



Early Childhood & Teacher Education Academy

LAKE WALES HIGH SCHOOL



**CHANGE A CHILD'S LIFE...
CHANGE YOUR LIFE...**

ENROLL NOW!



A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE

If you are creative, motivated, enjoy working with children, like being a leader and are interested in the exciting field of early childhood education, this is the program for you.

Students are given the opportunity to gain hands-on experience through internships and by working with the on-campus child care facility, Little Highlanders Academy.

Through engaging course work, field trips, college visits and job shadowing, academy students gain a well rounded education which focuses on many elements of the Early Childhood industry such as planning, management, finance, principles of technology, health, safety, environmental issues and developmentally appropriate practices for children birth through age five.



BECOME

The academy experience is the first step for a high school student to become a:

- Preschool/Pre-Kindergarten Teacher
- Childcare Center Director
- School Age Care Coordinator
- Elementary Teacher
- School Psychologist



COLLEGE CREDIT

Through an agreement with Polk State College, Academy students will be eligible for up to 12 hours of college credit toward an Early Childhood Education and Management AS/AAS degree. Twelve hours of credit is valued at over \$1000 and will save students nearly one full semester of college course work.



DCF CERTIFICATION

Academy students have the opportunity to complete the mandated DCF (Department of Children and Families) child care training courses.

Additionally, students may earn the Early Childhood Professional Certificate (ECPC).

Certification proves to employers that you have the skills they need.



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