOB SKILLS

In addition to having technical skills, employers expect their workers to have other skills such as:

- Listening skills
- Written communication skills
- Ability to work with parents and families
- Ability to manage materials and supplies
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