

**Presentation to the Dublin City Schools Board of
Education
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Early Childhood Graded Course of Study Adoption

Dublin Schools Vision Statement:

We believe that all students can and must learn at high levels of achievement. It is our job to create an environment in our classrooms that results in this high level of performance. We are confident that, with our support and help, students can master challenging academic material and we expect them to do so. We are prepared to work collaboratively with colleagues, students, and parents to achieve this shared educational purpose.

Early Childhood Philosophy:

Early childhood spans the years of development from birth to kindergarten. We know that children in this age group acquire knowledge in ways that are significantly different from the ways in which older children learn. Young children learn best when they interact with people and manipulate objects. They are motivated by their desire to make sense of the world around them. How young children learn dictates how they should be taught. For young children to fully understand and remember, information must be presented to them in the context of their own experiences and environment. If their learning experiences are relevant, they are more likely to persist and be motivated to continue learning.