



Pathway to Purpose

Special Early Childhood Education Programs Created
Just For High Schools



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Earning a CDA® (Child Development Associate) credential demonstrates educators' knowledge, skills, and abilities in the early childhood education field as well as their commitment to professional development and is required by most states to work in early childhood education. To help build a strong pipeline of early childhood professionals throughout the country, The Academy at NHSA has created a special curriculum just for high school students. Named an Apex Award winner for 2024 by *Training Magazine*, this CDA curriculum is designed to expose students to early childhood education through a Head Start lens.

Uniquely Designed for School Systems—Affordable, Accessible, Attainable

- No minimum or maximum student enrollment required
- Connections with Early/Head Start programs for practicum hours
- Online delivery = maximum flexibility
- Affordable single access pricing reaches more students at a lower cost
- High-quality, engaging curriculum = higher matriculation rates
- Approved by The Council for Professional Recognition

Available Pathways	120 Hours	Self-Paced	Head Start Connected
Infant and Toddler	✓	✓	✓
Preschool	✓	✓	✓

Bring the nation's oldest and most respected early childhood education program into your school system.