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Department of Teaching and Learning  
Career and Technical Education  
Course Information

## **Introduction to Child Development**

**Course Credit: 1.0**

**Course Code: 844600**

**Grades: 10 - 12**

*Counselors are available to assist parents and students with course selections. Families may arrange to meet with counselors by contacting the school's counseling department.*

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This is a concentration course in the Education & Training career cluster. Students enrolled in Introduction to Child Development learn about parenting roles and responsibilities and parenting practices that maximize human growth and development. They focus on ensuring a healthy start for parent and child, balancing work and family, and understanding support systems that provide services for families.

This course counts as an elective credit.

### **COURSE COMPETENCIES**

[Course competencies can be found in the Curriculum Guides section.](#)

### **PREREQUISITE**

[Introduction to Early Childhood Education](#)

### **WORK-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCE**

[Service Learning](#)

### **CREDENTIAL**

Students are eligible to sit for the following credentials:

[Broad Field Family and Consumer Sciences Assessment](#)



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### **CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION (CTSO)**

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) provides opportunities for students to prepare for multiple roles of family member, wage earner, and community leader as they develop skills for life through Family and Consumer Sciences Education.



### **BENEFITS OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDE:**

- Provides a hand-on approach to learning
- Refines career objectives through realistic experiences
- Promotes awareness of new career opportunities
- Develops skills and responsibilities for being a role model and mentor
- Cultivates social development and awareness
- Develops a sense of community and volunteerism
- Develops an appreciation and understanding for cultural diversity
- Improves communication and decision-making skills
- Provides for personal development
- Develops interpersonal and leadership skills
- Develops responsibility and self-confidence
- Provides opportunities for recognition

### **LAB FEE**

There is no lab fee for this course.

### **OPTIONS FOR NEXT COURSE**

- [Teacher Cadet I DE](#)