QUICK START GUIDE
TO SCHOOL CHOICE
in the Greater Hartford Region

Magnet Schools, the Hartford Region
Open Choice Program, Technical High Schools,
and Agriscience High Schools, 2020–21

RSCO School Choice Application available:
November 1, 2019 at ChoiceEducation.org

On-time Application Deadline:
January 31, 2020 (new)
The Connecticut State Department of Education’s Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) offers a variety of exciting school choice opportunities for student success. RSCO is the centralized resource in the Greater Hartford Region for information on how to explore and apply to a variety of high-quality and personalized Pre-K through Grade 12 learning opportunities in diverse settings that focus on preparing students for college and careers.

The RSCO website at ChoiceEducation.org is where to begin learning all about the Greater Hartford’s regional magnet schools, technical high schools, agriscience high schools, and the Hartford Region Open Choice program. Use this guide to get a quick start on your family’s exploration into school choice!

Three Steps to School Choice

1. **EXPLORE**
   - Attend RSCO School Choice events and open houses, and visit the RSCO Parent Information Center or a satellite site to receive application assistance. Find information online at ChoiceEducation.org.

2. **APPLY**
   - Start an application online at ChoiceEducation.org beginning November 1, 2019. Select your school choices and complete the application by the new January 31, 2020 deadline.
   - Complete the technical high school early application by December 20, 2019.

3. **RESPOND**
   - Log into your RSCO application account at ChoiceEducation.org to accept a placement offer or waitlist.

Contact RSCO

Help with the RSCO School Choice Application Process is available in several ways:

- **RSCO Website:** ChoiceEducation.org
- **RSCO Phone:** 860-713-6990
- **RSCO Email:** rsco.sde@ct.gov
- **RSCO Parent Information Center:**
  - 450 Columbus Blvd., Suite P28
  - Hartford, CT 06103-1841
  - Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
- **RSCO Main Application Assistance Site:**
  - Hartford Public Library (HPL)
  - Downtown Branch
  - 500 Main St., Children’s Room
  - Phone: 860-695-6325
  - Website: https://www.hplct.org/library-services/parents/school-choice-assistance
  - Hours: Monday–Thursday, 1–8 p.m.
  - Friday, 1–5 p.m.
  - Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
Pre-K, Elementary, Middle and High School Opportunities

Hartford Region Open Choice
Hartford residents may apply to attend a public school in a school district located outside of Hartford. Suburban residents may apply to attend a public school located in Hartford. Seats are available from Pre-K age 4 through grade 12. Applicants may choose up to five (5) school districts and rank them in order of preference.

Interdistrict Magnet Schools
Magnet Schools are unique programs that focus on specific themes, such as Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), visual and performing arts, International Baccalaureate (IB), and Montessori. Available for prekindergarten age 3 through grade 12, Hartford and non-Hartford residents apply to attend magnet schools within the Greater Hartford area. Applicants may choose up to five (5) schools and rank them in order of preference.

Additional High School Opportunities for Students Entering Grade 9

Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS)
Students entering grade 9 may apply to the Hartford Regional technical high schools, A.I. Prince, E.C. Goodwin, and Howell Cheney, which are operated by the CTECS. The technical high schools prepare students to be career and college ready. Students earn a high school diploma, certificate in their field of study and career credentials such as state licensure and industry-recognized certifications. Opportunities are available for college credit, athletics, electives, and work experience. Applicants apply to all three (3) technical high schools as a region and rank them in order of preference.

Agricultural Science and Technology Education Schools (ASTE)
The ASTE schools prepare students for college and careers in the fields of animal science, aquaculture, biotechnology, food science, environmental science, plant science, marine technology, agricultural mechanics technology, and agriculture business as part of their high school program. Similar to interdistrict magnet schools, several of these programs provide opportunities for students to receive college credit in high school. The ASTE schools are an option for students entering grade 9. Applicants do not apply through the RSCO application process. A separate ASTE application is available at https://portal.ct.gov/sde-ASTE-apply.
Magnet School Themes

Magnet schools use a variety of academic themes to attract students of different racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds including: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), global studies, business and communications, careers and technology, and visual and performing arts. Others use specialized instructional techniques like those found in Montessori, Reggio Emilia schools or International Baccalaureate (IB) programs. Below are some examples of magnet school themes. RSCO encourages families to reach out to schools to learn more and to explore these themes.

RSCO School Choice Events

RSCO Fall Fair
Participants: Grades Pre-K–12
- RSCO Magnet Schools
- Hartford Region Open Choice Program
- CT Technical Education and Career System (CTECS) Schools (A.I. Prince, E.C. Goodwin, Howell Cheney)
- Agriscience Programs (Bloomfield, Glastonbury, and Suffield)

Date and Time:
Saturday, November 2, 2019
10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Location:
A.I. Prince Technical High School
401 Flatbush Ave.
Hartford, CT 06106

Snow Date:
Saturday, November 9
10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Hartford Public Schools Education EXPO
Participants: Grades Pre-K–12
- Hartford Magnet Schools
- Hartford District Schools

Date and Time:
Saturday, December 7, 2019
10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Location:
Sport and Medical Sciences Academy
280 Huyshepe Ave.
Hartford, CT 06106

Snow Date:
Saturday, December 14
10 a.m.–1 p.m.

CREC Magnet Schools of Excellence Fair
Participants: Grades Pre-K–12
- CREC Magnet Schools

Date and Time:
Wednesday, January 8, 2020
5:30–7:30 p.m.

Location:
Discovery Academy
176 Cumberland Ave.
Wethersfield, CT 06109

Snow Date:
Wednesday, January 22
5:30–7:30 p.m.

RSCO Winter Fair
Participants: Grades Pre-K–12
- RSCO Magnet Schools
- Hartford Region Open Choice Program
- CT Technical Education and Career System (CTECS) Schools (A.I. Prince, E.C. Goodwin, Howell Cheney)
- Agriscience Programs (Bloomfield, Glastonbury, and Suffield)

Date and Time:
Saturday, January 11, 2020
10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Location:
Conard High School
110 Beechwood Rd.
West Hartford, CT 06107

Snow Date:
Saturday, January 18
10 a.m.–1 p.m.

CREC Open Choice Information Session
Participants: Grades PreK4–10
- Hartford Region Open Choice District representatives

Date and Time:
Tuesday, January 14, 2020
5:30–7 p.m.

Location:
CREC Central
111 Charter Oak Ave.
Hartford, CT 06106

Snow Date:
Wednesday, January 15
5:30–7 p.m.
## Hartford Region Open Choice Program*

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* For more detailed information of each participating Open Choice School District, please visit ChoiceEducation.org.
### RSCO Pre-K and Elementary Magnet Schools by Town

*PreK3 = Prekindergarten age 3; PreK4 = Prekindergarten age 4*

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Prior to starting a RSCO application, a valid email address is required to create an application account. RSCO will use your valid email address to send school choice placement and waitlist notifications.

Email accounts can include:

![Gmail](https://via.placeholder.com/150)  ![comcast](https://via.placeholder.com/150)  ![Yahoo Mail](https://via.placeholder.com/150)  ![AT&T](https://via.placeholder.com/150)

Start a new application or reapply* at ChoiceEducation.org

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* Applicants who submitted a RSCO application within the past two years may use the same email account to reapply for the 2020–21 school year.

PLEASE NOTE:

Submitting a RSCO School Choice application does not guarantee a placement offer.

Misrepresenting application information or altering registration documents will result in the deletion of the application and/or placement offer.
New Applications

1. Select “New Application” on the RSCO Welcome page.

2. Provide your valid email address to create an account.
3. Enter parent/guardian information.

4. Enter the child’s information.
New Applications

5. Select your school choice options.

6. Submit your application.

Application Confirmation

Final step: Go to the email account used to create your application to find your RSCO confirmation message and a digital copy of your application.
1. Select “Reapply” on the RSCO Welcome page.

2. Log in using the email address from prior applications.

*Applicants who submitted a RSCO application within the past two years may use the same email account to reapply for 2020–21.
3. Review child information from prior applications or add a new child.

![Create, Review or Make Changes to Applications]

To review or make changes to an application, select the Child/Student application above.

4. Answer questions, update, or edit parent/guardian information.
Reapplying

5. Revise your school choice selections.

CTEC Step (1) Rank all three schools in order of preference by selecting a 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice and select a technical career program choice for each school.

Hartford Region Open Choice (Non-Magnet School)

* Indicates a required field

- Allows Hartford resident students to attend designated public (non-magnet) schools in nearby suburban towns in the greater Hartford area.

Magnet Schools

* Indicates a required field

Applicants may select up to five (5) Magnet schools
Select schools in order of preference (e.g. First choice, second choice, etc…)

6. Submit your application.

Submit Application

Application Confirmation

Final step: Go to the email account used to create your application to find your RSCO confirmation message and a digital copy of your application.
RSCO will use your valid email address to send school choice placement and waitlist notifications. When you receive notification you will need to respond by the deadline date provided in your email notification.

Next Steps After Receiving a Notification from RSCO

1. Go to choiceeducation.org and select the “Respond to a RSCO School Placement or Waitlist” link.

2. Select “Respond” on the “RSCO Respond Here” page.

Respond to a RSCO School Placement Opportunity.

Respond Here! ¡Responda Aquí!

2020–21 RSCO School Choice Application
Step 3: Respond

Next Steps After Receiving a Notification from RSCO

3. Log in to the response page with the email and password used to create your application.

4. View waitlist or placement status and respond by the deadline date.
Next Steps After Receiving a Notification from RSCO

5. Respond by selecting Accept or Decline for each student application.

Response Confirmation

**Final step:** Go to the email account used to create your application to find your RSCO confirmation message and a record of your response.
Key Dates

- RSCO on-time application period opens: **November 1, 2019**
- RSCO on-time application deadline: **January 31, 2020**
- CTECS early application deadline: **December 20, 2019**
- RSCO late application period: **February 18 – July 31, 2020**

Notes
Where to Get School Choice Application Assistance

**RSCO Parent Information Center**
450 Columbus Blvd.
Suite P28
Hartford, CT
860-713-6990

**RSCO Primary Satellite Site**
Hartford Public Library (HPL)
Downtown Branch
500 Main St.
Hartford, CT
860-695-6330

**RSCO Satellite Sites**
Asylum Hill Family Center
896 Asylum Ave.
Hartford, CT
860-244-9944

Blue Hills Civic Association
1229 Albany Ave.
Hartford, CT
860-560-7360
ext. 102

CREC Welcome Center
111 Charter Oak Ave.
Hartford, CT
860-509-3700

CURET
1443 Albany Ave.
Hartford, CT
860-247-0123

SS Cyril & Methodius Child Development Center
45 Groton St.
Hartford, CT
860-206-9265

Hartford Communities That Care, Inc.
2550 Main St.
3rd Floor
Hartford, CT
860-209-8957

Hartford Public Schools Office of School Choice
960 Main St.
1st Floor
Hartford, CT
860-695-8876

Imagineers, LLC
635 Farmington Ave.
Hartford, CT
860-768-3353

Institute for the Hispanic Family/El Centro Family Center/Paraiso Infantil Preschool
45 Wadsworth St.
Hartford, CT
860-524-6853
ext. 221/222

Literacy Volunteers of Greater Hartford
30 Arbor St.
Hartford, CT
860-233-3853

Parker Memorial Family Center
2621 Main St.
Hartford, CT
860-757-0827

SS Cyril & Methodius Child Development Center
45 Groton St.
Hartford, CT
860-297-7800

**CRT Early Care and Education Centers**
CRT-Douglas St.
170 Douglas St.
Hartford, CT
860-560-5460

CRT-Grace St.
37 Grace St.
Hartford, CT
860-523-6262

CRT-Laurel St.
211 Laurel St.
Hartford, CT
860-560-5487

CRT-Job Corps
100 William Shorty Campbell Blvd.
Hartford, CT
860-952-1790

CRT-Sigourney-Mews
206 Collins St.
Hartford, CT
860-560-5401

**Hartford Public Library (HPL) Branches**
HPL Albany Branch
1250 Albany Ave.
Hartford, CT
860-695-7380

HPL Barbour Branch
261 Barbour St.
Hartford, CT
860-695-7400

HPL Camp Field Branch
30 Campfield Ave.
Hartford, CT
860-695-7440

HPL Dwight Branch
7 New Park Ave.
Hartford, CT
860-695-7460

HPL Park Branch
744 Park St.
Hartford, CT
860-695-7500

HPL Sand/Ropkins
1750 Main St.
Hartford, CT
860-695-7520

The Village for Families and Children, Inc.
1680 Albany Ave.
Hartford, CT
860-236-4511
ext. 3416

105 Spring St.
Hartford, CT
860-236-4511
ext. 3416

331 Wethersfield Ave.
Hartford, CT
860-236-4511
ext. 3416

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