

**Best Way To Begin Morning
Teach Class Gives High School Students Experience
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Being in high school has many perks, such as freedom of choice in elective classes. Electives are extracurricular classes that students can take. One such elective is the child development and interpersonal studies class which is open to any student at the high school level. This class, held at the Howard Early Childhood Center, is the first step to help someone who is interested in pursuing a career in teaching. After completing the child development class, participants take instructional practices in education and training which is taught by Academic Dean Venus Davis. For this class, the participants have the opportunity to work mornings at Howard with an assigned teacher.

“Going to Howard is so fun,” junior Maddy Wright said. “I love working with the kids.”

Once assigned to a teacher, participants meet the young students with whom they will be working.

“Going to Howard in the morning is a great experience,” junior Carolina McCullough said. “The kids are always positive.”

Howard begins its classes earlier than the high school campus. Students arrive at 7:45 and the high school participants are supposed to be at the school by 8a.m. They are required to stay for at least an hour and then are released to return to the high school campus.

“It is amazing watching these kids grow,” junior Savannah Brown said. “Seeing them evolve as a learner is very satisfying.”

Most of the high schoolers love this program so much that they stay for an extra period and give up another elective or an off-period.

“I love Howard and getting to go there,” senior Issy West said. “It is the best way to start my day with cute little kids.”

As the year progresses, the Howard students become attached to the high school students. They don’t want the high school students to leave when it is time to go and the high school students love working with the younger students.

“In the AHISD District we believe that teaching is the most prestigious career,” Davis said. “It is important for us to grow our students in this field.”