




STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Selected School Districts
Hartford Area Magnet School Operators

FROM: Glen Peterson, Division Director
Sheff Office 

DATE: March 20, 2019

SUBJECT: Magnet School Bell Alignment and Transportation

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) funds the transportation of students to magnet schools in the Hartford region as part of the Sheff v. O'Neill remedy. The cost to the state is over \$50 million annually. Currently, the majority of the buses are used only once in the morning and once in the afternoon; i.e., the buses are used for only one route per day. Therefore, given the current state fiscal constraints, the cost efficiency of the existing system was examined.

The CSDE worked with a national school transportation consulting firm and the magnet school operators to examine the transportation system and to develop a two-tiered bell alignment system. To implement this improved system, the CSDE will be aligning morning bell times at the interdistrict magnet schools beginning in August 2019. The morning bell times will be aligned so that most of the secondary schools will have a 7:30 a.m. start time and most of the elementary schools will have an 8:40 a.m. start time. This bell alignment will solve the single route per day issue; buses will be tiered and used for two routes each day.

As your transportation staff make plans to transport the resident students who attend magnet schools located in your district, please be aware of the bell time changes. Attached is a list of the Hartford Region Interdistrict Magnet Schools, arranged by the town in which they are located, with the start and end times for each school.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at 860-713-6915 or glen.peterson@ct.gov.

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Attachment

Magnet School Bell Time Schedule by Town For 2019-2020

<i>Town</i>	<i>Magnet School</i>	<i>Grades</i>	<i>Operator</i>	<i>Start</i>	<i>End</i>
Avon	Ana Grace Academy of the Arts	PK3 - 5	CREC	8:40	3:35
Avon	Reggio Magnet School of the Arts	PK3 - 5	CREC	8:40	3:35
Bloomfield	Global Experience Magnet School	6 - 12	Bloomfield	7:30	2:25
Bloomfield	Metropolitan Learning Center for Global & International Studies	6 - 12	CREC	7:30	2:25
Bloomfield	Museum Academy	PK3 - 5	CREC	8:40	3:35
Bloomfield	Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet	PK3 & PK4	Bloomfield	8:40	2:20
East Hartford	Connecticut IB Academy	9 - 12	East Hartford	7:30	3:00
East Hartford	Connecticut River Academy at Goodwin College	9 - 12	Goodwin College	7:30	2:45
East Hartford	Pathways Academy of Technology and Design	9 - 12	Hartford	7:30	2:00
East Hartford	Riverside Magnet School at Goodwin College	PK3 - 5	Goodwin College	8:40	3:55
East Hartford	Two Rivers Magnet Middle School	6 - 8	CREC	7:30	2:25
Enfield	Civic Leadership High School	9 - 12	CREC	7:30	2:25
Glastonbury	Glastonbury-East Hartford Magnet	PK3 - 5	CREC	8:40	3:35
Hartford	Betances Early Reading Lab	PK3 - 4	Hartford	8:40	3:50
Hartford	Betances STEM Magnet School	5 - 8	Hartford	8:40	3:50
Hartford	Breakthrough Magnet, North	PK3 - 5	Hartford	8:40	3:50
Hartford	Breakthrough Magnet, South	PK3 - 8	Hartford	8:40	3:50
Hartford	Capital Preparatory Magnet School	PK4 - 12	Hartford	7:30	2:40
Hartford	Classical Magnet School	6 - 12	Hartford	7:30	2:40
Hartford	CREC Montessori Magnet School	PK3 - 5		8:40	3:35
Hartford	Environmental Sciences at Mary Hooker	PK4 - 8	Hartford	8:40	3:50
Hartford	Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts – Half Day	9 - 12	CREC	12:55	4:10
Hartford	Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts High School	9 - 12	CREC	7:30	2:25
Hartford	Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Middle	6-12	CREC	8:40	3:35
Hartford	Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts – Half Day & Colt Gateway Camus	6-12	CREC	12:55	4:10
Hartford	Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy	6 - 12	Hartford	7:30	2:40
Hartford	Hartford Pre-Kindergarten Magnet School	PK3 & PK4	Hartford	No transport	
Hartford	Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts	PK3 - 8	Hartford	8:40	3:50
Hartford	Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts at Weaver	9-12	Hartford	7:30-	2:40
Hartford	Montessori Magnet at Annie Fisher	PK3 - 8	Hartford	8:40	3:50
Hartford	Montessori Magnet at Batchelder	PK4 - 6	Hartford	8:40	3:50
Hartford	Noah Webster Micro-Society Magnet	PK3 - 8	Hartford	8:40	3:50
Hartford	Sport and Medical Sciences Academy	6 - 12	Hartford	7:30	2:40
Hartford	STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher	K - 8	Hartford	8:40	3:50
Hartford	University High School of Science and Engineering	9 - 12	Hartford	7:30	2:40
Manchester	Great Path Academy	9 - 12	Hartford	7:30	2:40
New Britain	Academy of Science and Innovation	6 - 12	CREC	7:30	2:25
Rocky Hill	Academy of Aerospace & Engineering Elem.	PK3 - 5	CREC	8:40	3:35
S. Windsor	International Magnet School for Global Citizenship	PK3 - 5	CREC	8:40	3:35
West Hartford	University of Hartford Magnet School	PK3 - 5	CREC	8:40	3:35
Wethersfield	Discovery Academy	PK3 - 5	CREC	8:40	3:35
Windsor	Academy of Aerospace and Engineering	6 - 12	CREC	7:30	2:25