School Year 2021–22
Family Guide to School Choice in the Greater Hartford Region
Pre-K to Grade 12

The Power of School Choice: Empowering Families to Choose Their Future

On-Time Application Deadline: February 28, 2021
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Welcome to Your School Choice Options

Families in Connecticut want the best education for their children. Through the Connecticut State Department of Education’s Regional School Choice Office (RSCO), families have amazing school choice options available to them. We invite you to explore our Family Guide to identify your child’s interests and find the school choice options that are the best fit for your family.

This Family Guide provides information that will help you choose your child’s future, whether you are interested in Greater Hartford Regional Magnet Schools, the Hartford Region Open Choice Program, RSCO technical high schools, or other choice opportunities. We have the right fit for your family!

RSCO is here to help you navigate your options. Call, email, or visit us.

We are here to be your family’s guide to school choice!

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Top 10 Things You Need to Know

This Family Guide is full of information about RSCO School Choice. We want to make sure you have all of the information you need to make decisions that best fit your family’s interests and priorities. Look for additional information on each school so that you can learn about and discover new options that you did not know about, and make informed choices. As you get started, remember these important tips to guide you through the school choice process.

The RSCO application will be available from December 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021.

1. There are no placement advantages to applying early (except if you are applying to the technical schools, see #2). As long as you submit a completed application by February 28, 2021, your application is considered on-time.

2. If your child is entering 9th grade and wants to apply to the three technical high schools available through RSCO, you can take advantage of the early application period for CTECS by applying by January 22, 2021.

3. You may only submit ONE completed application for each child for the 2021–22 school year.

4. Consider ALL of the options and apply to multiple schools/programs to increase your chances of receiving a placement offer. It is important to rank your school or district selections in order of preference.

5. Using the RSCO online application, families may apply to:

   - **Interdistrict Magnets**: Families with students entering PK3 through 12th grade;
   - **Open Choice for Hartford Residents**: Hartford families with students entering PK4–10th grade;
   - **Open Choice for Non-Hartford Residents**: Non–Hartford families with students entering kindergarten–8th grade;

6. There is a feature in the online application that allows you to view previous year’s application data relative to seat availability by school and grade level to assist you in your school and/or district selections.

7. Placement Priorities may increase your chance of a placement offer (although they do not guarantee that you will receive a placement). Placement Priorities include connections like sibling, staff, neighborhood, pathway, etc. To learn more about placement priorities and how they are applied to a school or district, go to pages 18-19.

8. Please remember to keep us up-to-date on how to contact you. You should update the application with your most current contact information.

9. Get help if you need it! We have resources to help you figure out your options and complete the application. Check out page 37 for where you can find help.

10. Although we try to place as many applicants as possible, submitting an application does not guarantee a placement offer.
Key Dates

Here are a few key dates to keep in your calendar to make sure you know exactly what is happening and when.

**On-Time RSCO Application:**
- **December 1, 2020:** RSCO on-time application period starts
- **January 22, 2021:** RSCO early application period for CTECS technical high schools ends
- **February 28, 2021:** RSCO on-time application period ends

**Late RSCO Application Period**
- **March 15, 2021:** RSCO late application period starts
- **August 15, 2021:** RSCO late application period ends

**Application Changes:**
- **December 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021:** Families are able to make changes to their online RSCO application
- **After February 28, 2021:** Families can make changes to their contact information only. Families must contact RSCO staff to make the changes to contact information.

**RSCO Placements:**
Placements continue through the spring and summer and will BEGIN as follows:
- **February 2021:** CTECS technical high schools early applicant placements begin
- **April 2021:** Magnets and Open Choice on-time applicant placements begin
- **April 2021:** CTECS technical schools on-time applicant placements begin

**Response Deadline Information for RSCO Placement Announcements:**
Families are notified via text and/or email of placements. The deadlines for responding to placements are included in the announcement communication.
School Locations, Programs, and RSCO Transportation Zone Map

- Indicates towns where magnet schools are located
- Indicates districts that participate in the Hartford Region Open Choice Program for Hartford residents
- Indicates district that participates in the Hartford Region Open Choice Program for non-Hartford residents
# Schools & Programs

Use these tables as your first look at the School Choice options available to Connecticut families. This Guide provides details on these unique school and program offerings that open the door to an exciting and enriching future!

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The Power of School Choice

If you are looking for high quality, unique learning opportunities for your child, then School Choice is for you!

What does School Choice through the Regional School Choice Office offer you?
RSCO School Choice offers families the power to choose the school or program their child will attend as an alternative to the school program in their home school district.

These incredible School Choice options:

- provide families with access to quality, diverse school choice options designed to set students up for success!
- provide the opportunity for students to increase their academic achievement while learning in culturally diverse and enriching school communities.
- include Pre-kindergarten through 12th grade learning opportunities focused on engaging students’ interests and preparing students for college and careers.
- offer unique programming to fit with students’ interests and talents through theme-based magnet schools, the Open Choice Program, technical high schools, and other educational opportunities outside of the school program in a family’s home district.

We want families to make the right choices for their children. We invite you to identify your child’s interests and talents and explore the school choice options to find the right fit for your family!
Three Steps to School Choice

1. EXPLORE

We encourage families to explore the options available to them to find the right fit for their family. Get the information you need through this guide, the RSCO website, and virtual fairs and open houses. Contact RSCO’s Parent Information Center or a satellite site to receive application assistance. Find all the information online at ChoiceEducation.org.

2. APPLY

Apply online to multiple schools and programs through ONE application at ChoiceEducation.org by the February 28, 2021 deadline.

3. RESPOND

Respond to RSCO placement announcements by the deadline indicated in the announcement by going to ChoiceEducation.org.
General Getting Started FAQs

The best way to maximize your opportunities is to understand how the process works. RSCO has pulled together answers to commonly asked questions throughout the Family Guide to give families the information they need to make an informed choice.

1. **What does School Choice mean?**
   School choice means families have an opportunity to choose a free, public school or program as an alternative to the school program in their home district. The school programs offered through the RSCO School Choice Application include theme-based magnet schools, the Open Choice Program, technical high schools and Agriculture Science and Technology Education Schools.

2. **What is the Regional School Choice Office or RSCO?**
   The Regional School Choice Office, also known as RSCO is the office established by the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) to help families learn about, choose and apply to unique public schools and programs located in the Greater Hartford Region. RSCO’s main office and the RSCO Parent Information Center (PIC) are located in the State Office Building located at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT, 060103.
   Families may also contact RSCO Satellite Sites, which are local community agencies that have partnered with RSCO to provide information and assistance with applications. For a list of RSCO satellite sites, see page 37 in this guide or visit ChoiceEducation.org.

3. **Who is eligible to apply to the RSCO schools and programs?**
   Families who reside in Connecticut at the time of application are eligible to apply.

4. **When can I submit a RSCO School Choice application?**
   Beginning Tuesday, December 1, 2020 and ending Sunday, February 28, 2021. Incomplete applications and applications received after Sunday, February 28, 2021, will not be included in the RSCO on-time placement process.

5. **What are the RSCO schools and programs?**
   RSCO offers four types of school choice options located within the Greater Hartford Region, which include: the Hartford Region Open Choice Program, 40 Interdistrict Magnet Schools, three technical high schools in Hartford, New Britain, and Manchester, and three Agricultural Science and Technology Education Schools in Bloomfield, Glastonbury and Suffield.

6. **What is the RSCO Placement Process?**
   RSCO uses a computer-based placement process to place students who have submitted a complete and on-time application for available RSCO schools and programs. The CSDE manages the RSCO placement process using a complex protocol that considers a variety of factors that can vary by school, program and operator. Key factors in assigning placements are the number of seats available (there are more seats available in the school’s entry grade), the grade level, and the applicants’ choices.
What is an entry grade?
The entry grade is the entering grade for the particular school. The most common entry grades are prekindergarten, kindergarten, 6th grade and 9th grade. Most of the available seats are at the entry grades.

What are Placement Priorities?
Many of the schools and programs have “placement priorities” that are used in the placement process to increase the likelihood of a placement based upon the applicant’s connection to a school or program. These priorities do not guarantee placement at a school or program but may increase the likelihood that an applicant will receive a placement. These priorities vary by school and depend on the availability of seats. Examples of priorities include enrolled sibling, staff, neighborhood, zone and pathways. There are more details on placement priorities on pages 18-19 in this guide.

How old does my child have to be to attend PK3, PK4, or kindergarten for the 2021–22 school year?
School choice programs and schools do have certain age requirements for the youngest grade levels. If you are submitting an application for a child entering prekindergarten or kindergarten, please be sure your child fits within the age range for the selected grade level:

- **PK3 (Prekindergarten Age 3):** Child was born between September 1, 2017 and December 31, 2018;
- **PK4 (Prekindergarten Age 4):** Child was born between September 1, 2016 and December 31, 2017; or
- **Kindergarten:** Child was born between September 1, 2015 and December 31, 2016, OR child was born between September 1, 2014 and August 31, 2015, and has no previous schooling.

Is there tuition for Pre-K age 3 and Pre-K age 4?
Yes, in some cases. According to the law (Section 10-264o of the Connecticut General Statutes), families of prekindergarten (PK) students, who attend a Regional Education Service Center (RESC) operated magnet school, and whose family income is above 75 percent of the state median income, are required to pay a tuition fee. Families whose income is at or below 75 percent of the state median income will not be required to pay tuition. This applies to schools operated by CREC and Goodwin University. The fee for PK students will be determined annually by the RESC. You will receive notice from the school if you are required to pay tuition. Tuition for 2021–22 is less than $4,053 per student.

Why is it important that RSCO has my child’s current personal information?
RSCO uses a student’s personal information (e.g., name, address, telephone numbers, email address) to contact you. If RSCO doesn’t have your child’s most current information, it will jeopardize your student’s placement.

It is the guardian’s responsibility to update RSCO regarding changes to the student’s personal information. If you move, change your phone number or email address, you must update the student’s on-time application online or contact RSCO at 860-713-6990.

Is RSCO School Choice the same as the Hartford Public Schools’ Choice program?
No, RSCO School Choice and the Hartford Public Schools’ Choice program are different and separate application processes. Hartford residents are able to apply to both processes. For more information about the Hartford Public Schools’ Choice Process, please call 860-695-8876 or visit the website: www.hartfordschools.org.
Getting Started on Your Way to a School Choice Opportunity

It is awesome that families have so many choices for their child’s education, but it can get complicated and confusing to figure out what is available to them and how likely it is they will receive an offer in a school choice option. Our job at RSCO is to help families access the information you need to make informed choices about your options.

The process involves three important steps:

1. Explore your options
2. Apply
3. Respond

Step 1: Explore Your Options

We encourage you to explore the options available to you to find the right fit for your family.

1. Identify your child’s interests and talents
   - What makes your child unique?
   - How does your child learn?
   - What motivates your child?
   - What are your child’s talents?

2. Explore the School Choice Options
   - Attend RSCO School Choice virtual events and open houses.
   - Contact the RSCO Parent Information Center, Hartford Public Library, or a satellite site to discuss the options and ask questions.
   - Research the information on the RSCO website and RSCO application at ChoiceEducation.org.

3. Make an informed decision that fits your family. Consider:
   - Factors that are important to you: school themes, distance from home, enrollment, extracurricular activities, before/after school programs, and other factors that are important to you;
   - Grade level and school capacity (generally, most seats are available at the entry grade, including pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, 6th grade, and 9th grade); and
   - Placement priorities that are available to you and may increase your chance of receiving a placement offer.
Step 2: Apply

Apply online to multiple schools and programs through ONE application at ChoiceEducation.org by the February 28, 2021 deadline.

We have an exciting new application platform that will make applying easier for everyone! There is always help available, so please reach out for assistance!

1. Set up an account
2. Start the application
3. Select schools and programs that fit your child’s interests and skills
4. Complete the application by February 28, 2021

Families may submit only one application for each child. Please feel free to edit your application through February 28, 2021 but only submit one per student!

The application will be available beginning on December 1, 2020, but as long as you apply by February 28, 2021, your application is on time. There are no placement advantages to applying early!

There is ONE exception: CTECS has an early application deadline of January 22, 2021 for students entering the 9th grade who are applying to technical high schools through RSCO and want to take advantage of the early application period.

Step 3: Respond

Respond to RSCO placement announcements by going to ChoiceEducation.org.

We will provide full details on how to respond to placement announcements in the spring of 2021 through our communications with families, and post it on the RSCO website, ChoiceEducation.org.
What are My Chances of Receiving an Offer?

We would love for every applicant to receive a placement offer, but, unfortunately RSCO receives more applications than available seats so placing every applicant is not possible. Families can increase their chance of a placement by making informed choices on their application.

- **Submit the application on time**: Complete and submit the application by February 28, 2021.
- **Consider ALL of the options**: Research the schools and programs available for your child’s grade. Find schools that fit your child’s interests and skills. Keep an open mind — you might discover a school that is a perfect fit that you didn’t initially consider.
- **Apply to multiple schools/programs**: There are many options available. Explore what RSCO has to offer and consider selecting multiple school choices (in order of preference) to increase the chance of a placement.
- **Check the data on available seats**: The application provides past data on applications and the number of seats available to help families select schools and programs that may increase the chance of receiving an offer.
- **Identify placement priorities**: Families should identify placement priorities that are available to them and select the school or district with that priority as their first choice school/district to take advantage of the priority in the placement process. Check out pages 18-19 for further details on placement priorities.
RSCO encourages families to gather as much information as possible about the School Choice options. We encourage you to (1) visit the RSCO website; (2) visit the Virtual Fairs starting in December, with live presentations and other events the week of December 7th and January 25th; and (3) contact the Parent Information Center, Hartford Public Library, and other community support partners that can help you explore and learn about these amazing educational opportunities in the Greater Hartford Region.

Please use the following resources and those on page 37 for help accessing information and completing the online application.

Please see page 37 for additional RSCO Application Assistance Community partners that will assist you with your application questions.

**Regional School Choice Office**
Phone: 860-713-6990
Email: rsco.sde@ct.gov
Website: www.ChoiceEducation.org
Visit: 450 Columbus Blvd., Suite P28, Hartford, CT

**RSCO Parent Information Center**
Phone: 860-713-6990
Email: rsco.sde@ct.gov
Website: www.ChoiceEducation.org
Visit: 450 Columbus Blvd., Suite P28, Hartford, CT

**RSCO Primary School Choice Application Assistance**
Hartford Public Library (HPL)
Downtown Branch
Phone: 860-695-6325
Website: www.hplct.org
Visit: 500 Main St., Children’s Room, Hartford, CT

**CREC Welcome Center**
Phone: 860-509-3700
Visit: 111 Charter Oak Ave., Hartford, CT

**Hartford Public Schools Welcome Center**
Phone: 860-695-8400
Visit: 960 Main St., 1st Floor Lobby, Hartford, CT
What Types of School and Program Options are Available?

The types of schools and programs available to a family will depend on the child’s grade and town of residence. In general, though, families have the option to choose Greater Hartford Region Interdistrict Magnet Schools, the Hartford Region Open Choice Program, Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS) Technical High Schools, and/or Agricultural Science and Technology Education (ASTE) School options.

**Interdistrict Magnet Schools**

Magnet schools are unique public schools that focus on a particular theme or specialized instructional programming to fit the talents and interests of students. Students from Hartford and suburban communities learn together in a fun, engaging and challenging educational environment.

**The Hartford Region Open Choice Program**

The Open Choice Program is a public school program that allows Hartford-resident students to attend public schools in nearby suburban school districts, and non-Hartford resident students to attend certain public schools in Hartford. This program offers a great opportunity for students to access quality academic programming outside of their home district while learning in culturally diverse and enriching school communities.

**Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS) Technical High Schools**

RSCO offers students entering the 9th grade the opportunity to apply to three CTECS technical high schools (A.I. Prince Technical High School, E.C. Goodwin Technical High School, and Howell Cheney Technical High School) as a group. Technical high schools combine core academics and career/technical education to prepare students for immediate employment, apprenticeship programs, and college and career opportunities.

**Agricultural Science and Technology Education Schools (ASTE)**

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. The ASTE schools are an option for students entering 9th grade. Students do not apply to an ASTE school through the RSCO application but must apply separately at [https://portal.ct.gov/sde-ASTE-apply](https://portal.ct.gov/sde-ASTE-apply).
Placement Priorities and Pathways

Our goal is to provide as many enriching educational opportunities as possible for Connecticut families but RSCO receives more applications than there are seats. Many of the schools and programs have “placement priorities” that are used in the placement process to increase the likelihood of a placement based upon an applicant’s connection to a school or program. These priorities do not guarantee placement at a school or program but may increase the likelihood that an applicant will receive a placement. These priorities vary by school and program and depend on the availability of seats. Keep reading for more details on how these placement priorities work and how you can use a priority to help you.

1 What are placement priorities?
Placement priorities are connections that applicants have to schools or programs that the placement process may use to place applicants in schools or districts. Examples include enrolled siblings, staff, neighborhood, zone, pathways, and other connections to the school or district.

2 Do placement priorities guarantee placement?
No. A priority does not guarantee placement in a school or program but may increase likelihood of a placement.

3 Are the placement priorities the same for every school and program? Are they weighted the same?
No. Placement priorities vary by school and program and depend on the availability of seats. The weight given to a particular placement priority also may vary by school and program.

4 Does the placement priority apply to all school selections?
No. A placement priority is generally used in the placement process if it applies to a school or program that is the applicant’s first choice selection. Placement priorities generally do not impact placement on an applicant’s second, third, fourth or fifth choice school/district selections.

5 Do applicants without a placement priority still receive placements?
Yes! The majority of placements are filled with applicants who did not have a placement priority.

6 Where can I find information on the placement priorities that apply at a school or program?
Details on the placement priorities that schools and programs use in the placement process are indicated in the school listings in this Guide and in the school cards available through the online application under Placement Priorities.
Placement Priorities and Pathways

The RSCO placement process may use one or more of these priorities in determining placements. Placement priorities do not guarantee a placement. The application of these priorities vary between schools and programs and depend on the availability of seats.

Please refer to the school/program descriptions to determine which priorities may be applicable.

- CTECS Technical High School Applicant
  - Alumni/Graduate
  - CTECS Early Application
  - Employee/Staff
  - Enrolled Sibling
  - Applicant Siblings
  - CTECS Only

- Open Choice Applicant
  - Applicant Siblings
  - Enrolled Sibling
  - Open Choice Only
  - Residential Zone

- Magnet School Applicant
  - Employee/Staff or College Student
  - Enrolled Sibling
  - Hartford Residential Neighborhood
  - Residential Zone
  - Partner District
  - Pathway
**Alumni/Graduate**
Priority is given to an applicant who has a parent/legal guardian, sibling, or other immediate relative who graduated from a technical high school operated by the Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS).

**Applicant Sibling**
Efforts are made to offer the district/technical school placement to siblings who share at least one biological parent or legal guardian. The siblings must apply to the same districts/schools in the same order of preference.

**CTECS Only**
Applicants selecting the Technical High Schools as their only option may receive priority based on available seats.

**CTECS Early Application**
Applicants entering 9th grade may apply to the technical high schools by January 22, 2021 and receive early notification of a technical high school placement opportunity in February 2021.

**Employee/Staff or College Student**
Priority may be given to children of employees and staff of a school. At Goodwin University, the priority may apply to children of college students.

**Enrolled Sibling**
Priority may be given to a child who is applying to the same school that a brother or sister currently attends. The siblings must share at least one biological parent or legal guardian. The sibling that is already enrolled in the school must continue to attend the school or district in the following school year.

**Hartford Residential Neighborhood**
Priority may be given to an applicant based on how close the magnet school applicant lives to a nearby school that uses a neighborhood priority.

**Open Choice Only**
Applicants selecting the Open Choice Program as their only option may receive priority based on available seats.

**Partner District**
A partner district is a placement priority given to applicants who live in a town that has a partnership agreement with the magnet school.

**Pathway**
Priority may be given to students coming from another magnet school for a limited number of seats. The pathways serve as a placement priority for students coming from one magnet school to another magnet school designated as a pathway school.

**Twins/Multiples**
Although this is not a placement priority, efforts are made to link applications where two or more children share the same date of birth and at least one biological parent or legal guardian. The siblings must be applying to the same grade and the same schools in the same choice order.

**Residential Zone**
For Hartford Resident applicants to Open Choice: Placement offers are based on the applicant’s residential address (see Hartford Resident Zone Map on pages 42-43).

For Hartford Residents applying to Hartford Magnet Schools: Priority may be given to Hartford resident students living in specific Hartford school zones and applying to certain schools, as follows:
- **Zone 1** and applying to Montessori Magnet at Fisher School, STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School, Webster Micro Society Magnet School, Hartford PreKindergarten Magnet School, or Breakthrough Magnet School North
- **Zone 2** and applying to Capital Preparatory Magnet School (Grades PK3–Grades 5 only)
- **Zone 3** and applying to Breakthrough Magnet School South, Environmental Sciences Magnet at Hooker School, or Montessori Magnet at Batchelder School
- **Zone 4** and applying to Kinsella Magnet School of the Performing Arts (PK4–8), or Betances Learning Lab Magnet School
Interdistrict Magnet Schools in the Greater Hartford Region

Prekindergarten through 12th grade options available

Magnet Schools are public schools that offer innovative, hands-on learning environments through specific themes and special programming to make learning exciting, challenging, and engaging. Magnet school students love to learn!

Students from Hartford and suburban communities attend magnet schools together and learn in an enriching environment that reflects the real world. Students become active learners and dive into special themes and programming through hands-on activities. The schools utilize a variety of academic themes and special programming to prepare students for the future, including themes like Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), visual and performing arts, International Baccalaureate, and Montessori. Read on for a sampling of available themes and their descriptions.

Magnet schools are operated by either Bloomfield Public Schools, the Capitol Region Education Council (CREC), East Hartford Public Schools, Goodwin University, or Hartford Public Schools.

Keep reading for more information on the unique and exciting magnet schools available to families through the RSCO application. Find the magnet schools that match your child’s interests and skills and begin their learning adventure!
Common Questions to Consider About Magnet Schools

1. **Who can apply?**
   Hartford and suburban residents with children entering prekindergarten (age 3 and 4) through 12th grade.

2. **How many magnet schools may I select?**
   Applicants may choose up to five (5) magnet schools and rank them in order of preference. Families may also add the “All Magnet” selection as an additional selection on top of their individual school choices.

3. **What is the All Magnet option?**
   There is an “All Magnet” option included in the application for families applying to magnet schools. Selecting “All Magnet” puts your child in a pool of applicants for a magnet school that you did not choose as one of your magnet selections. If a magnet school exhausts its applications, we will offer placement opportunities to applicants that selected the “All Magnet” option. Families interested in the “All Magnet” option can select “All Magnet” in addition to their regular magnet school selections.

4. **Where are the schools located?**
   The Interdistrict Magnet Schools available to families through the RSCO application are located in Hartford and surrounding towns including Avon, Bloomfield, East Hartford, Glastonbury, Hartford, Rocky Hill, South Windsor, West Hartford, and Wethersfield.

5. **What type of themes are offered at magnet schools?**
   There are a wide range of innovative and engaging 21st century themes available at the magnet schools in the Greater Hartford Region, ranging from themes like performing and visual arts and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, to Montessori, Reggio and character education. Some of the themes may be new to you; check out the theme box on pages 20 and 21 for a sampling of some of the available themes and a description to help inform your choices.

6. **Do all high schools have schedules that are compatible with the schedule of the half-day program at Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts (GHAA)?**
   Before applying to the half-day program at GHAA, families must speak with staff in their home school district to make sure that the home school high school has schedules which are compatible with the schedules at GHAA.

7. **How do placement priorities help in placements to magnet schools?**
   Placement priorities (such as enrolled siblings, staff, neighborhood, zone, pathway, and other factors) do not guarantee placement in a school, however, they may increase likelihood of a placement. These priorities vary by school and program and depend on the availability of seats. The magnet school descriptions on pages 48-96 indicate the placement priorities that apply to each school. Placement priorities generally increases your likelihood of placement if they apply to the magnet school you select as your first choice.

Go to pages 48 and 72 at the end of the guide for alphabetical lists of the magnet schools and their descriptions to find a great fit for your child.
Magnet School Themes

Here is a sample list of just a few of the exciting and inquiry-based themes available to students through interdistrict magnet schools! The school descriptions on pages 48-96 provide the theme for each school.

**Civic Leadership**
The Civic Leadership theme focuses on building individual student commitment and leadership to promote community achievement and justice. Academics, field experiences, and leadership development prepare students to demonstrate tenacity, accomplishment, courage, community wellness, and a commitment to justice.

**International Baccalaureate (IB)**
The IB theme is geared toward the 21st century global environment. IB uses the international baccalaureate learner profile to challenge students through rigorous, global-minded academics and prepare them to participate in the 21st century world with intercultural understanding and respect.

**MicroSociety**
Students in a MicroSociety experience a wide variety of learning environments by creating miniature societies within the school to prepare students to be engaged and active citizens. The six major components of the MicroSociety are: Technology, Economy, Academy, Citizenship and Government, Humanities and the Arts, and Heart. Through active student government and academic engagement, students participate in decision-making for their school society and connect learning to the real world.

**Montessori**
The Montessori theme offers students a nurturing and supportive learning environment that provides rigorous academic challenges while focusing on developing students’ social, emotional, academic, and physical needs. The curriculum is delivered through a hands-on approach to learning and puts students at the center of their skill development. The Montessori principles encourage respect, independence, curiosity, and diversity.
Museum Studies
This theme transcends the traditional classroom and creates a unique learning environment for students through partnerships with museums as an educational resource and site for exiting and stimulating excursions. Students learn to think for themselves and ask questions through a strong inquiry-based and exploratory learning environment.

Reggio Emilia
The Reggio theme supports an individualized learning environment inspired by the Italian Reggio Emilia approach. The curriculum is designed to respect a child’s point of view, and students are empowered to direct their learning. With the teacher acting as a guide, project-based learning opportunities inspire high levels of creativity, critical thinking, and collaborative problem solving.

STEM
The STEM theme stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Students interested in science, math and technology will thrive in this setting! STEM prepares students for college and careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and fosters inquiring minds, logical reasoning, and great collaboration.

STREAM
This theme is closely related to STEM but adds Art and Reading to the mix. STREAM focuses on inquiry-based learning and inspires students to become lifelong learners from an early age. STREAM teaches students to interact with the world through both artistic and scientific processes.

Visual and Performing Arts
We have several magnets that are specifically geared to students interested in art, music, dance, digital arts, creative writing, theater design and other forms of performance art. The themed-approach integrates a rigorous core curriculum with instruction focused on the arts.
The Hartford Region Open Choice Program

The Open Choice Program is a free program that allows Hartford-resident students to attend public schools in nearby suburban school districts, and non-Hartford resident students to attend certain public schools in Hartford. This Program offers a great opportunity for students to access quality academic programming outside of their home district while learning in culturally diverse and enriching school communities. The Open Choice Program is an option for students entering prekindergarten (PK4) up to grade 10 for Hartford residents, and for students entering kindergarten up to grade 12 for non-Hartford residents.
Open Choice for Hartford Residents
PreK4 through Grade 10

Open Choice for Hartford residents provides students who live in Hartford with the opportunity to attend school in a school district located outside of Hartford. Students are able to access the benefits of academic opportunities in suburban communities and learn and play alongside students from a school district outside of Hartford.

Common Questions to Consider About Open Choice for Hartford Residents

1. **Who can apply?**
   Hartford residents with children entering prekindergarten (age 4) through 10th grade.

2. **How many school districts may I select?**
   Applicants may choose up to five (5) school districts in their residential zone and rank them in order of preference. Families may also add the “All District” selection as an additional selection on top of their individual district choices.

3. **How do I find my Hartford Resident Zone?**
   Placement offers to the Open Choice Program are based on the applicant’s residential address. Please go to pages 42-43 and review the Hartford Resident Zone Map.

4. **What districts are in my residential zone?**

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5. **What is the “All District” option?**
   There is an “All District” option included in the application for families applying to Open Choice that puts your child in a pool of applicants for a district that you did not choose as one of your district selections. This “All District” option increases your chances of a placement by keeping your child’s name on a list for potential placement if seats become available at an Open Choice district that has exhausted its applications. Families interested in the “All District” option can select “All District” in addition to their regular Open Choice district selection.

6. **How do priorities help in Open Choice placements?**
   Placement priorities (such as enrolled siblings, applying siblings, and Open Choice Only) do not guarantee placement in a district but it can increase your likelihood of a placement. **Placement priorities for Open Choice generally increase your likelihood of placement if they apply to the district you select as your first choice.**

Please go to pages 97-129 at the end of the guide for additional information and descriptions of the school districts in your zone to find the right fit for your child!
Open Choice Schools for Non-Hartford Residents
Kindergarten through 8th Grade
Options Available

Open Choice for non-Hartford residents provides students who live outside of Hartford with the opportunity to attend certain schools in Hartford with unique programming. Through Open Choice, suburban resident students are able to access the benefits of special programming in Hartford schools.

Common Questions to Consider About Open Choice for Non-Hartford Residents

1. **Who may apply?**
   Non-Hartford residents with children entering kindergarten through 8th grade, depending on what school programs are offered.

2. **How many school districts may I select?**
   Open Choice provides opportunities at specific programs in a limited number of Hartford schools. Applicants may select the schools that serve their grade level and rank them in order of preference.

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Review the information on the schools that serve your child’s grade level starting on page 130 at the end of the guide and find the right fit for your child!
The Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS)
Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS)
Technical High Schools in the Greater Hartford Region

9th Grade Options Available

CTECS technical high schools provide students in Grades 9–12 with the opportunity to master skills in a career and technology program while earning a high school diploma, as well as a career credential. Students are prepared for immediate employment, apprenticeship programs, and college and career opportunities. Families may apply to A.I. Prince Technical High School, E.C. Goodwin Technical High School and Howell Cheney Technical High School through RSCO for students entering 9th grade. Applicants apply to all three (3) technical high schools (A.I. Prince, E.C. Goodwin, and Howell Cheney) as a region during the application process and rank the schools in order of preference.

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Common Questions to Consider about CTECS

1. **Who can apply?**
   Hartford and suburban residents with children entering 9th grade.

2. **How many schools may I select?**
   Applicants apply to all three (3) technical high schools (A.I. Prince, E.C. Goodwin, and Howell Cheney) as a region during the application process and rank the schools in order of preference.

3. **How do placement priorities help in CTECS placements?**
   Placement priorities (such as enrolled siblings, applying siblings, and CTECS Only) do not guarantee placement in a school but it can increase your likelihood of a placement. **Placement priorities for CTECS generally increase your likelihood of placement if they apply to the school you select as your first choice.**
CTECS graduates are prepared for working and learning environments that constantly change. By adapting to new standards in emerging technologies, students acquire the necessary skills to succeed in the college classroom and in the workplace. By integrating STEM education into our academics and career technologies, along with guidance from industry leaders, students graduate with industry certifications or licenses, post-secondary certificates or degrees that employers use to make hiring and promotion decisions. These graduates are empowered to pursue future schooling and training as their educational and career needs evolve, positioning them to be the country’s next leaders and entrepreneurs. Talented academic and career technology teachers collaborate to design high-tech lessons. Our unique educational program prepares graduates for immediate employment, entry into apprenticeship programs or admission into a two- or four-year college. Each student graduates with a high school diploma and a certificate in their career technical field.

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**Academics**

Students complete core academic subjects (English, math, history, sciences, etc.) as well as physical education, health, and computer applications. Students have the opportunity to earn college credit leading to a post-secondary certificate, associate, and/or baccalaureate degree through the UConn Early College Experience Program and Community College Partnership programs.

**Special Offerings & Features**

State-of-the-art facility and instructional technology
School organizations and clubs
Work-based learning program at worksites for students in grades 11 and 12

Go to pages 135-138 at the end of the guide to find additional information on A.I. Prince, E.C. Goodwin, and Howell Cheney.
Agricultural Science and Technology Education Schools (ASTE)
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9th Grade Options Available

The ASTE schools prepare students for college and careers in animal science, agribusiness, agricultural mechanics, aquaculture, biotechnology, food science, marine technology, natural resources, and plant science, (not all ASTE centers offer all the before mentioned programs). Similar to interdistrict magnet schools, several of these programs provide opportunities for students to receive college credit in high school. The ASTE schools in Bloomfield, Glastonbury and Suffield are an option for students entering 9th grade.

Families do not apply to an ASTE school through the RSCO School Choice Application. Families interested in applying to ASTE programs should complete and submit the ASTE application found at ChoiceEducation.org.

The application deadline for ASTE programs is January 8, 2021.

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Go to pages 139-141 at the end of the guide to find additional information on Agricultural Science and Technology Education Schools (ASTE).
Applying to School Choice

After exploring what RSCO has to offer, get started on your child’s application to open the door to amazing educational options! RSCO is launching an exciting new on-line application platform that will make applying easier for everyone! Apply online to multiple schools and programs through ONE application!

Begin a RSCO school choice application by visiting ChoiceEducation.org and selecting “Apply Now”. Complete and submit only ONE application for your child for the 2021–22 school year. You must submit an application for each child.

1. Visit ChoiceEducation.org and select “Apply.”
2. Set up an account
3. Start the application
4. Select schools and programs that fit your child’s interests and skills
5. Complete the application by February 28, 2021.

Applying on time increases your chances of a placement.

Important DATES to remember when applying:

- **On-Time Application** begins December 1, 2020 and ends February 28, 2021.
- **The Early Application period for the Connecticut Technical High Schools** begins on December 1, 2020 and ends on January 22, 2021.
- Please feel free to edit your application through February 28, 2021 but only submit one per student! Only the first application submitted for a child will be used in the placement process.
- **Late Application**
  If you miss the on-time application deadline, be sure to get your application in as soon as possible during the late application period.
  The Late Application begins on March 15, 2021 and ends on August 15, 2021. Not all schools and programs are available during the Late Application period.

Important NOTES to remember when applying:

- Remember to complete AND submit your application by February 28, 2021.
- Submitting a RSCO School Choice Application does not guarantee a placement offer.
- Only one (1) RSCO School Choice Application will be accepted per child for the 2021–22 school year. All duplicate applications will be deleted and only the first application submitted for each child will be considered.
- Families cannot submit an on-time application and a late application for the same child for the 2021–22 school year. All duplicate applications will be deleted and only the first application submitted for each child will be considered.
- Misrepresenting application information or altering registration documents will result in the deletion of the application and/or placement offer.
When can I submit a RSCO School Choice application?
*Beginning Tuesday, December 1, 2020 and ending Sunday, February 28, 2021.* Incomplete applications and applications received after Sunday, February 28, 2021, will not be included in the RSCO on-time placement process.

What happens if I miss the RSCO on-time application deadline of February 28, 2021?
If you miss the on-time application deadline, you will have an opportunity to submit a late application on the RSCO website at ChoiceEducation.org during the late application period, which starts on March 15, 2021 and ends on August 15, 2021.

How can I enter my student(s) into the RSCO lottery?
Families who submit a complete and on-time RSCO lottery application will have their student(s) entered into the RSCO lottery. During the application period, the RSCO application will be available online at ChoiceEducation.org.
If you applied to the RSCO lottery last year and would like your student(s) to be entered into the lottery for the 2021-2022 school year, you must submit a new application by February 28, 2021. RSCO does not carry over applications from year to year.

If I applied last year and did not receive a placement, do I have to reapply this year for the 2021-22 school year?
Yes. All waitlists from the previous year have expired. Typically, all waitlists expire on September 30th of each school year. Therefore, families must submit a new application for the 2021-22 school year.

Who can help me complete the RSCO School Choice application?
The RSCO staff is ready to help families complete the RSCO application! If you need access to a computer and/or the internet, or need assistance in completing the application, please call the RSCO at 860-713-6990 for assistance or contact one of the satellite sites for help. RSCO will also host application assistance events during the application period. Visit the RSCO website at ChoiceEducation.org for information on satellite sites and application assistance events (see page 37).

Can I submit more than one RSCO application for my child?
No, you can only submit ONE (1) RSCO lottery application for each child. If you submit multiple application for the same child, RSCO will delete the duplicate applications and will only consider the first application submitted. Families may edit their application throughout the on-time period up through February 28, 2021.

Can I submit both an on-time and late application?
No. Families cannot submit an on-time application and a late application for the same child per application period. In such instances, the late application will not be considered for purposes of the placement process.

Do I have to submit a separate application for each child?
Yes! If you are seeking placements for more than one child, you must complete a separate application for each child. You will have the ability to link siblings through the application.
How to Submit an Application

Using the NEW RSCO School Choice Application, you can apply online to multiple schools and programs through ONE application at ChoiceEducation.org. If you need help, we have plenty of resources available to help you through it. Please reach out for assistance!

Common questions to consider when applying:

1. **How do I apply?**
   Start an application by going to the RSCO website at ChoiceEducation.org and selecting “Apply.”

2. **Do I have to complete the application all at once or can I save and return to it at a later time?**
   With our new application, you can SAVE your information and go back into the application at a later time! You do not have to finish it all at one time, but remember to complete it and submit it by February 28, 2021.

3. **Is there a placement advantage to applying early?**
   There are no placement advantages to applying early! As long as you apply by February 28, 2021, your application is On-Time. The only exception is the CTECS early application deadline of January 22, 2021 for students entering the 9th grade who are applying to technical high schools through RSCO and want to take advantage of the early application period.

4. **How many schools can I select on the application for my child?**
   The number of selections depends on the program. Use this information as a reference for your choices:
   - **For Magnet Schools:**
     You may select up to five (5) schools that offer your child’s grade level. Rank the schools in order of preference. You may also choose the All Magnet option as an additional selection.

     "**All Magnet**" Option: There is an "All Magnet" option included in the application for families applying to magnet schools. This "All Magnet" option increases your chances of a placement by keeping your child’s name on a list for potential placement if seats become available at a magnet school that has exhausted its applications.

     Families interested in the "All Magnet" option can select "All Magnet" in addition to their regular magnet school selections.

   - **For the Open Choice Program for Hartford Residents:**
     Hartford residents applying to the Open Choice Program may select up to five (5) school districts in their resident zone and rank them in order of preference. You may also choose the "All District" option as an additional selection.

     "**All District**" Option: There is an "All District" option included in the application for families applying to Open Choice districts. This "All District" option increases your chances of a placement by keeping your child’s name on a list for potential placement if seats become available at an Open Choice district that has exhausted its applications.

     Families interested in the "All District" option can select "All District" in addition to their regular Open Choice district selections.
• **For the Open Choice Program for Suburban Residents:**
  Open Choice provides opportunities at specific programs in a limited number of schools. Applicants may select the schools that serve their grade level and rank them in order of preference. Typically, there are less than five schools available for the various grade levels.

• **For Connecticut Technical High Schools:**
  Applicants entering 9th grade can apply to the three technical high schools available through the RSCO application. Applicants apply to all three schools as a region (A.I. Prince Technical High School in Hartford, E.C. Goodwin Technical High School in New Britain, and Howell Cheney Technical High School in Manchester) but rank the schools in order of preference.

  *Make sure to carefully make your school/district selections. It is a good idea to select more than one school/district to increase the likelihood that you will receive a placement. **But, please only select those schools and districts your child is willing to attend.***

5 **Do I need to answer all parts of the application?**
Yes! If a question is optional, the application indicates this. Otherwise, applicants must complete all sections of the application.

6 **Can I go back and edit the application after I submit it?**
Yes! Feel free to edit your application through February 28, 2021 but only submit one per student!

7 **How do I submit an application for siblings with the same date of birth (twins/multiples)?**
   We try to link applications where two or more siblings share the same birthday and at least one biological parent or legal guardian. In order to group the applications together, the applications for each of the siblings (twins/multiples) must:
   - Apply at the same time on-time (December 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021), or late (March 15 to August 15, 2021);
   - Apply for the same grade level and the same school; and
   - Select the exact schools or districts in the exact same rank order of preference starting with the first choice.

   Although every effort is made to link twin/multiple applications, placement at a school or program for twins/multiples does not always occur. As always, placements vary by school and program and depend on seat availability.

**Other important information to keep in mind when you are completing the application:**

**Agreement Statement:** Families must confirm that all information provided on the application is true and accurate before submitting the application.

**Survey:** Families must answer brief survey questions about your interest in school choice, how you heard about RSCO, and where or how you completed the application.

**Review your application:** After you complete all parts of the application, you will be able to review your school and program selections. Please make sure to review all of the information before selecting “Submit” as your final step.

**Final Step — Application Submitted:** After selecting “Submit,” check the Dashboard to confirm that your application has been submitted. Make sure to submit your application! We cannot consider applications that have not been submitted by February 28, 2021.
# Making Changes to Your Application

Families are able to make changes to the RSCO School Choice application up through February 28, 2021 for the On-Time Application.

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| Between December 1, 2020 and February 28, 2021 | You can change:  
- Your contact Information (address, telephone number, email address)  
- Your demographic Information (e.g., birth date, sibling verification, grade)  
- Your School selections for magnet schools, CTECS (technical schools) Open Choice for suburban residents  
- Your District Selections for Open Choice for Hartford residents | Make changes by:  
- Logging into your RSCO application account (at ChoiceEducation.org) using the email address and password you used to submit the application. OR  
- Calling the RSCO Parent Information Center at 860-713-6990 for assistance. |
| After the February 28, 2021 deadline, | You can change:  
- Your contact Information (address, telephone number, email address) | Make changes by:  
Calling the RSCO Parent Information Center at 860-713-6990. |

**Important notes about change of address for the Open Choice Program:**

- An applicant who moves out of Hartford is no longer eligible to attend Open Choice schools in districts outside of Hartford.
- An applicant who moves into Hartford is no longer eligible to attend Open Choice schools in Hartford.
You are not alone in this process! RSCO partners and community organizations are here to help. RSCO and the other organizations listed below offer School Choice application assistance and can provide you with general information about School Choice and your options. Reach out to talk through your options, get the information you need, and select schools and programs that work best for your family and give your child the best chance for a placement. Sites and information are subject to change.

**RSCO’s Primary School Choice Application Sites**

**RSCO Parent Information Center**
450 Columbus Blvd., Plaza Level, Suite 28, Hartford, CT
Email: rsco.sde@ct.gov
Phone: 860-713-6990
Website: ChoiceEducation.org

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

**CRT (Connecticut Renewal Team) 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

**Hartford Public Library Locations**

**Hartford Public Library (HPL) Downtown Branch**
500 Main St., Children’s Room, Hartford, CT
Email: schoolchoiceoffice@hpltc.org
Phone: 860-695-6325
Website: hplct.org/library-services/parents/school-choice-assistance

**HPL Albany Branch**
1250 Albany Ave., Hartford, CT
860-695-7380

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

**HPL Campfield 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

**RSCO Satellite Sites Offering Application Assistance & RSCO Publications**

**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

**Southside Family Center**
35 Gorton St., Hartford, CT
860-297-7800

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

**RSCO Satellite Resource Centers with RSCO Informational Publications**

**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

**SS Cyril & Methodius Child Development Center**
45 Gorton St., Hartford, CT
860-206-9265
Responding to Placements

RSCO will communicate placement offers to families through email and text starting in February 2021 for early applicants to CTECS and in the spring for the other School Choice programs. Placement communications will provide details on how to respond and by when. Please remember to update your contact information so RSCO is able to communicate this important information.
What are the important dates and deadlines for the RSCO placement process?

- RSCO announces placement results to families for the following placements beginning:
  - CTECS technical schools early applicants: February 2021
  - Magnets and Open Choice on-time applicants: April 2021
  - CTECS technical schools on-time applicants: April 2021
- Deadline for families to respond to placement announcements will be stated in the RSCO placement letter and response form.
- RSCO will continue placing students throughout the spring and summer as seats become available through October 1, 2021.

What is the RSCO Placement Process?
RSCO uses a computer-based placement process to place students who have submitted a complete and on-time application for available RSCO schools and programs. The Connecticut State Department of Education manages the RSCO placement process using a complex protocol that considers a variety of factors that can vary by school, program and operator. Key factors in assigning placements are the number of seats available, the grade level, and the applicants’ choices. There are more seats available at the entry grade in a school.

The placement process is complex but, essentially, it takes into account socioeconomic factors (SES), along with student preferences, priorities (like sibling, staff and neighborhood, for example), pathways and other factors as described in RSCO School Choice materials to assign students to available seats by school and grade.

If I submit an application for my child, will they receive a placement offer?
Although we would love to place every student that applies for a school choice opportunity, we have more applicants than available seats. Applying does not guarantee a placement. The majority of seats are available at the entry grades (such as Prek, K, 6th and 9th). We encourage families to consider grade level, application numbers, past data on placements, selection order, and possible priorities that may apply when they are considering school choice selections.

How will I know if my student has been selected for placement in a school or program through the RSCO placement process?
You will receive notification from RSCO through email and text messaging indicating your student’s placement status in a specific school or program.

In what grade(s) are the largest numbers of available seats for each school or program?
The largest numbers of available seats tend to be in the entry level grades for each school or program. However, seats are available in other grades as well. If you are interested in a seat, please be sure to apply and look at past data and possible priorities that may apply to your choice selections.
If my child is offered placement through the RSCO placement process, what do I need to do?
If a family receives a placement offer, that is great news! The next step is to respond to the placement by the deadline date listed in their notification and register with their school. If a family does not respond by the deadline date, the placement is automatically treated as a decline.

What if my child’s placement offer is not to my first choice school or program?
Is my child eligible for other placements after receiving the first placement offer?
If a child receives a placement offer, we hope that you will accept the placement whether it is your first or fifth choice! We do our best to follow families’ choices, but given seat availability relative to demand, we can’t guarantee that families get their first choice or get a placement at all. We hope that by listing multiple choices on the application, families are excited to attend any school on their list. With such high demand, families receive only one placement offer in an application year. Once a placement offer is made, the application is not included on waitlists for other schools.

What happens if my student is not selected for placement through the RSCO lottery?
Is there anything else I can do?
Applicants who do not receive a placement offer will be placed on waitlists for the schools and programs selected on their application unless the applicant selects to be removed from the waitlists. We know it is disappointing to get the news a family did not receive an offer, but we keep applicants on the waitlist for the schools and programs selected on the application and will notify applicants if they receive a placement as we continue through the process. RSCO will continue placing students throughout the spring and summer as seats become available through October 1, 2021.

Why are some applicants placed on a waitlist?
RSCO offers high quality school options for nearly 5,500 applicants every year and has a plan in place to increase the number of seats available for Connecticut students this year and over the next several years. We know this will mean more offers for more Connecticut students but, even with an increase in seats, RSCO receives more applications than available seats.

I was on the waitlist last year, why am I on the waitlist this year?
The waitlists do not carry over from year to year, therefore, a placement on a waitlist in one year does not impact the placement process in another year. Most of the seat availability tends to be at the entry grades with limited seats available at the non-entry grades. Even at the entry grades, though, we have limited seats to fill and, unfortunately, there are more applications than available seats at nearly all of the schools. Demand at the lower grades is especially high.

How do I find out my number or ranking on the waitlist?
RSCO is not able to provide waitlist numbers because we do not maintain a single waitlist for all schools and programs. The student placement process does not lend itself to issuing waitlist numbers to families since each school and program maintains different waitlists based on student preferences and priorities (like sibling and staff) for that school and maximizing socioeconomic diversity in each school.

How long does an application remain on a waitlist?
All waitlists expire on September 30, 2021.
The RSCO Transportation Zone establishes borders for transporting students to RSCO School Choice schools and programs within the Greater Hartford Region (see page 4). For additional information, contact the RSCO Transportation Office by email at rscotransportation@crec.org, telephone at 860-524-4077, or visit their website at crec.org/transportation/rsco.php.

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<td>Magnet (K–12)</td>
<td>Transportation may vary depending on students’ residence and bus routing as follows: Neighborhood stop is located in or near the student’s neighborhood. Central location in or near the student’s resident town, often located in a public place. Students who enroll in a magnet school within their local district will receive in-district transportation. For additional information, contact your district’s transportation office.</td>
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**Transportation Options for In-Zone Families**
Transportation is provided to students in grades K–12 within the RSCO Transportation Zone. Once a student is registered in a RSCO school or program, and if they are eligible, they will be notified by the RSCO Transportation Office before the start of the school year of their transportation pick-up and drop-off times and locations.

Families living within the RSCO Transportation Zone are not eligible to receive a stipend if they opt out of the RSCO Transportation service and elect to transport their child themselves.

**Transportation Options for Out-of-Zone Families**
Parents/guardians who do not live in a RSCO transportation zone town (see map on page 4) have two options:

**Option 1:** Transport the student themselves to and from school, and then request a stipend that will be paid over the summer based on the student’s attendance.

**Option 2:** Transport the student to the closest available stop located within the RSCO’s transportation zone. There is no stipend for option 2.
Open Choice Hartford Resident Zone Map

Zone 1
- Hartford Residency Zone 1
  - Avon
  - Canton
  - East Granby
  - Granby
  - Simsbury
  - Suffield
  - West Hartford

Zone 2
- Hartford Residency Zone 2
  - Bolton
  - Coventry
  - East Windsor
  - Ellington
  - Enfield
  - Somers
  - South Windsor
  - Tolland
  - Windsor Locks

Legend
- Local Roads
- Greater Hartford Regional School Choice Office
- Revised: December 2020
Location of the Greater Hartford Regional School Choice Office (RSCO)

For the most current information about RSCO programs, procedures, and timelines, visit the RSCO website at ChoiceEducation.org, or call 860-713-6990.
Directions to the

RSCO Parent Information Center (PIC)

State of Connecticut Office Building
450 Columbus Blvd., Plaza Level, Suite P28
Hartford, CT, 06103-1841

Driving Directions:

From I-91 South/North
- Take Exit 32A-32B (Trumbull St.)
- At 2nd light, turn left onto Morgan St.
- Turn right onto Columbus Blvd.
- Morgan Street Garage is on your right
- Go straight through light
- 450 Columbus Blvd. is on your left

From I-84 Westbound
- Take Exit 50 (US-44 W/S.Main ST)
- At the light, turn left onto Trumbull St.
- Sharp left onto Morgan St.
- Turn right onto Columbus Blvd.
- Morgan Street Garage is on your right
- 450 Columbus Blvd. is on your left

From I-84 Eastbound
- Take Exit 50 (Main St.)
- Continue straight
- Cross Trumbull St.
- Cross Main St.
- Cross Market St.
- At the 4th light, turn right onto Columbus Blvd.
- Morgan Street Garage is on your right.
- 450 Columbus Blvd. is on your left

Parking:
- On-street parking on Columbus Blvd. is only available in 2-hour intervals on a paid basis from 6:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Parking is strictly prohibited from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. due to rush hour traffic.
- Municipal parking is available for a required fee at the Morgan Street Garage, located on Morgan Street.
- After parking in the Morgan Street Garage, take the elevator down to the street level and use the cross walk to walk across the street to the public entrance of 450 Columbus Blvd.
- As a visitor, you must sign in at the security desk with photo identification.
- All visitors will be entered electronically into the visitor management system and issued a visitor’s badge.
- Security personnel will direct you to the RSCO Parent Information Center, located on the Plaza Level. Please remember to turn in your visitor’s badge when you leave.
Language Interpretation and Translation Assistance

The following language services are available for the entire RSCO School Choice application process:

**Spanish language assistance with RSCO online application is available:**
- over the telephone at 860-713-6990;
- in person at the Parent Information Center, 450 Columbus Blvd., Suite P28, Hartford, CT 06103; or
- at application assistance sites (see page 37).

**Los siguientes servicios de idioma están disponibles para el proceso entero de solicitud de Elección Escolar RSCO:**
Asistencia en español con la aplicación de RSCO en línea está disponible:
- por teléfono al 860-713-6990;
- en persona, en el Centro de Información para Padres (PIC), 450 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT 06103, Suite P28; o
- en sitios de asistencia de aplicaciones (14 de página).

**Assistance in other languages**
- Over the telephone at 860-713-6990. The RSCO office uses interpretation services from Linguistica International for 250 languages.
- Google Translate is available on ChoiceEducation.org.

**Examples of languages available:**
- Arabic
- Chinese
- French
- Hindi
- Karen
- Korean
- Nepalese
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Serbo-Croatian
- Tamil
- Vietnamese
School and Program Descriptions
## Interdistrict Magnet School Descriptions

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Academy of Aerospace and Engineering Elementary

Grades: PK3 to 5

Theme: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

Academy of Aerospace and Engineering Elementary School helps students develop a strong foundational knowledge in four interrelated domains of STEM literacy: science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The STEM theme ignites their curiosity and encourages students to explore and collaborate through hands-on learning experiences. Technology supports and enhances the curriculum, which provides students with meaningful opportunities to conduct investigations, gather and use information, and solve problems using scientific methods of thinking and technology as tools. These experiences help build their knowledge and understanding of the world around them.

* Students enrolled in grade 5 may automatically enroll at the Academy of Aerospace and Engineering for grade 6 without submitting a RSCO application.

Operating Hours: 8:40 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.

Email Address: ghills@crec.org

Phone Number: 860-529-1652

School Address: 7 Gardner Way, Rocky Hill, CT, 06067

School Website: http://aae.crecschools.org/

School Uniform: No

Before School Care and Fee: Yes, $126.20 per month (monthly fee may vary based on program hours)

After School Care and Fee: Yes $243.40 per month (monthly fee may vary based on program hours)

Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: No

Placement Priorities

- Enrolled Sibling
- Partner School District: Rocky Hill
- Staff

Pathway Schools To:

- Academy of Aerospace and Engineering (6 to 12)
- Academy of Science and Innovation (6 to 12)
- Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Magnet Middle (6 to 8)
- Metropolitan Learning Center for Global and International Studies (6 to 12)
- Two Rivers Magnet Middle School (6 to 8)

Activities

Aerospace STEM Night where students and families join together to complete various aerospace challenges; CT Green LEAF School with our very own butterfly garden, supported by National Wildlife Federation (NWF) and the Connecticut Forest and Park Association (CFPA); Student Action Team: a collective group of students who live as change makers by contributing solutions in an ever challenging society; a robust parent/teacher organization; and Friends of Aerospace, creating activities and community building opportunities for the entire school

Special Features & Offers

Focuses on science, technology, engineering and math; ignites curiosity, promotes exploration, and fosters scientific thinking; students are active participants in their learning and participate in hands-on activities; partners with Roaring Brook Nature Center, LEGO, The Children’s Museum, and more

Academic Features & Success

Part of a PreK–12 pathway that allows our students to join the Academy Aerospace Middle/High School after 5th grade; state-of-the-art facility and grounds that reflect the heart and soul of school community; STEM theme-based school that uses a project based learning (PBL) approach; one-to-one technology; strong established connections with local aerospace industries and museums
Ana Grace Academy of the Arts Elementary School

Grades: PK3 to 5
Theme: Arts

The school will be moved to its permanent location at 29 Griffin Road North, Bloomfield, CT 06002 in 2021-22. More information to follow.

Ana Grace Academy of the Arts Elementary School provides students a foundation to grow academically and artistically. Students express their cultural creativity, build impactful relationships, engage in their learning, and work with professional artists to develop and enhance new skills. Here, students can explore vocal and instrumental music, visual arts, dance, theatre, creative writing, and more. Through their learning, students develop critical thinking skills, initiative, and discipline, which are highlighted in showcase performances throughout the school year. In collaboration with community partners like The Ana Grace Project, Hartford Stage, and Charter Oak Cultural Center, students participate in unique experiences that enhance the school’s theme.

* Students enrolled in grade 5 may automatically enroll at the CREC Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Middle School for grade 6 without submitting a RSCO application.

Operating Hours: 8:40 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.
Email Address: anagraceoffice@crec.org
Phone Number: 860-677-0380
School Address: 29 Griffin Road North, Bloomfield, CT, 06002
School Website: http://agaaems.crecschools.org/
School Uniform: No
Before School Care and Fee: Yes, $126.20 per month (monthly fee may vary based on program hours)
After School Care and Fee: Yes, $243.40 per month (monthly fee may vary based on program hours)
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: No
Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Staff
Pathway Schools To:
- Academy of Aerospace and Engineering (6 to 12)
- Academy of Science and Innovation (6 to 12)
- Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Magnet Middle (6 to 8)
- Metropolitan Learning Center for Global and International Studies (6 to 12)
- Two Rivers Magnet Middle School (6 to 8)

Special Features & Offers
Provides a foundation for students to grow academically and artistically; inspires students to make connections, engage in their learning, and work with local artists; challenges students to show creativity through live performances; collaborates with community partners to enhance the curriculum

Academic Features & Success
NAEYC accredited; MSA School of Excellence 2014; 2018 CT Kid Governor winner; arts infusion in all academic areas; one-to-one technology for all students
Betances Learning Lab
Magnet School

Grades: PK3 to 4
Theme: Early Reading

Betances Learning Lab is an innovative learning community fostering scholarship and creativity in students with different learning styles. We prepare and inspire students to be innovative, responsible and contributing members of an ever-changing global society. Our achievement is determined across a broad range of educational goals, which include: national, state and professional standards; individual and group academic performance; individual and group accomplishments; and individual and group growth.

We are committed to involving all community partners in creating an inclusive, inviting learning community characterized by kindness and respect and developing interventions to support academic and personal excellence for every student.

We will achieve our vision by implementing research-based, best practices in education. We promote differentiated instruction through multi-age grouping. Furthermore, we emphasize curriculum integration and collaboration with specialists to support learning in all areas and supporting an inclusive special education and gifted and talented delivery system.

Operating Hours: 8:40 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.
Email Address: Felicia.Poskus@hartfordschools.org
Phone Number: 860-695-2840
School Address: 42 Charter Oak Avenue, Hartford, CT, 06106
School Website: http://www.betancesowls.org
School Uniform: Yes
Before School Care and Fee: Yes, fees may vary
After School Care and Fee: Yes. YMCA: fees may vary; MiCasa: no cost
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: No

Placement Priorities:
- Enrolled Sibling
- Hartford Residential Zone 4
- Neighborhood
- Pathway
- Staff

Pathway Schools To:
- Betances STEM Magnet School (5 to 8)

Activities
Girls Scouts, MiCasa, Book Club, arts integration through Hartford Performs

Special Features & Offers
Emphasis on 21st century learning and rigorous core academic learning goals
45-minute WIN block and 45-minute enrichment block with band, chorus, DRILL, boys dance group and drumming
Arts integration through Hartford Performs, Little Kids Rock, chorus and band are part of the unified arts curriculum
Partnership with the Connecticut Science Center infuses STEM-based instruction in the day-to-day curriculum

Academic Features & Success
Student-centered learning in small classes with individualized instruction
Hands-on STEM-based learning through Project Lead the Way
Betances STEM Magnet School

Grades: 5 to 8
Theme: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

Betances STEM Magnet School is an innovative learning community that incorporates learning with an advanced academic focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Our purpose is to offer and expose our students to 21st Century skills that will ensure their value to society. Students are engaged in hands-on, experiential learning, observation and analysis, and have extensive laboratory experiences using contemporary technologies for scientific inquiry, mathematical calculation and engineering design. All of which are at the core strategy of STEM inquiry. Partnerships with community organizations such as the Connecticut Science Center, Barnes and Noble, UConn Health, and Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sister’s provide our school community with learning opportunities and professional development.

Operating Hours: 8:40 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.
Email Address: anthony.brooks@hartfordschools.org
Phone Number: 860-695-2970
School Address: 400 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford, CT, 06114
School Website: https://sites.google.com/hartfordschools.org/betancesstem/home
School Uniform: Yes
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: Yes YMCA, fees may vary
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Hartford Residential Zone 4
- Pathway
- Staff

Pathway Schools From:
- Betances Learning Lab (PK4 to 4)

Pathway Schools To:
- Pathways Academy of Technology and Design (6 to 12)

Activities
Sports: Track, flag football, soccer and basketball
Clubs and activities include Dungeons and Dragons

Special Features & Offers
Unique STEM pilot flight simulators where students artificially recreate an aircraft’s flight for pilot training and design
Engineering classes offer students the opportunity to design and construct models in co-op groups
STEM Plus classes, LEGO® robotics, and coding enhance the traditional curriculum
Students have extensive laboratory experiences using contemporary technologies for scientific inquiry, mathematical calculation and engineering design

Academic Features & Success
The inclusion of STEM into the traditional curriculum serves as an incentive to students to move from “learning to read” to “reading to learn”
**Breakthrough Magnet School, North**

**Grades:** PK3 to 5  
**Theme:** Character Education

The mission of Breakthrough Magnet School North is for staff, families, and community members of diverse backgrounds to work in partnership, developing students as models of outstanding character. At Breakthrough North, character development permeates all aspects of our curriculum. We empower students to be the authors of their own lives and develop their problem-solving skills to make responsible choices.

The vision at Breakthrough Magnet School North is to provide students with academic rigor, aesthetic appreciation, technological expertise, and physical expressiveness aimed at contributing to others. Breakthrough North is a school where families and teachers work together striving for academic success. We stress purposeful learning, whereby students gain knowledge, utilize higher order thinking, exercise the mind and body and value learning. All are trained and instructed in the unique Character Curriculum rooted in Positive Psychology and Mindfulness. At Breakthrough Magnet School-North, we celebrate our global community, and our students’ resultant lives are marked by vitality, effectiveness, health, and well-being.

**Operating Hours:** 8:40 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.  
**Email Address:** yandk001@hartfordschools.org  
**Phone Number:** 860-695-6380  
**School Address:** 25 Ridgefield Street, Hartford, CT, 06112  
**School Website:** https://sites.google.com/hartfordschools.org/breakthrough-north/  
**School Uniform:** Yes  
**Before School Care and Fee:** Yes, fees may vary  
**After School Care and Fee:** Yes, fees may vary  
**Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics:** Yes

**Placement Priorities**
- Hartford Residential Zone 1  
- Neighborhood  
- Pathway  
- Sibling (only PK3 and PK4)  
- Staff

**Pathway Schools To:**
- Classical Magnet School (6 to 12)  
- Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy (6 to 12)  
- Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts (PK4 to 12)  
- Sports and Medical Sciences Academy (6 to 12)

**Activities**
Breakthrough Magnet North offers safety patrol, gardening, and band/instrument lessons. After-school sports are available to students in grades 3–5.

**Special Features and Offers:**
A unique character education/social-emotional learning curriculum infused with intentional mindfulness training  
Recognized by Magnet Schools of America as a School of Excellence in 2019;  
Multi-age classrooms and rigorous academic core classes;  
Community partnerships with Hartford Performs, Star-base STEM, Riverfront Recapture, Joan Dauber Food Bank, and Hands on Hartford provide students with opportunities in service learning

**Academic Features & Success:**
Breakthrough Magnet North offers multi-age classrooms, grouping grades PK3 and PK4, kindergarten and grade 1, grades 2 and 3, and grades 4 and 5. Every Friday, the school community gathers for weekly community meetings in which students and classes have the opportunity to showcase learning aligned with our character theme.
Breakthrough Magnet School, South

Grades: PK3 to 8

Theme: Character Education

Breakthrough Magnet School South’s unique theme is Character Education. The B.R.I.C.K. character curriculum supports students to change “Breakdowns to Breakthroughs,” and to take responsibility for their own happiness while being mindful. As a result, students are independent and responsible, and demonstrate strong self-esteem and leadership skills. Students learn the importance of integrity and have opportunities to engage in service to others, in our school, home, community and beyond.

Building academic knowledge through our rigorous, standards-based curriculum, as well as communication and social skills, is central to this special approach. Rich exposure to visual, musical and dramatic arts, physical health & physical literacy, Spanish starting at K, and enrichment programs completes this education of the “whole child.”

It all takes place in a state-of-the-art building that was designed and built for our character theme. Our school sits on seven acres of land and is located in a safe neighborhood on the West Hartford line. We have an outdoor amphitheater, a green roof for gardening, and spacious classrooms with full kitchens.

Operating Hours: 8:40 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.

Email Address: gusth002@hartfordschools.org

Phone Number: 860-695-5700

School Address: 290 Brookfield Street, Hartford, CT, 06106

School Website: http://www.breakthroughmagnetschool.org/

School Uniform: Yes

Before School Care and Fee: Yes, fees may vary

After School Care and Fee: Yes fees may vary

Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities

- Hartford Residential Zone 3
- Neighborhood
- Pathway
- Sibling
- Staff

Pathway Schools To:

- Connecticut IB Academy (9 to 12)
- Great Path Academy at MCC (9 to 12)
- Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts (PK4 to 12)
- Pathways Academy of Technology and Design (9 to 12)
- Sports and Medical Sciences Academy (6 to 12)
- University High School of Science and Engineering (9 to 12)

Activities

- Enrichment programs, community service, Trashion Fashion, middle school sports and cheerleading, band and chorus, Mindful Fusion Music, and running club.

Special Features and Offers:

- Whole child instruction — art, music, P.E., Spanish, mindfulness, and community service
- Enrichment activities; field trips; Hartford Performs teaching artists
- The Character Education theme promotes kindness, and a solution-focused mindset
- Recognized as a National School of Character by Magnet Schools of America
- Provides a rigorous, hands-on interdisciplinary curriculum with a strong focus on active participation

Academic Features & Success:

- Rigorous, hands-on interdisciplinary curriculum with a strong focus on active participation with perseverance and having a growth mindset.
- Named the nation’s #1 Magnet School for 2015 by Magnet Schools of America
- Offers a unique, award-winning Character Education theme, and an interdisciplinary curriculum celebrating the rich international and ethnic diversity of the student body.
Capital Preparatory Magnet School

**Grades:** PK3 to 12  
**Theme:** Social Justice

**Mission:** Capital Preparatory Magnet School staff will provide an educational environment that creates opportunities for all students to realize and fulfill their social, academic, and civic responsibilities by developing skills necessary for students to become agents of social change.

**Vision:** Capital Preparatory Magnet School aspires to create a community of lifelong learners who will be assets to their community by working towards Social Justice.

The Capital Preparatory Magnet School is a year-round PreK through 12th grade school. Its College Preparatory environment is wrapped around a Social Justice theme that is integrated into the rigorous curriculum and instruction experience. Capital Prep boasts 100% college admittance for each graduating senior. Through our academic and Social Justice initiatives, Capital Prep students discover their passions and immense potential with talented and engaging teachers and an energetic and diverse peer group. Capital Prep has previously been named one of the best schools in America by US News & World Report Magazine and a host of other media outlets.

**Operating Hours:** 7:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.  
**Email Address:** fergk001@hartfordschools.org  
**Phone Number:** 860-695-9800  
**School Address:** 1304 Main Street, Hartford, CT, 06103  
**School Website:** https://capitalprep.org/  
**School Uniform:** Yes  
**Before School Care and Fee:** No  
**After School Care and Fee:** Yes fees may vary  
**Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics:** Yes  

**Placement Priorities**  
- Harford Residential Zone 2  
- Neighborhood  
- Pathway  
- Staff  

**Pathway Schools From:**  
- Montessori Magnet at Fisher School (PK3 to 8)

**Activities**  
Capital Prep has six state championships in athletics and a Performing Arts partnership with Hartford Performs.

**Special Features & Offers**  
- Unique 11-month calendar that runs from July to May  
- Creates opportunities for students to realize and fulfill their social, academic and civic responsibilities and become agents of social change  
- Full-day PK3, PK4 & kindergarten  
- Offers Gifted & Talented curriculum in PK3–Grade 5 program  
- Our five Learner Expectations include Collaborators, Problem-Solvers, Researcher/Information Processors, Empathetic Citizens and Pillars of Knowledge  
- Boasts on the promise of 100% college admittance for each graduating senior  
- Offers students in the high school the opportunity to take college classes at Capital Community College

**Academic Features & Success**  
100% of graduating seniors are accepted into colleges and universities.  
Year-round college preparatory school committed to coaching students to be agents of change in their lives and communities  
Magnet Schools of America National Award of Merit  
Several teachers have been finalists for Hartford’s Districtwide Teacher of the Year  
97.7% four-year graduate rate
Discovery Academy

Grades: PK3 to 5
Theme: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

Discovery Academy challenges students with high-quality, hands-on experiences to engage, explore, and develop a deep understanding of the world around them. Weekly, students attend a unique Design Lab class specializing in coding, robotics, and engineering. On-site, students take advantage of the school’s nature trails, planting beds, and rooftop garden areas bringing learning to life. Working with community partners, students engage in additional science experiences and field studies that further enhance the school’s theme. Students become strong problem-solvers equipped with the skills necessary to propel the world forward.

Operating Hours: 8:40 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.
Email Address: discoveryoffice@crec.org
Phone Number: 860-296-2090
School Address: 176 Cumberland Avenue, Wethersfield, CT, 06109
School Website: http://da.crecschools.org/
School Uniform: Yes
Before School Care and Fee: Yes, $126.20 per month (monthly fee may vary based on program hours)
After School Care and Fee: Yes, $243.40 per month (monthly fee may vary based on program hours)
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: No

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Partner School District: Wethersfield
- Staff

Pathway Schools To:
- Academy of Aerospace and Engineering (6 to 12)
- Academy of Science and Innovation (6 to 12)
- Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Magnet Middle (6 to 8)
- Metropolitan Learning Center for Global and International Studies (6 to 12)
- Two Rivers Magnet Middle School (6 to 8)

Activities
STEM Night, Literacy Night, student/staff basketball, Invention Convention, Career Day, Taste of Discovery, outdoor education, integrated STEM curriculum

Special Features & Offers
Weekly Design Lab class specializing in coding, robotics, and the engineering design process
Hands-on learning experiences that challenge students’ creativity and thinking
Connects students with the Invention Convention, UConn Engineering Ambassadors, and specialists
Offers rooftop and Pre-K gardens, butterfly garden and Bioswale

Academic Features & Success
Three-time Magnet Schools of America Merit School of Distinction
State finalists in CT Invention Convention
Top CREC and CT writing awards for multiple years
STEM Achievement Award
Human Rights CEA Award
Excellence in Elementary School Science Teaching Award
Environmental Sciences Magnet at Hooker School

Grades: PK4 to 8
Theme: Environmental Sciences

The Environmental Sciences Magnet at Hooker School offers a comprehensive program that includes inquiry-based, hands-on investigations of our local and global environments. Using the new, state-of-the-art building and campus, students monitor, test and collect data throughout the year, noting human impacts on our environment. The building and campus provide many different ecosystems and labs that allow students to work side by side with a resident marine scientist and entomologist, exploring local living organisms from plants to butterflies.

The Environmental Science theme provides a rich elementary and middle school experience designed to prepare students to enter high quality high school science and technology programs. The students’ experiences allow them to develop the critical thinking skills required for success in the emerging fields of medicine, engineering and environmental sciences.

Operating Hours: 8:40 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.
Email Address: THOML007@hartfordschools.org
Phone Number: 860-695-3760
School Address: 440 Broadview Terrace, Hartford, CT, 06106
School Website: http://www.environmentalsciencesmagnet.org/
School Uniform: Yes
Before School Care and Fee: Yes, fees may vary
After School Care and Fee: Yes fees may vary
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Hartford Residential Zone 3
- Neighborhood
- Staff

Pathway Schools To:
- Great Path Academy at MCC (9 to 12)
- Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts (PK4 to 12)
- Pathways Academy of Technology and Design (9 to 12)
- University High School of Science and Engineering (9 to 12)

Academic Features & Success:
We offer a comprehensive curriculum in reading, language arts, math, social studies and science. Six hours of weekly rigorous science instruction provides opportunities to work alongside our resident scientists.

Magnet School of Excellence in 2016, their highest distinction.

Activities:
Weekly self-selected, interest-based enrichment groups that meet for 8 weeks
Past offerings: community service, cross country, photography, environmental action team, forensics, journalism

Special Features & Offers:
Award-winning, comprehensive academic and NAECYC accredited program includes inquiry-based, hands-on studies of local and global environment
Provides opportunities to work alongside our resident scientists with six hours of weekly rigorous science instruction
Lego Engineering Lab, robotics club, environmental science enrichment, a butterfly vivarium, indoor aquatics lab, native fish pond and waterfall, interactive science theatre, community garden, and nature trail
Students monitor, test and collect data throughout the year, noting human impacts on our environment
Glastonbury/East Hartford Magnet School

Grades: PK3 to 5

Theme: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

Glastonbury-East Hartford Magnet School inspires students to lead their learning through exploring, questioning, and sharing ideas. Through hands-on learning, students actively explore science, global studies, and technology. The school’s Science Lab for Young Children inspires excitement for science. In this laboratory space, students and teachers take advantage of the tools and materials needed to explore biological, physical, and earth sciences. Partnerships with NASA, Hamilton Sunstrand, Connecticut Invention Convention, New England Air Museum, and the National Sea Grant Program enhance the curriculum, and encourages students to explore the world around them, the universe, and beyond.

Operating Hours: 8:40 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.

Email Address: GehmsOffice@crec.org

Phone Number: 860-633-4455

School Address: 95 Oak Street, Glastonbury, CT, 06033

School Website: http://gehms.crecschools.org/

School Uniform: No

Before School Care and Fee: Yes, $126.20 per month (monthly fee may vary based on program hours)

After School Care and Fee: Yes $243.40 per month (monthly fee may vary based on program hours)

Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: No

Placement Priorities

- Enrolled Sibling
- Staff

Pathway Schools To:

- Academy of Aerospace and Engineering (6 to 12)
- Academy of Science and Innovation (6 to 12)
- Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Magnet Middle (6 to 8)
- Metropolitan Learning Center for Global and International Studies (6 to 12)
- Two Rivers Magnet Middle School (6 to 8)

Activities:

- STEM night
- Literacy night
- Invention Convention
- Kids Lit Quiz
- Kid Governor
- Changemakers and GSA clubs
- NASA Explorer School
- Planetarium on site with full-time director

Special Features & Offers:

- Students actively explore science, global studies and technology through hands-on learning experiences
- Offers Mandarin Chinese as a foreign language
- Inspires students to lead their learning through exploring, questioning and sharing ideas
- Collaborates with community partners to enhance the curriculum

Academic Features & Success:

- 2019 Kid Governor Finalist
- State Finalists in Invention Convention
- Grant Recipient Audubon Society
- Green Leaf School
- NAEYC accredited
Hartford PreKindergarten Magnet School

Grades: PK3 and PK4
Theme: Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STREAM)

Hartford Pre-Kindergarten Magnet School provides a social learning environment that nurtures and supports a young child’s natural proclivity to learn, experiment and explore through active engagement, interactive discussions and the fast mapping of vocabulary. Our school is equipped with state-of-the-art SMART Boards, Panasonic 3E laptops and Hatch technology to enhance learning and provide children with daily hands-on, inquiry-based learning activities.

By the end of preschool, children will demonstrate a sense of self as a learner; demonstrate a sense of responsibility to oneself and to others; demonstrate effective functioning, individually and as a member of a group; and exhibit curiosity, creativity, self-direction and persistence in learning situations.

Preschool years are important to your child’s social and academic development. We invite you to find out more about our learning community. At our preschool, children are actively engaged, developing the necessary social and academic skills to be prepared for a successful experience and a smooth transition into kindergarten.

Operating Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.
Email Address: kearl001@hartfordschools.org
Phone Number: 860-695-5820
School Address: 85 Edwards Street, Hartford, CT, 06120 & 195 Putnam St, Hartford, CT 06106
School Website: www.hartfordschools.org/hpkm
School Uniform: Yes
Before School Care and Fee: Yes, fees may vary
After School Care and Fee: Yes fees may vary
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: No
Placement Priorities
• Enrolled Sibling
• Hartford Residential Zone 1
• Neighborhood
• Staff
Pathway Schools To:
• Betances Learning Lab (PK3 to 4)
• Breakthrough Magnet School, North (PK3 to 5)
• Breakthrough Magnet School, South (PK3 to 8)
• Capital Preparatory Magnet School (PK4 to 12)
• Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts (PK4 to 12)
• STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School (K to 8)
• Webster Micro Society Magnet School (PK3 to 8)

Activities:
Our LEGO Room enables each child to actively engage in learning-rich experiences where students learn concepts and skills in a meaningful context in a collaborative environment.

Special Features & Offers:
Instructed in a language-rich environment with the STREAM curriculum
Kindergarten preparedness-literacy, mathematical logic, narrative language discourse skills, scientific concepts, self-regulation, and vocabulary.
Equipped with state-of-the-art technology: iPads, HATCH tablets, and SMART Board.
Interactive technology enriches classroom instruction.
Partnership with Hartford Performs provides students with inspirational experiences in the arts
LEGO Lab experiences

Academic Features & Success:
Hartford Pre-K provides a social learning environment that nurtures and supports a young child’s natural proclivity to learn, experiment and explore through active engagement, interactive discussions, and the fast mapping of vocabulary.

At our preschool, children are actively engaged, developing the necessary social and academic skills to be prepared for a successful experience and a smooth transition into kindergarten.
International Magnet School for Global Citizenship

Grades: PK3 to 5

Theme: International Baccalaureate (IB)

International Magnet School for Global Citizenship is an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme that prepares students to be global citizens, appreciate diversity, and perform at the highest level. Together, with families and the school community, the Primary Years Programme is focused on building each student’s confidence and self-motivation. Students are challenged to think for themselves and take charge of their learning. Students are inspired to respond to challenges with an open mind and to be confident in their identities by learning through six themes of global significance: who we are, where we are in place and time, how we express ourselves, how the world works, how we organize ourselves, and sharing the planet.

* Students enrolled in grade 5 may automatically enroll at the Metropolitan Learning Center for Global and International Studies for grade 6 without submitting a RSCO application.

Operating Hours: 8:40 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.

Email Address: probitaille@crec.org

Phone Number: 860-291-6001

School Address: 625 Chapel Road, South Windsor, CT, 06074

School Website: http://imsgc.crecschools.org/

School Uniform: No

Before School Care and Fee: Yes, $126.20 per month (monthly fee may vary based on program hours)

After School Care and Fee: Yes, $243.40 per month (monthly fee may vary based on program hours)

Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: No

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Staff

Pathway Schools To:
- Academy of Aerospace and Engineering (6 to 12)
- Academy of Science and Innovation (6 to 12)
- Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Magnet Middle (6 to 8)
- Metropolitan Learning Center (6 to 12)
- Two Rivers Magnet Middle School (6 to 8)

Activities:
- International Partnership with Doshisha International Academy in Kyoto, Japan
- Hartford Yard Goats Student Engagement Program
- 5th-grade exhibition project (capstone experience)
- After school enrichment program for K–5 students

Special Features & Offers:
- Offers the Primary Years Programme (PYP)
- Prepares students to be global citizens, appreciate diversity, and perform at the highest level
- Focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer
- Challenges students to act, collaborate and communicate
- Inspires students to respond to challenges with an open mind and confident in their identities

Academic Features & Success:
- Accredited International Baccalaureate World School since 2011
- NAEYC Accreditation
- Magnet Schools of America
- Merit School of Distinction (2012-2016)
- MSA School of Excellence 2014
- 150-seat Recital Hall, 150-seat Black Box Theater
- 9 National Advancement in the Arts Finalist
Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts

Grades: PK4 to 12
Theme: Performing Arts

Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts is focused on matching individual student’s progress, assessment and achievement with high academic expectations. The prekindergarten-Grade 12 continuum ensures that all students transition from each grade smoothly and effectively. Students are engaged in a data-driven curriculum with arts-integrated instruction and active learning.

The philosophy of the school integrates the core elements of education: Reading, Writing, Math and Science, with exposure to various cultures and arts. That integration allows each child to develop knowledge socially, linguistically and cognitively through a broad variety of hands-on experiences. Students have the opportunity to play a musical instrument, create through stagecraft, and experiment with drama, dance and movement. This process fosters student problem-solving and critical-thinking skills, encouraging individual learning so that students are able to arrive at conclusions independently.

Our theme is integrated daily through cultural exposure and comprehensive training programs to foster the artistic, independent and critical thinking of our students through performing-arts integrated instruction.

Operating Hours: PK4 to Grade 8, 8:40 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.; Grade 9 to 12, 7:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

Email Address: PK4–Grade 8: ken.obrien@hartfordschools.org; Phone Number: PK4–Grade 8: 860-695-4140; Grades 9–12: 860-695-2040

School Address: PK4–Grade 8: 65 Van Block Ave., Hartford, CT, 06114; Grades 9–12: 415 Granby St., Hartford, CT, 06112

School Website: http://www.kinsellamagnet.org/

School Uniform: Yes
Before School Care and Fee: Yes, fees may vary
After School Care and Fee: Yes, fees may vary
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: No

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Neighborhood
- Pathway
- Staff

Pathway Schools From:
- Breakthrough Magnet School, North (PK3 to 5)
- Breakthrough Magnet School, South (PK3 to 8)
- Environmental Sciences Magnet at Hooker School (PK4 to 8)
- STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School (K to 8)
- Webster Micro Society Magnet School (PK3 to 8)

Activities:
Students participate in enrichment activities such as sewing, sports, dance and theater. Enrichment is offered both during the day and after school.

Special Features & Offers:
High academic expectations coupled with comprehensive performing arts training
Theme fosters the artistic, independent and critical-thinking of students through performing-arts integrated instruction
Emphasis on problem solving & critical thinking skills
Awarded as a School of Excellence and Distinction by Magnet Schools of America

Academic Features & Success:
Students participate in English/Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, Dance, Drama, Musical Theater, Production, Stagecraft, Vocal, and Instrumental.
A data-driven curriculum is employed in Language Arts, Math and Science to address each student’s specific needs.
100.0% four-year graduate rate
Montessori Magnet at Batchelder School

Grades: PK3 to 6
Theme: Montessori

Montessori Magnet follows the highly successful educational methods of Dr. Maria Montessori. Classrooms are mixed-age groups serving specific developmental stages: Primary (3-6 years); Lower Elementary (6-9 years); and Upper Elementary (9-12 years).

Communities of children support one another socially, emotionally and academically. Educators guide students to learn at their own paces, exploring and discovering based on their interests. Children learn through hands-on work. Elementary students are encouraged and plan to embark on “going-out” excursions that complement their studies/interests. Children emerge as independent, confident, compassionate, responsible participants and leaders of society. The Montessori program is Education for Life.

Operating Hours: 8:40 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.
Email Address: Paul.Casey@hartfordschools.org
Phone Number: 860-695-2600
School Address: 757 New Britain Avenue, Hartford, CT, 06106
School Website: https://sites.google.com/view/montessorimagnetatbatchelder

School Uniform: Yes
Before School Care and Fee: Yes, $85 per month (Fees may vary for siblings)
After School Care and Fee: Yes, $95 per month (Fees may vary for siblings)
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: No

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Harford Residential Zone 3
- Neighborhood
- Staff

Pathway Schools To:
- Montessori Magnet at Fisher School (PK3 to 8)
- Classical Magnet School (6 to 12)
- Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy (6 to 12)
- Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts (PK4 to 12)

Activities:
Students enjoy integrated art, music and physical education as a part of each child’s daily routine. Additional arts experiences are provided in partnership with Hartford Performs.

Special Features & Offers:
Independent exploration and discovery using Montessori materials
Individualized instruction in multiage classrooms guided by interest and developmental readiness
Integrated art, music, and physical education as a daily routine
Diversity-rich family engagement supporting integrated child education
PK3 student start dates mid-to-late September, depending on readiness and allowing for individualized support as students transition
Offers half-day programming for PK3

Academic Features & Success:
Montessori Magnet follows the highly successful educational methods of Dr. Maria Montessori. Classrooms are mixed-age groups serving specific developmental stages: Primary (3–6 years); Lower Elementary (6–9 years); and Upper Elementary (9–12 years).

Association Montessori Internationale AMI curriculum, equipment, and trained staff
Montessori Magnet at Fisher School

**Grades:** PK3 to 8  
**Theme:** Montessori

In the early 1900’s, Dr. Maria Montessori, Italy’s first female physician, developed educational materials and methods based on her belief that children learn best by doing. Dr. Montessori believed learning should occur in multi-age classrooms where children at various stages of development learn from and with each other. Her advice was always, “Follow the Child.”

Instruction is based on the child’s inherent love of learning and is encouraged by giving them the opportunities to engage in spontaneous, meaningful work. Montessori Magnet at Fisher School celebrates the fact that every child learns differently. Differentiation is built into the Montessori pedagogy and every student has his or her own individual learning plan. Students work collaboratively in small groups throughout the day on interdisciplinary projects. The goal of a Montessori education is to graduate students with a vision of what the world can be, and the resources to lead and accomplish that mission.

**Operating Hours:** 8:40 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.  
**Email Address:** novov001@hartfordschools.org  
**Phone Number:** 860-695-3560  
**School Address:** 280 Plainfield Street, Hartford, CT, 06112  
**School Website:** [http://hartfordschools.org/anniefishermontessori](http://hartfordschools.org/anniefishermontessori)  
**School Uniform:** Yes  
**Before School Care and Fee:** Yes, fees may vary  
**After School Care and Fee:** Yes, fees may vary  
**Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics:** No  

**Placement Priorities**
- Enrolled Sibling  
- Hartford Residential Zone 1  
- Neighborhood  
- Pathway  
- Staff

**Pathway Schools To:**
- Capital Preparatory Magnet School (PK3 to 12)  
- Classical Magnet School (6 to 12)  
- Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts (PK4 to 12)  
- Sports and Medical Sciences Academy (6 to 12)  
- University High School of Science and Engineering (9 to 12)

**Special Features & Offers:**
- Offers half-day PK3 and full-day PK4 programming  
- Provides fully equipped AMI multiage classrooms  
- Montessori materials encourage exploration of five major areas: Practical Life, Sensorial Experience, Math, Language and Culture  
- Students learn through observing and interacting with their environment through guided exploration and discovery  
- Grade 7 and 8 students are in the Erdkinder program and work, learn and grow at the Annie Fisher school location and the AuerFarm site in Bloomfield

**Academic Features & Success:**
- Indoor/outdoor learning – At the center of all levels of Montessori education sits the prepared environment. “Education is acquired not by listening to words but by experiences upon the environment.”
Montessori Magnet School (CREC)

Grades: PK3 to 6
Theme: Montessori

Montessori Magnet School follows the Montessori philosophy that students learn best in intentional spaces with materials that ignite a passion to learn. Students are provided access to spacious, vibrant classroom environments that allow children to work independently and collaboratively. Large blocks of uninterrupted time allow students to engage in hands-on, self-directed activities that build concentration, coordination, and independence. Designed with purpose, students learn in mixed-ages classrooms with those from diverse backgrounds providing students a distinguished opportunity to learn and teach each other while developing the important life skills of inclusion and acceptance to create a supportive community of learners.

Operating Hours: 8:40 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.
Email Address: anapoleone@crec.org
Phone Number: 860-757-6100
School Address: 1460 Broad St., Hartford, CT, 06106
School Website: http://mms.crecschools.org/
School Uniform: No

Before School Care and Fee: Yes, $126.20 per month (monthly fee may vary based on program hours)
After School Care and Fee: Yes, PK4 to 6 only, $243.40 per month (monthly fee may vary based on program hours)
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: No

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Neighborhood
- Staff

Pathway Schools To:
- Academy of Aerospace and Engineering (6 to 12)
- Academy of Science and Innovation (6 to 12)
- Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Magnet Middle (6 to 8)
- Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy (6 to 12)
- Metropolitan Learning Center for Global and International Studies (6 to 12)
- Montessori Magnet at Fisher School (PK3 to 8)
- Two Rivers Magnet Middle School (6 to 8)

Activities:
- Multilevel classrooms
- Invention Convention
- History Day
- Partnerships with local farms
- Girl Scouts

Special Features and Offers:
- Follows the Montessori philosophy that students learn best in prepared environments with multiage groupings
- Unique classrooms that foster independence, self-reflection, and exploration
- Provides multiage classrooms

Academic Features & Success:
- Recognition from Association Montessori Internationale
- History Day Regional Winner 2019
- 2nd Place National Winners History Day
Museum Academy

Grades: PK3 to 5
Theme: Museum Studies

Museum Academy incorporates arts across the curriculum and turns classrooms into museums where students become critical thinkers and teachers of their learning. Using a project-based approach, along with visual thinking strategies, students are encouraged to share their observations and thoughts with the larger group. This platform allows students to learn from, embrace, and respect different perspectives. Hands-on experiences create opportunities for students to explore, connect, and create in their natural environment. Unique to this school, are community partnerships with local museums that extend learning beyond the classroom.

Operating Hours: 8:40 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.
Email Address: museumacademyadministration@crec.org
Phone Number: 860-231-7800
School Address: 11 Turkey Hill Road, Bloomfield, CT, 06002
School Website: http://ma.crecschools.org/
School Uniform: No

Before School Care and Fee: Yes, $126.20 per month (monthly fee may vary based on program hours)
After School Care and Fee: Yes, $243.40 per month (monthly fee may vary based on program hours)

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Staff

Pathway Schools To:
- Academy of Aerospace and Engineering (6 to 12)
- Academy of Science and Innovation (6 to 12)
- Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Magnet Middle (6 to 8)
- Metropolitan Learning Center for Global and International Studies (6 to 12)
- Two Rivers Magnet Middle School (6 to 8)

Activities:
- Exhibitions
- Project-based learning
- Visual Thinking Strategies
- Partnerships with local museums, nature and science centers
- Invention Convention
- Extracurricular clubs

Special Features & Offers:
- Incorporates arts across the curriculum
- Classrooms become museums through a series of Exhibition Nights where students become teachers and present their learning
- Collaborates with community partners to enhance the curriculum

Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: No

Academic Features & Success:
- Magnet Schools of America Merit School of Distinction, May 2016
- Magnet Schools of America Presidents Award, April 2015
- Magnet Schools of America Merit School of Excellence, April 2015
- Program Award
Reggio Magnet School of the Arts

Grades: PK3 to 5
Theme: Reggio Emilia/Arts

Reggio Magnet School of the Arts empowers students to learn through exploration and discovery in spaces that ignite creativity and foster collaboration. Students are engaged in an arts-integrated, project-based approach that enhances their reading, math, and science skills while inspiring high levels of creativity, critical thinking, and collaborative problem-solving. Reggio’s rich spirit of collaboration between students, families, and the community creates an environment that invites meaningful interactions between people and ideas. Through interactions with peers and the environment, students learn empathy and develop the intellectual and interpersonal skills to be tomorrow’s leaders.

Operating Hours: 8:40 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.
Email Address: RMSadminoffice@crec.org
Phone Number: 860-674-8549
School Address: 59 Waterville Road, Avon, CT, 06001
School Website: http://rmsa.crecschools.org/
School Uniform: No
Before School Care and Fee: Yes, $126.20 per month (monthly fee may vary based on program hours)
After School Care and Fee: Yes, $243.40 per month (monthly fee may vary based on program hours)
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: No

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Staff

Pathway Schools To:
- Academy of Aerospace and Engineering (6 to 12)
- Academy of Science and Innovation (6 to 12)
- Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Magnet Middle (6 to 8)
- Metropolitan Learning Center (6 to 12)
- Two Rivers Magnet Middle School (6 to 8)

Activities:
- Comprehensive Reggio Emilia curriculum
- Project-based learning
- World language for all students
- Gifted program for high level learners
- Invention Convention
- Student enrichment high-level

Special Features & Offers:
- Reggio-inspired curriculum allows students to direct their own learning
- Fosters student learning through exploration and discovery
- Integrates the arts into all learning
- Offers world language for all students.

Academic Features & Success:
- 2020 “Magnet School of Excellence” by Magnet Schools of America
- 2019 “Magnet School of Excellence” by Magnet Schools of America
- 2011–2018 “Magnet School of Distinction” by Magnet Schools of America
- Featured in research studies and publications by Harvard University, Columbia University, Leslie University, etc.
- State finalists in CT Invention Convention
- Charles Mingus
Riverside Magnet School at Goodwin University

Grades: PK3 to 5  
Theme: Reggio Emilia

Riverside Magnet School is an elementary magnet school serving scholars from Prekindergarten through Grade 5 with a pathway opportunity from PK3 to Goodwin University. The Reggio Emilia approach is at the heart of the culture of learning at Riverside Magnet School. RMS offers our diverse scholars hands-on, project-based learning opportunities that are focused on building content knowledge, as well as literacy, numeracy, and social emotional skills, while empowering scholars to lead their learning. Nature and open spaces complement state-of-the-art learning technology to engage students through all five senses and provide endless opportunities to express themselves.

Operating Hours: 8:40 a.m. to 3:55 p.m.
Email Address: info@riversidemagnetschool.org  
Phone Number: 860-434-4800
School Address: 29 Willowbrook Rd, East Hartford, CT, 06118
School Website: http://www.riversidemagnetschool.org
School Uniform: No
Before School Care and Fee: Yes, fees may vary
After School Care and Fee: Yes, fees may vary
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: No

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Staff: Goodwin University employees/students
- Staff: Goodwin magnet school employees

Pathway Schools To:
- Connecticut River Academy at Goodwin University (6 to 12)
- Two Rivers Magnet School (6 to 8)

Special Features & Offers:
Connecticut School of Distinction, NAEYC accredited full-day preschool
Low adult-to-student ratios, state-of-the-art technology, fully certified teachers at all grade levels
Reggio Emilia Approach: Student voice and choice in all subjects and individualized learning derived from a student’s interest, encouraging multiple forms of expression.
PE, art, and music for all students, Spanish and orchestra for upper grades
Family and community at the heart of learning
Fee-based afterschool and summer enrichment programs available
STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School

**Grades:** K to 8  
**Theme:** Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School is a very special learning community where students are valued, challenged and supported. With a laser focus on the integration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and the Arts throughout the curriculum, we utilize an inquiry approach to foster creativity, problem-solving, innovation and critical thinking. Inquiry-based practices guide students to lead their own learning as they pose questions, investigate problems and create solutions.

Learning at STEM is tailored to each student’s personal and academic goals. Our unique STEM+ programming allows students to self-select courses that interest them within the STEM disciplines. Students and staff work collaboratively to dive deeply into content and practices that enhance the learning experience for everyone. STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School is a very dynamic place where all children can learn and grow!

**Email Address:** BPhillips@hartfordschools.org  
**Phone Number:** 860-695-3500  
**School Address:** 280 Plainfield Street, Hartford, CT, 06112  
**School Website:** [http://anniefisherstem.hartfordschools.org/](http://anniefisherstem.hartfordschools.org/)  
**School Uniform:** Yes  
**Before School Care and Fee:** Yes, fees may vary  
**After School Care and Fee:** Yes, fees may vary  
**Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics:** Yes

**Placement Priorities**
- Enrolled Sibling  
- Hartford Residential Zone 1  
- Neighborhood  
- Staff  
- Pathway School

**Pathway Schools To:**
- Great Path Academy at MCC (9 to 12)  
- Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts (PK4 to 12)  
- Pathways Academy of Technology and Design (9 to 12)  
- University High School of Science and Engineering (9 to 12)

**Activities:**
STEM students have opportunities to participate in after-school programming, including intramural sports, robotics teams, and engineering programs.

**Special Features & Offers:**
Our school has a full-day kindergarten.

Our school partners with the Connecticut Science Center and the University of Hartford.

Students have access to extensive technology including iPads, scientific probeware, 3D printers, MacBooks and PC laptops.

**Academic Features & Success:**
We offer daily science and engineering classes.

All students select quarterly STEM+ courses that enhance their learning experience, including LEGO Robotics, forensics, rocketry, computer coding and much more!

We feature four specialty science labs: LEGO Lab, Earth/Life Science Lab, Physics Lab, Engineering Lab.
University of Hartford Magnet School

Grades: PK3 to 5

Theme: Multiple Intelligences

University of Hartford Magnet School encourages students to explore their learning through Dr. Howard Gardner’s theory of multiple intelligences. Students become active participants in their learning, first becoming aware of how they learn best and using this awareness to set goals and achieve them. Lessons are carefully crafted to maximize each student’s potential and celebrate differences in how people learn. In partnership with the University of Hartford, students have access to enhanced college-sponsored learning opportunities in reading, science, the arts, and music, as well as a mentorship program with student-athletes.

Operating Hours: 8:40 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.

Email Address: uhmsoffice@crec.org

Phone Number: 860-236-2899

School Address: 196 Bloomfield Ave., West Hartford, CT, 06117

School Website: http://uhms.crechs.org/

School Uniform: No

Before School Care and Fee: Yes, $126.20 per month (monthly fee may vary based on program hours)

After School Care and Fee: Yes, $243.40 per month (monthly fee may vary based on program hours)

Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: No

Placement Priorities

- Enrolled Sibling
- Neighborhood
- Staff

Pathway Schools To:

- Academy of Aerospace and Engineering (6 to 12)
- Academy of Science and Innovation (6 to 12)
- Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Magnet Middle (6 to 8)
- Metropolitan Learning Center for Global and International Studies (6 to 12)
- Two Rivers Magnet Middle School (6 to 8)

Activities:

- Invention Convention
- GSA Club
- Change maker Student Leadership Teams
- Kid Governor
- After School Band & Strings Program taught by UH HARTT students
- Weekly Friday Family Meeting

Special Features & Offers:

- Encourages students to explore their learning through the Theory of Multiple Intelligences
- Focuses on the full range of abilities in every student
- Partners with University of Hartford’s College of Education
- Collaborates with University of Hartford’s HARTT School for music and dance instruction

Academic Features & Success:

- 2018 National Blue Ribbon School
- Partnership with University of Hartford
- NAEYC-accredited Pre-K program
- Invention Convention national finalists
- Jazz Festival 1st place
Webster Micro Society Magnet School

Grades: PK3 to 8  
Theme: Micro-Society

Noah Webster opened in 1904 as a neighborhood school serving the West End of Hartford. In 2004, the school underwent a dramatic renovation connecting the two original buildings maintaining the character of the old and adding the modern conveniences and technology. This became Webster Micro Society Magnet School.

As a MicroSociety we connect the academics to the real world. Our students participate in classroom ventures where each room is a small business. Students, with teacher support, create the model, develop the business elements, work to earn money and then offer their products to other students to enjoy. As part of our MicroSociety model we also work with our students to ensure that we meet the Webster Way of taking care of ourselves, each other and our place. Our teachers work to create voice and choice in our classrooms to help to create relevance for the work in school as it connects to the larger society.

Outside of the classroom students have a wide variety of opportunities to engage in activities that broaden their skills and their opportunities in music, athletics and the arts in and out of school.

Operating Hours: 8:40 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.
Email Address: burkb001@hartfordschools.org
Phone Number: 860-695-5380
School Address: 5 Cone Street, Hartford, CT, 06105
School Website: https://sites.google.com/hartfordschools.org/nwmms

School Uniform: Yes
Before School Care and Fee: Yes, fees may vary
After School Care and Fee: Yes, fees may vary
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes
Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Hartford Residential Zone 1
- Neighborhood
- Staff
- Pathway School

Pathway Schools To:
- Classical Magnet School (6 to 12)
- Great Path Academy at MCC (9 to 12)
- Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts (PK4 to 12)
- Pathways Academy of Technology and Design (9 to 12)
- Sports and Medical Sciences Academy (6 to 12)
- University High School of Science and Engineering (9 to 12)

Activities:
- Instrumental music and vocal music
- Middle school basketball
- Intramural dodgeball, volleyball, basketball and cheerleading

Special Features & Offers:
- MicroSociety model promotes connection of curriculum to real world application through classroom ventures where each room is a small business
- NAEYC-accredited, full-day Pre-K
- Instrumental music, chorus, performing and visual arts programs with local artists
- Awarded Magnet Schools of America School of Distinction
- Offering Mandarin Chinese for students starting in kindergarten

Academic Features & Success:
- Unified Arts classes include music, art, PE, media sciences, science and Mandarin.
- MicroSociety’s model promotes connection of curriculum to real-world application through classroom ventures, as well as student voice and choice.
Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School

Grades: PK3 and PK4
Theme: Early Childhood

Wintonbury is designed specifically for young children and their families. The school building is divided into three pods with six classrooms in each, creating smaller communities within the larger school. Pods 1, 2 & 3 have six pre-k classrooms each. Classrooms are designed with science areas in each. The playground is expansive and has three outdoor learning areas: a gardening area, an area for dramatic play (emphasizing language and literacy), and a playscape/adventure space for climbing, swinging and riding tricycles.

Wintonbury has a science and inquiry theme. As such, the school collaborates closely with the 4-H Education Center at Auer Farm, an educational resource located in Bloomfield. Each class makes 12 visits to the farm. There are ongoing links with agriculture throughout children’s learning. Families are connected to the theme through ongoing communication and through seasonal weekend family activities at the farm.

Operating Hours: 8:40 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.
Email Address: 
Phone Number: 860-769-5510
School Address: 44 Brown Street, Bloomfield, CT, 06002
School Website: http://www.bloomfieldschools.org
School Uniform: No
Before School Care and Fee: Yes,
After School Care and Fee: Yes,
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: No

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Partner School Districts: Avon, Bloomfield, East Granby, Granby, Hartford, Simsbury, West Hartford
- Staff

Special Features and Offers:
Developmentally appropriate curriculum designed with focus on character development and creating a sense of “wonder” about their environment, culture, and world.
Learning is rooted in strong relationships, theory and research of play and exploration, as the foundation for young learners.
Curriculum addresses the needs of the whole child.
Partnership with Auerfarm in Bloomfield, CT — each classroom visits the farm 12 times per year
State-of-the-art facility designed specifically for young children/students
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Academy of Aerospace and Engineering

Grades: 6 to 12
Theme: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

Academy of Aerospace and Engineering provides students unique opportunities to study aerospace, engineering, biomedicine, advanced mathematics, and the sciences. This diverse community of learners is supported and inspired to think critically, solve problems, and find success. The high-quality, hands-on curriculum is enhanced with a mentoring program involving local engineering and medical companies, career symposiums with leadership speakers from STEM companies, internship programs, and classroom instruction led by professionals. Here, we insist on providing equitable opportunities for students to develop the skills and confidence to succeed in the demanding and ever-changing marketplace of the 21st Century.

Operating Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 2:25 p.m.

Email Address: aemainoffice@crec.org
Phone Number: 860-243-0857
School Address: 1101 Kennedy Road, Windsor, CT, 06095

School Website: http://aaen.crecschools.org/home

School Uniform: Yes

Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No

Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Pathway School
- Staff

Pathway Schools From:
- Academy of Aerospace and Engineering Elementary School (PK3 to 5)
- Ana Grace Academy of the Arts (PK3 to 5)
- Discovery Academy (PK3 to 5)
- Glastonbury-East Hartford Magnet School (PK3 to 5)
- International Magnet School for Global Citizenship (PK3 to 5)
- Montessori Magnet School (CREC) (PK3 to 6)
- Museum Academy (PK3 to 5)
- Reggio Magnet School of the Arts (PK3 to 5)
- University of Hartford Magnet School (PK3 to 5)

Activities:
- Varsity, JV & middle school sports
- After-school clubs & activities
- Middle School “Explorations” activities to build interest, connections and relationships across the school
- Theme days to grow career awareness and develop mentor relationships

Special Features & Offers:
- Develops the skills and confidence needed to succeed in the 21st century
- Offers specialized courses including aeronautics, medicine, computer science, robotics, drone construction and more
- Offers mentorships, internships and unique opportunities through various partnerships
- Empowers students to solve problems and think critically

Academic Features & Success:
- Academic pathways, including Aerospace Engineering, Design, Manufacturing & Maker Arts, Biological and Life Sciences, Computer Science
- Broad array of Advanced Placement and Early College Experience classes
- A strong focus on student engagement, interdisciplinary connection-making, applied problem solving and rigorous application of academics.
- Relevant internships with local places of employment
- 92.2% four-year graduate rate
Academy of Science and Innovation

Grades: 6 to 12
Theme: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

Academy of Science and Innovation is a dynamic and diverse science and technology-based learning community that inspires students to become innovators, critical thinkers, and problem solvers. Through three focus areas: environmental engineering, biotechnology, and robotics and computer science, students create solutions to open-ended, theme-related design problems through high-quality, hands-on learning. The school offers a world-class Robotics Program, ranked nationally and worldwide, and provides real-world learning through community partnerships and internships with Microsoft, the Connecticut Science Center, Palmer Precisions, and the UConn Engineering Department. Through energy and passion, this school empowers learning, unleashes talent, and leads a culture of creativity to solve global problems.

Operating Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 2:25 p.m.
Email Address: brich@crec.org
Phone Number: 860-223-0726
School Address: 600 Slater Road, New Britain, CT, 06053
School Website: http://asi.crecschools.org/home
School Uniform: Yes
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Pathway School
- Staff

Pathway Schools From:
- Academy of Aerospace and Engineering Elementary School (PK3 to 5)
- Ana Grace Academy of the Arts (PK3 to 5)
- Discovery Academy (PK3 to 5)
- Glastonbury-East Hartford Magnet School (PK3 to 5)
- International Magnet School for Global Citizenship (PK3 to 5)
- Montessori Magnet School (CREC) (PK3 to 6)
- Museum Academy (PK3 to 5)
- Reggio Magnet School of the Arts (PK3 to 5)
- Two Rivers Magnet Middle School (6 to 8)
- University of Hartford Magnet School (PK3 to 5)

Activities:
- Gaming Club
- Art Honor Society
- Jazz Band
- Coding Club
- Various Sports

Special Features & Offers:
- Prepares students for careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics
- Inspires students to become innovators, critical thinkers and problem solvers
- Creates real-world learning opportunities through community partnerships
- Provides opportunities for students to participate in a world-class robotics program

Academic Features & Success:
2019 Magnet School of Distinction
Boys’ High School Basketball Team Conference Champions three years in a row
Partnerships with CCSU and UConn for students to take college courses for college credit
2019–2020 CT Robotics State Champions–Freshman Team
94.6% four-year graduate rate
Betances STEM Magnet School

Grades: 5 to 8

Theme: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

Betances STEM Magnet School is an innovative learning community that incorporates learning with an advanced academic focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Our purpose is to offer and expose our students to 21st Century skills that will ensure their value to society. Students are engaged in hands-on, experiential learning, observation and analysis, and have extensive laboratory experiences using contemporary technologies for scientific inquiry, mathematical calculation and engineering design. All of which are at the core strategy of STEM inquiry. Partnerships with community organizations such as the Connecticut Science Center, Barnes and Noble, UConn Health, and Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sister’s provide our school community with learning opportunities and professional development.

Operating Hours: 8:40 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.
Email Address: Anthony.Brooks@hartfordschools.org
Phone Number: 860-695-2970
School Address: 400 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford, CT, 06114
School Website: http://www.betancesstem.com/
School Uniform: Yes
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: Yes YMCA, fees may vary
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Hartford Residential Zone 4
- Pathway
- Staff

Pathway Schools From:
- Betances Learning Lab (PK4 to 4)

Pathway Schools To:
- Pathways Academy of Technology and Design (6 to 12)

Activities:
- Sports: track, flag football, soccer and basketball
- Clubs and activities include Dungeons and Dragons

Special Features & Offers:
- Offers unique STEM pilot flight simulators where students artificially recreate an aircraft’s flight for pilot training and design
- Engineering classes offer students the opportunity to design and construct models in co-op groups
- STEM Plus classes, LEGO® robotics and coding enhance the traditional curriculum
- Students have extensive laboratory experiences using contemporary technologies for scientific inquiry, mathematical calculation and engineering design

Academic Features & Success:
- The inclusion of STEM into the traditional curriculum serves as an incentive to students to move from “learning to read” to “reading to learn”

Betances STEM Magnet School’s purpose is to offer and expose our students to 21st Century skills that will ensure their value to society. Students will learn and contribute to learning within a Safe, Positive, Respectful, and Ready to Learn environment.
Breakthrough Magnet School, South

Grades: PK3 to 8

Theme: Character Education

Breakthrough Magnet School South’s unique theme is Character Education. The B.R.I.C.K. character curriculum supports students to change “Breakdowns to Breakthroughs,” and to take responsibility for their own happiness while being mindful. As a result, students are independent and responsible, and demonstrate strong self-esteem and leadership skills. Students learn the importance of integrity and have opportunities to engage in service to others, in our school, home, community and beyond.

Building academic knowledge through our rigorous, standards-based curriculum, as well as communication and social skills, is central to this special approach. Rich exposure to visual, musical and dramatic arts, physical health & physical literacy, Spanish starting at K, and enrichment programs completes this education of the “whole child.”

It all takes place in a state-of-the-art building that was designed and built for our character theme. Our school sits on seven acres of land and is located in a safe neighborhood on the West Hartford line. We have an outdoor amphitheater, a green roof for gardening, and spacious classrooms with full kitchens.

Operating Hours: 8:40 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.

Email Address: gusth002@hartfordschools.org

Phone Number: 860-695-5700

School Address: 290 Brookfield Street, Hartford, CT, 06106

School Website: http://www.breakthroughmagnetschool.org/

School Uniform: Yes

Before School Care and Fee: Yes, fees may vary

After School Care and Fee: Yes fees may vary

Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities

- Hartford Residential Zone 3
- Neighborhood
- Pathway
- Sibling
- Staff

Pathway Schools To:

- Connecticut IB Academy (9 to 12)
- Great Path Academy at MCC (9 to 12)
- Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts (PK4 to 12)
- Pathways Academy of Technology and Design (9 to 12)
- Sports and Medical Sciences Academy (6 to 12)
- University High School of Science and Engineering (9 to 12)

Activities:

Enrichment programs, community service, Trashion Fashion, middle school sports and cheerleading, band and chorus, Mindful Fusion Music, and running club.

Special Features & Offers:

Offers whole child instruction: art, music, P.E., Spanish, mindfulness, and community service

Enrichment activities, field trips, Hartford Performs teaching artists

The Character Education theme promotes kindness, and a solution-focused mindset

Recognized as an award-winning National School of Character by Magnet Schools of America

Provides a rigorous, hands-on interdisciplinary curriculum with a strong focus on active participation

Academic Features & Success:

Rigorous, hands-on interdisciplinary curriculum with a strong focus on active participation with perseverance and having a growth mindset

Breakthrough Magnet School South was named the nation’s #1 Magnet School for 2015 by Magnet Schools of America, offers a unique, award-winning Character Education theme, and an interdisciplinary curriculum celebrating the rich international and ethnic diversity of the student body.
Capital Preparatory Magnet School

Grades: PK3 to 12
Theme: Social Justice

Mission: Capital Preparatory Magnet School staff will provide an educational environment that creates opportunities for all students to realize and fulfill their social, academic, and civic responsibilities by developing skills necessary for students to become agents of social change.

Vision: Capital Preparatory Magnet School aspires to create a community of lifelong learners who will be assets to their community by working towards Social Justice.

The Capital Preparatory Magnet School is a year-round Pre-K through 12th grade school. Its College Preparatory environment is wrapped around a Social Justice theme that is integrated into the rigorous curriculum and instruction experience. Capital Prep boasts 100% college admittance for each graduating senior. Through our academic and Social Justice initiatives, Capital Prep students discover their passions and immense potential with talented and engaging teachers and an energetic and diverse peer group. Capital Prep has previously been named one of the best school’s in America by US News & World Report Magazine and a host of other media outlets.

Operating Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.
Email Address: fergk001@hartfordschools.org
Phone Number: 860-695-9800
School Address: 1304 Main Street, Hartford, CT, 06103
School Website: https://capitalprep.org/
School Uniform: Yes
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: Yes fees may vary
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities
• Harford Residential Zone 2
• Neighborhood
• Pathway
• Staff

Pathway Schools From:
• Montessori Magnet at Fisher School (PK3 to 8)

Activities:
Six state championships
Performing Arts partnership with Hartford Performs

Special Features & Offers:
11-month calendar; school year runs July–May
Opportunities for students to realize and fulfill their social, academic, and civic responsibilities and become agents of social change
Full-day PK3, PK4 & kindergarten
Offers a Gifted and Talented curriculum in the PK3–Grade 5 program
Our five Learner Expectations include Collaborators, Problem-Solvers, Researcher/Information Processors, Empathetic Citizens and Pillars of Knowledge
Boasts on the promise of 100% college admittance for each graduating senior
Offers students in the high school the opportunity to take college classes at Capital Community College

Academic Features & Success:
100% of graduating seniors are accepted into colleges and universities
Year-round college preparatory school committed to coaching students to be agents of change in their lives and communities
Magnet Schools of America National Award of Merit
Several teachers have been finalists for Hartford’s District Wide Teacher of the Year
97.7% four-year graduate rate
Civic Leadership High School

Grades: 9 to 12  
Theme: Public Service  

Civic Leadership High School inspires tomorrow’s leaders through academic excellence, service, and duty. A culture of civic engagement and service is the school’s core emphasis, requiring students to complete a minimum of 50 community service hours each year. These hands-on experiences provide students the opportunity to make a positive impact in their community and build their skillset to meet the challenges of the 21st Century. Students engage in specialized coursework and skills-based activities focused in Public Service, Environmental Science & Community Engagement; Fire Science & Emergency Medicine; Law, Government, and Homeland Security; and Law Enforcement. The rigorous, college-ready curriculum prepares students to attend the college of their choice, while specific training and education prepares students to meet the unique requirements of these rewarding professions.

Operating Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 2:25 p.m.  
Email Address: clhsoffice@crec.org  
Phone Number: 860-253-0274  
School Address: 1617 King Street, Enfield, CT, 06082  
School Website: http://clhs.crecschools.org/  
School Uniform: Yes  
Before School Care and Fee: No  
After School Care and Fee: No  
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes  

Placement Priorities  
- Enrolled Sibling  
- Neighborhood  
- Pathway School  
- Staff  

Pathway Schools From:  
- Two Rivers Magnet Middle School (6 to 8)

Activities:  
- Experiential field trips  
- LINK Crew  
- Crime scene lab  
- Emergency Operations Room  
- Student Leadership Development Lab  
- Fire Sciences Lab w working fire truck  
- Hydroponics lab  
- EMS Lab with a fully-stocked ambulance  
- Mock courtroom

Special Features & Offers:  
- Offers four pathways: Public Service, Environmental Science and Community Engagement; Fire Science and Emergency Medicine; Law, Government and Homeland Security; Law Enforcement  
- Creates a culture of giving back through community service  
- Develops students to become civic leaders through hands-on, skills-based activities  
- Provides extended learning experiences through service learning and job shadowing  
- Offers opportunities for internships and to earn public safety certifications

Academic Features & Success:  
- Opportunity to earn up to 40 college credits: Asnuntuck CC, UConn  
- On-site college professors  
- Public Safety certifications: FEMA, EMT, CPR/FirstAid  
- 2019 & 2020 Capital Region Athletic Council Sportsmanship winners  
- Senior Capstone  
- Senior Internships  
- 45 hours volunteer service (service learning) by graduation
Classical Magnet School

Grades: 6 to 12
Theme: College Prep

Classical prepares students for acceptance into competitive colleges and universities. Students participate in a rigorous liberal arts curriculum rooted in a study of the classics while embracing the common elements of the human experience found in other cultures.

The instructional model is based on the Paideia philosophy of education, which believes that human beings are primarily defined by their capacity and desire for learning. Students demonstrate a mastery of academics and actively participate in Paideia-based, coached project learning. Students are expected to demonstrate their ability to read and comprehend literature, write persuasively, think clearly, communicate effectively and solve problems. In addition to five core subjects, students choose from electives in Theatre, Music, Visual Arts and Physical Education. They model good citizenship and interpersonal skills through the completion of service learning and demonstration of the school’s core values of Dignitas, Gravitas, Pietas. Students are part of a community where they are learning not just for school, but for life.

Operating Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.
Email Address: navaj001@hartfordschools.org
Phone Number: 860-695-9100
School Address: 85 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT, 06105
School Website: https://sites.google.com/hartfordschools.org/classical-magnet-school
School Uniform: Yes
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Pathway School
- Staff

Pathway Schools From:
- Breakthrough Magnet North (PK to 5)
- Montessori Magnet at Batchelder (PK3 to 6)
- Montessori Magnet at Fisher School (PK3 to 8)
- Renzulli Gifted & Talented Academy (4 to 8)
- Webster Micro Society Magnet School (PK3 to 8)

Activities:
Classical students can select from a variety of sports including basketball, soccer, tennis, baseball and softball. Integrated electives include technology, art, theater and music.

Special Features & Offers:
Liberal arts, college prep program with extensive offerings in theater, art, and music
Offers sixteen varsity sports and various middle school sport opportunities
Adherence to the Paideia philosophy where students learn through seminar discussions and interdisciplinary coached projects
Boasts high college acceptance rate with many graduates attending prestigious 4 years colleges and universities

Academic Features & Success:
Adherence to the principles of the Paideia Philosophy that all children deserve the same high-quality education.
Classical Magnet School offers a rigorous curriculum designed to prepare students for success at a competitive 4-year liberal arts college.
Students demonstrate a mastery of academics and participate actively in Paideia-based, coached project learning.
95.8% four-year graduate rate
Connecticut IB Academy

Grades: 9 to 12
Theme: International Baccalaureate (IB)

The Connecticut IB Academy’s philosophy of teaching and learning aligns with the approaches supported by recent research on best practices in international education as well as the standards and practices advocated by the International Baccalaureate.

The Connecticut IB Academy (CIBA) is an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) World School®, an internationally-recognized educational model that focuses on depth, breadth and developing learners as independent, internationally-minded thinkers and problem solvers. The IB is a course of study that exceeds traditional academic boundaries and extends far beyond the classroom. Contrary to common belief, while the IB emphasizes international mindedness, it is not in itself an international studies program, but rather a rich, broad academic program that encourages learners to connect their knowledge to the world around them, whether in the sciences, mathematics or humanities. The IB programmes have a high level of respect and recognition among the world’s leading higher education institutions which may result in advanced course standing, course credit, scholarships and other admissions related benefits for CIBA students.

Operating Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Email Address: simoneau.ka@easthartford.org

Phone Number: 860-622-5590

School Address: 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT, 06118

School Website: ciba.easthartford.org

School Uniform: Yes
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No

Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes at East Hartford High School

Placement Priorities

- Enrolled Sibling
- Partner School Districts: Coventry, Ellington, Hartford, Manchester, Region 8, Tolland, Vernon
- Staff

Pathway Schools From:

- Breakthrough Magnet, South (PK3 to 8)
- East Hartford Sunset Ridge Middle School (6 to 8)

Activities:

Aside from a wide array of fall, winter, and spring sports, CIBA students can join clubs to pursue a current interest, develop a new interest, and/or build relationships with CIBA peers and staff. Clubs range from National Honors Society, Future Problem Solvers, Student Advisory Board (SAB), Interact, Chinese Club, Technology Club, Poetry Club, Judo, and many more! Students can also propose clubs for the following school year.

Special Features & Offers:

Middle Years Programme (MYP) in grades 9–10 and IB Diploma Programme (DP) in grades 11–12

Highly rigorous, fast-paced, and challenging academic requirements above and beyond a traditional high school

ALL honors level IB courses

Improved opportunities for college admission and excellent preparation for college success

Opportunity to study with international students as well as international field study and exchange programs offered

Numerous athletics offered by East Hartford High School and CIBA clubs

Academic Features & Success:

2020 US News and World Report: #1 High School in Connecticut

2020 US News and World Report: #1 Hartford, CT Metro Area High Schools

2020 Niche: #11 Most Diverse Public High School in CT

2020 Niche: #19 Best College Prep Public High School

2019 and 2020 Great Schools College Success Award

2017 U.S. State Department Medallion Partner in Global Diplomacy

100% four-year graduation rate
Connecticut River Academy at Goodwin University

Grades: 6 to 12
Theme: Early College, Advanced Manufacturing and Environmental Studies

The Connecticut River Academy at Goodwin University (CTRA) prepares scholars in grades 6 to 12 with the academic proficiencies and 21st century competencies needed to be successful in post-secondary education and careers of the future. Named a National Magnet School of Excellence and accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. (NEASC), CTRA is an early college model with opportunities to earn 35 tuition-free, transferable college credits while still in high school. Scholars in grades 9-12 participate in hands-on, 21st century learning in Advanced Manufacturing and Environmental Studies. Scholars in our middle grades program focus on the themes of Innovative Technology and Creative Design. Scholars in all grades access state-of-the-art facilities and technologies including collegiate-level science labs, a manufacturing annex, and laptop computers for each learner. All scholars may participate in internship opportunities with high-tech corporations, providing real-world experience in the advanced science and technology industries. Awareness, Diversity, and Action are the foundation of CTRA’s core values and beliefs, and shape how CTRA realizes their mission of breaking down racial, ethnic, social, economic, and academic barriers.

Operating Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
Email Address: ctrainfo@ctriveracademy.org
Phone Number: 860-913-2032
School Address: One Riverside Drive, East Hartford, CT, 06118
School Website: http://www.ctriveracademy.org
School Uniform: Yes
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Staff: Goodwin University employees/students
- Staff: Goodwin magnet school employees
- Pathway Schools

Pathway Schools From:
- Riverside Magnet School at Goodwin University (PK3 to 5)
- Two Rivers Magnet School (6 to 8)

Activities:
Student Council, National Honor Society, Black Student Union, Student Activists, Green Team/Envirothon, GSA, Rowing, Basketball, Volleyball, and Flag football

Special Features & Offers:
Named a National Magnet School of Excellence and accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. (NEASC)
Early College model with opportunities to earn 35 tuition-free, transferable college credits while still in high school
Hands-on, 21st century learning in Advanced Manufacturing and Environmental Studies in grades 9-12
Middle grade program focus on themes of Innovative Technology and Creative Design to prepare students for high school, college, and careers of the future
Waterfront campus with state-of-the-art facilities and technology including collegiate level science labs, robotics, manufacturing annex, research vessel, and laptop computers for every student
Internship opportunities with high-tech corporations
School-wide commitment to restorative practices, culturally relevant curriculum

Academic Features & Success:
95.2% four-year graduate rate
Environmental Sciences Magnet at Hooker School

Grades: PK4 to 8

Theme: Environmental Sciences

The Environmental Sciences Magnet at Hooker School offers a comprehensive program that includes inquiry-based, hands-on investigations of our local and global environments. Using the new, state-of-the-art building and campus, students monitor, test and collect data throughout the year, noting human impacts on our environment. The building and campus provide many different ecosystems and labs that allow students to work side by side with a resident marine scientist and entomologist, exploring local living organisms from plants to butterflies.

The Environmental Science theme provides a rich elementary and middle school experience designed to prepare students to enter high quality high school science and technology programs. The students’ experiences allow them to develop the critical thinking skills required for success in the emerging fields of medicine, engineering and environmental sciences.

Operating Hours: 8:40 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.

Email Address: THOML007@hartfordschools.org

Phone Number: 860-695-3760

School Address: 440 Broadview Terrace, Hartford, CT, 06106

School Website: http://www.environmentalsciencesmagnet.org/

School Uniform: Yes

Before School Care and Fee: Yes, fees may vary

After School Care and Fee: Yes fees may vary

Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities

- Enrolled Sibling
- Hartford Residential Zone 3
- Neighborhood
- Staff

Pathway Schools To:

- Great Path Academy at MCC (9 to 12)
- Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts (PK4 to 12)
- Pathways Academy of Technology and Design (9 to 12)
- University High School of Science and Engineering (9 to 12)

Activities:

Students participate in weekly self-selected, interest-based enrichment groups that meet for 8 weeks. Past offerings: community service, cross country, photography, environmental action team, forensics, journalism

Special Features & Offers:

Award-winning, comprehensive academic and NAEYC accredited program includes inquiry-based, hands-on studies of local and global environments

Provides opportunities to work alongside our resident scientists with six hours of weekly rigorous science instruction

Lego Engineering Lab, robotics club, environmental science enrichment

Offers a Butterfly vivarium, indoor aquatics lab, native fish pond and waterfall, interactive science theatre, community garden, and nature trail.

Students monitor, test and collect data throughout the year, noting human impacts on our environment

Academic Features & Success:

We offer a comprehensive curriculum in reading, language arts, math, social studies and science. Six hours of weekly rigorous science instruction provides opportunities to work alongside our resident scientists.

Magnet School of Excellence in 2016, their highest distinction
Global Experience Magnet School

Grades: 6 to 12
Theme: Global Studies and World Travel

At Global Experience Magnet School, which our school community warmly calls “GEMS,” we make the world our classroom. GEMS gives students in grades 6–12 a well-rounded, college preparatory education and ensures their readiness to excel in a fast-paced, global economy. Global Experience Magnet School will provide a customized education, deeply rooted in experiences that will allow each student to reach their maximum academic and social potential. If your child is interested in traveling, and wants to be challenged in the classroom with an individualized curriculum and personal attention, then GEMS might be the perfect fit.

Operating Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.
Email Address: gems@blmfld.org
Phone Number: 860-769-6600
School Address: 44 Griffin Rd., South, Bloomfield, CT, 06002
School Website: http://www.bloomfieldschools.org
School Uniform: Yes
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: No

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Staff

Activities:
- National Honor Society/National Junior Honor Society
- GEMS Society (Honor Society)
- Student Government Association
- Hiking/Ski Club
- GSA (Gender Sexuality Alliance)
- Theatre Club
- Yearbook Club
- Environmental Club
- Chess Club
- Dungeons & Dragons (virtual cosplay)

Special Features & Offers:
- Small class size of approximately 15 to provide a challenging and customized education
- At least one international travel experience to Asia, Africa, Central America, or Europe
- Second language offerings in Mandarin-Chinese, French, and Spanish
- Students can earn up to 21 college credits (tuition free)
- Nationally Recognized School of Excellence by Magnet Schools of America

Academic Features & Success:
- Private school class size in a public school setting, with a student/teacher ratio of approximately 15 to 1, to provide a personal and customized education
- Unique advisory curriculum focused on developing each student as a responsible, civic-minded, global citizen
Great Path Academy at MCC

Grades: 9 to 12
Theme: College Prep

Great Path Academy is an interdistrict, magnet high school located on the campus of Manchester Community College. As a magnet school our primary goals are to promote an academically rigorous program and to reduce racial and economic isolation by recruiting a diverse learning community, which draws students from various towns. In addition to celebrating diversity, our magnet school’s curriculum is based on the school model known as “middle college high schools.” Middle college high schools are part of a nationally growing trend to establish high schools on college campuses. The purpose of a middle college high school is to bridge the gap between secondary and post-secondary education by immersing high school students into the college community, as well as to provide access to college coursework.

Great Path Academy is committed to providing innovative learning that supports an environment where each student can become college ready through developing the values of self-discipline: to be respectful, to demonstrate effective work habits; to be responsible, and the life skills; to be safe, in order to achieve success.

Operating Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.
Email Address: nilet001@hartfordschools.org
Phone Number: 860-512-3700
School Address: 60 Bidwell Street, MS #20, Manchester, CT, 06045
School Website: https://www.manchestercc.edu/great-path-academy/
School Uniform: Yes
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: No

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Pathway School
- Staff

Pathway Schools From:
- Breakthrough Magnet School, South (PK3 to 8)
- Environmental Sciences Magnet at Hooker School (PK4 to 8)
- Renzulli Gifted & Talented (4 to 8)
- Webster Micro Society Magnet School (PK3 to 8)

Activities:
Over 15 club options that occur during the day to include all students (i.e., Art Club, Dance/Step, Board Games, Film, Student Council)

Special Features & Offers:
Magnet School of Excellence 2018
Students can earn up to 30 tuition-free college credits at Manchester Community College
Personalized learning community, with real-world application and college readiness
Enrichment clubs and extracurricular activities across a spectrum of interest
Full immersion in the college campus allows for a unique educational and social experience

Academic Features & Success:
Great Path Academy offers a rigorous academic curriculum. Classes include articulated courses, honors-level courses, and college prep courses.
Articulated courses aligned with the college course standards offer additional opportunities to earn college credit within high school classes.
97.0% four-Year Graduate Rate
Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts High School — Full Day

Grades: 9 to 12
Theme: Arts

Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts High School (Full Day) provides an arts-integrated, college-preparatory high school program where art courses are taught by professional artists. Classes are designed to bring out the full creative and expressive voice in the student. Students prepare academically in core courses that include science, math and languages while combining a variety of arts courses throughout their day. They are able to pursue college and professional careers in music, media production, graphic design, creative writing, theater, dance, and movement. Students are encouraged to design their own path of creativity and discovery while they learn in an equitable, culturally competent environment.

Operating Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 2:25 p.m.
Email Address: nchanese@crec.org
Phone Number: 860-757-6300
School Address: 160 Huyshope Ave, Hartford, CT, 06106
School Website: http://ghaa.crecschools.org/
School Uniform: No
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: No
Placement Priorities
• Enrolled Sibling
• Pathway School
• Staff
Pathway Schools From:
• Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts High School—Half Day (9 to 12)
• Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Middle School (6 to 8)
• Two Rivers Magnet Middle School (6 to 8)

Activities:
Project-Based Learning instructional model with arts infusion
Events like “Works in Progress” night and “It’s a Wrap” semester celebrations
Senior Capstone presentation days and poster sessions

Special Features & Offers:
Provides an arts-integrated, college-preparatory, comprehensive high school program
Arts classes taught by professional artists
Course offerings include classes in media production, graphic design, and dance/movement
Opportunities for students to present media projects and written works, as well as exhibitions for graphic design and movement

Academic Features & Success:
Best of Hartford “Best Magnet School” three consecutive years
Students have won Wallace Stevens Poetry Competition for 8 consecutive years
Faculty featured in Hartford Fringe Festival, Hartbeat Ensemble, and in local mural projects.
92.5% four-year graduate rate
Greater Hartford Academy of Arts High School — Half Day

Grades: 9 to 12
Theme: Arts

Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts High School (Half Day) provides rigorous training in dance, music, musical theater, theater design and production, and visual arts. Arts Academy courses expose students to work and study in a variety of disciplines, both to refine their abilities and to provide practical experience in a range of possible college career paths. Students who attend this intensive, pre-professional, half-day arts program have direct access to high-quality performance and rehearsal spaces while receiving instruction from the professional artists who bring unique expertise and experience to each class.

*Hartford residents must enroll at Bulkeley High School for their academic classes in order to enroll in the half-day program.

Operating Hours: 12:55 p.m. to 4:10 p.m.
Email Address: kstroud@crec.org
Phone Number: 860-757-6300
School Address: 15 Vernon Street, Hartford, CT, 06106
School Website: http://ghaahd.crecschools.org/
School Uniform: No
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: No
Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Pathway
- Staff

Pathway Schools From:
- Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts High School — Full Day (9 to 12)
- Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Middle School (6 to 8)

Activities:
- Auditions open to all students
- Choreographers’ showcase
- Chamber music concert series
- Visual arts dept. exhibitions
- Black box productions
- Jazz choir and band
- Student-directed plays & movement rep
- Senior visual arts exhibition
- Seniors musical theater showcase

Special Features & Offers:
- Rigorous training in dance, music, musical theater, theater design and production, and visual arts
- Students attend their district high school for core academic classes in the morning and then join practicing artist professionals in the afternoon
- Access to multiple performance and rehearsal spaces
- Robust performance season for students to apply class work and to showcase their training

Academic Features & Success:
- Premier arts program designed to prepare high school students for college arts programs and/or a career in the arts
- Pre-college, pre-professional training in dance, music, musical theater, theater, theater design & production, visual arts
- Rigorous 4-year curriculum with 200+ specialized arts classes
- ALL classes taught by practicing artist-instructors, recipients of many prestigious arts awards
- Specialized arts spaces
- Best Arts Magnet School, ASN
- Acceptances to many top colleges
Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Magnet Middle

Grades: 6 to 8
Theme: Arts

The school will be moved to its permanent location at 29 Griffin Rd. North, Bloomfield, CT 06002, in 2021-22. More information to follow.

Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Middle School provides a safe and caring space that encourages artistic expression and diversity while offering an integrated learning environment that combines a rigorous core curriculum with intensive arts instruction. Students are able to study creative writing, dance, digital arts, filmmaking, instrumental music, theater, musical theater, vocal music and the visual arts. The experiences students will have through coursework led by professional artists will shape their creativity in visual and performing arts. Students work with local professional artists and companies to develop projects and performances. There is always a visiting professional artist or arts company in residence at our school. Students are well prepared here for more advanced level work at one of the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts High Schools.

*Students enrolled in grade 8 may automatically enroll at the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts either at the Full Day or Half Day for grade 9 without submitting a RSCO application.

Operating Hours: 8:40 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.
Email Address: aamsoffice@crec.org
Phone Number: 860-724-0685
School Address: 29 Griffin Road North, Bloomfield, CT, 06002
School Website: http://haams.crecschools.org/
School Uniform: No
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: No

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Pathway School
- Staff

Pathway Schools From:
- Academy of Aerospace & Engineering Elementary School (PK3 to 5)
- Ana Grace Academy of the Arts (PK3 to 5)
- Discovery Academy (PK3 to 5)
- Glastonbury-East Hartford Magnet School (PK3 to 5)
- International Magnet School for Global Citizenship (PK3 to 5)
- Montessori Magnet School (CREC) (PK3 to 6)
- Museum Academy (PK3 to 5)
- Reggio Magnet School of the Arts (PK3 to 5)
- University of Hartford Magnet School (PK3 to 5)

Pathway Schools To:
- Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts High School, Full Day (9 to 12)
- Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts High School, Half Day (9 to 12)
Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy

Grades: 6 to 12
Theme: Arts and Sciences

Our Team-Based Middle School model provides students with a rigorous academic program and a comprehensive array of related-arts classes including visual arts, performing arts, dance, band, orchestra, chorus and robotics.

HMTCA is proud to offer an Early College program with a focus on the Arts and Sciences, providing students with a rich selection of courses and enrichment programs in music, theater, visual arts, dance, computer science, engineering and advanced mathematics. Through our partnership with Trinity College, high school students participate in writing and science programs on campus and all seniors attend class on campus during their senior year. In addition, we offer thirteen AP Courses and Early College Experience Classes through UConn. HMTCA offers small class sizes (10:1 certified teacher ratio) and a learning environment that demands rigorous, high quality work while meeting the needs of individual learners.

Our extended block schedule offers 84-minute classes. Our "TrinPrep" program provides opportunities for students to engage in enrichment and club activities, as well as, access to support and extra help sessions.

HMTCA students have stated that they value teachers who provide dynamic instruction and care, a friendly and inclusive student community, the variety of sports, music and theater programs, and having access to Trinity College.

Operating Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.
Email Address: andrj001@hartfordschools.org
Phone Number: 860-695-7201
School Address: 53 Vernon Street, Hartford, CT, 06103
School Website: https://sites.google.com/view/hmtcahartfordschools/home
School Uniform: Yes
Before School Care and Fee: Yes, fees may vary
After School Care and Fee: Yes fees may vary
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Staff: HMTCA and Trinity College staff
- Pathway School

Pathway Schools From:
- Breakthrough Magnet School, North (PK3 to 5)
- Montessori Magnet at Batchelder (PK3 to 6)
- Montessori Magnet School (CREC) (PK3 to 6)

Activities:
Our exceptional performing arts program includes marching and pep band, orchestra, chorus, jazz band, theater and dance.

Part of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) high school athletics and middle school competitive sports program — soccer, x-country, volleyball, football, swimming, softball, baseball, basketball, tennis, and cheer

Special Features & Offers:
College credit is offered through Trinity College, UConn ECE, Capital Community College, and Advanced Placement courses

Exploratory Middle School model affords extensive course offerings
Exceptional performing and visual arts programs, graphics, marching band, orchestra
Small class sizes and a learning environment that demands rigorous, high quality work

Academic Features & Success:
Provides students with a rigorous core curriculum and unique offerings that include forensics, beekeeping, marine science, and botany. Additional course offerings include Mandarin, virtual high school and lifeguard training.

Early College Partnership with Trinity College allows qualified students to enroll in Trinity College courses.
93.1% four-year graduate rate
Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts

Grades: PK4 to 12
Theme: Performing Arts

Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts is focused on matching individual student’s progress, assessment and achievement with high academic expectations. The prekindergarten–Grade 12 continuum ensures that all students transition from each grade smoothly and effectively. Students are engaged in a data-driven curriculum with arts-integrated instruction and active learning.

The philosophy of the school integrates the core elements of education: reading, writing, math and science, with exposure to various cultures and arts. That integration allows each child to develop knowledge socially, linguistically and cognitively through a broad variety of hands-on experiences. Students have the opportunity to play a musical instrument, create through stagecraft, and experiment with drama, dance and movement. This process fosters student problem-solving and critical-thinking skills, encouraging individual learning so that students are able to arrive at conclusions independently.

Our theme is integrated daily through cultural exposure and comprehensive training programs to foster the artistic, independent

Operating Hours: PK4 to Grade 8, 8:40 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.
Grade 9 to 12, 7:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

Email Address: PK4–Grade 8: ken.obrien@hartfordschools.org
Phone Number: PK4–Grade 8: 860-695-4140; Grades 9–12:
860-695-2040

School Address: PK4–Grade 8: 65 Van Block Avenue, Hartford, CT, 06114; Grades 9–12: 415 Granby St., Hartford, CT, 06112

School Website: http://www.kinsellamagnet.org/
School Uniform: Yes
Before School Care and Fee: Yes, fees may vary
After School Care and Fee: Yes, fees may vary
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: No

Placement Priorities
• Enrolled Sibling
• Neighborhood
• Pathway
• Staff

Pathway Schools From:
• Breakthrough Magnet School, North (PK3 to 5)
• Breakthrough Magnet School, South (PK3 to 8)
• Environmental Sciences Magnet at Hooker School (PK4 to 8)
• STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School (K to 8)
• Webster Micro Society Magnet School (PK3 to 8)

Activities:
Students participate in enrichment activities such as sewing, sports, dance and theater. Enrichment is offered both during the day and after school.

Special Features & Offers:
High academic expectations coupled with comprehensive performing arts training
Theme fosters the artistic, independent and critical-thinking of students through performing-arts integrated instruction
Emphasis on problem solving & critical thinking skills
Awarded as a School of Excellence and Distinction by Magnet Schools of America

Academic Features & Success:
Students participate in English/language arts, social studies, math, dance, drama, musical theater, production, stagecraft, vocal, and instrumental.

A data-driven curriculum is employed in language arts, math and science to address each student’s specific needs.

100% four-year graduate rate
Metropolitan Learning Center for Global and International Studies

Grades: 6 to 12
Theme: International Baccalaureate (IB)

Metropolitan Learning Center for Global and International Studies is Connecticut’s only public International Baccalaureate (IB) World School serving students in grades 6-12 and preparing them to be global problem-solvers and leaders. The overall philosophy of the school’s theme is expressed through three basic concepts that support and strengthen all areas of the curriculum. These concepts are: intercultural awareness, holistic learning, and communication. Students are required to study their native language, a second language, humanities, sciences, mathematics, arts, physical education and technology. They are motivated to succeed, act as leaders of change, and inquire about and understand the world around them and identify their place within it. The school seeks to develop internationally minded citizens who recognize their responsibility for the planet and who will help to create a better and more peaceful world.

*Students enrolled in grade 5 at CREC International Magnet School can enroll automatically into Grade 6 at Metropolitan Learning Center for Global and International Studies without submitting a RSCO application.

Operating Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 2:25 p.m.
Email Address: yhernandez@crec.org
Phone Number: 860-242-7834
School Address: 1551 Blue Hills Ave., Bloomfield, CT, 06002
School Website: http://mlc.crecschools.org/
School Uniform: Yes
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities

- Enrolled Sibling
- Staff

Pathway Schools From:

- Academy of Aerospace and Engineering Elementary School (PK3 to 5)
- Ana Grace Academy of the Arts (PK3 to 5)
- Discovery Academy (PK3 to 5)
- Glastonbury-East Hartford Magnet School (PK3 to 5)
- International Magnet School for Global Internship (PK3 to 5)
- Montessori Magnet School (CREC) (PK3 to 6)
- Museum Academy (PK3 to 5)
- Reggio Magnet School of the Arts (PK3 to 5)
- Two Rivers Magnet Middle School (6 to 8)
- University of Hartford Magnet School (PK3 to 5)

Activities:

- Student Leadership (peer mediators, mentors, tutors)
- Student Action—Changemaker Challenge
- Student led plays and clubs
- Student led panels (BLM, Action fair)
- Black History Month Celebration (daily announcements, messages, guest speaker, performances), ALL created and led by students.

Special Features & Offers:

- Offers IB courses preparing students for college and beyond
- Develops students to be thinkers, risk-takers and communicators who are motivated to succeed
- Places students at the forefront of their learning
- Empowers students to act as leaders and agents of change
- Encourages students to inquire about and understand

Academic Features & Success:

- IB for all students
- 2020: 8 full diploma awardees, 361 certificates awarded
- Personal Project Experience for all 10th graders
- International travel to expand global theme and experience
- 97.7% four-year graduate rate
Pathways Academy of Technology and Design

Grades: 9 to 12
Theme: Technology

Pathways Academy of Technology & Design, designated as the nation’s Top Secondary School by Magnet Schools of America in 2014, is located in a new building on the Goodwin University campus in East Hartford. Pathways students benefit from a unique college preparatory learning program where students, outfitted with personal laptop computers, learn in all their subject areas through creative projects that integrate advanced technology, including graphic design, digital video and media, programming, and robotics.

Pathways Academy offers a personalized learning experience through its curriculum and advisory program. Each student belongs to a small advisory group where a teacher gives them close attention and keeps families well informed. Pathways students have the opportunity to participate in paid internships and partnerships with local companies and organizations. Our strong business partners help students develop real-world skills through mentoring and professional internships. Students are also able to earn dual-credit with a variety of our secondary education partners such as Capital Community College, Goodwin University, UConn, and more.

If a rigorous, innovative, 21st century learning program is for you, join the Pathways family!

Operating Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.
Email Address: jcormier@hartfordschools.org
Phone Number: 860-695-9450
School Address: 2 Pent Road, East Hartford, CT, 06118
School Website: http://www.pathwaystotechnology.com/
School Uniform: Yes
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: No

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Pathway School
- Staff

Pathway Schools From:
- Betances STEM Magnet School (5 to 8)
- Breakthrough Magnet School, South (PK3 to 8)
- Environmental Sciences Magnet at Hooker School (PK4 to 8)
- STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School (K to 8)
- Webster Micro Society Magnet School (PK3 to 8)

Academic Features & Success:
Pathways offers a 21st century learning program.
Our curriculum offers video game design, programming, digital video and media, graphic design, advanced design portfolio, web design, robotics, SAT prep, and AP courses.
Our college preparatory curriculum includes themed project portfolios taught by teachers with industry experience.
92.3% four-year graduate rate
Sport and Medical Sciences Academy

Grades: 6 to 12
Theme: Sports and Medical

The Sport and Medical Sciences Academy (SMSA) is a college preparatory middle and high school with a focus on Sport and Medical Sciences. The Academy’s core beliefs — Dedication, Responsibility, Discipline and Respect – are embedded into each student’s educational experience to develop social consciousness and leadership skills as they learn and grow.

Students receive a rigorous foundation in Science, Language Arts, and Mathematics, while the theme is applied within the core curriculum through block scheduling, allowing for hands-on, experiential learning. They are able to prepare for college by earning tuition-free college credits while still in high school through the College Board and UConn.

Emphasis is placed on creating opportunities for advanced study and career exploration in the fields of sport and medicine through job shadowing and internships. SMSA is an educational family where all staff members are invested in all of our students’ academic success.

Operating Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.
Email Address: COLONJ002@hartfordschools.org
Phone Number: 860-695-6900
School Address: 280 Huyshope Avenue, Hartford, CT. 06106
School Website: http://www.sportandmedicalsciences.org/
School Uniform: Yes
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Pathway School
- Staff

Pathway Schools From:
- Breakthrough Magnet School, North (PK3 to 5)
- Breakthrough Magnet School, South (PK3 to 8)
- Montessori Magnet at Fisher School (PK3 to 8)
- Webster Micro Society Magnet School (PK3 to 8)

Activities:
SMSA is a member of the CIAC for high school athletics, offering 13 varsity sports. In addition, we offer a variety of clubs including International Travelers Club, Chess Club, and club sports for middle school students.

Special Features & Offers:
SMSA boasts a state-of-the-art facility, featuring 10 science labs, 2 gymnasiums and 2 fitness centers.

Students are able to prepare for college by earning tuition-free college credits while still in high school through the College Board and UConn.

Students receive a rigorous foundation in science, language arts, and mathematics, while the theme is applied within the core curriculum.

Academic Features & Success:
SMSA offers specialized courses in the sport and medical sciences, such as biomedical sciences and athletic training. UConn courses are also offered for college credit.

Experiential learning is offered outside of the classroom through UConn Medical and Dental Schools, UConn, CCSU, and ECSU.

92.3% four-year graduate rate
STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School

Grades: K to 8
Theme: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School is a very special learning community where students are valued, challenged and supported. With a laser focus on the integration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and the Arts throughout the curriculum, we utilize an inquiry approach to foster creativity, problem-solving, innovation and critical thinking. Inquiry-based practices guide students to lead their own learning as they pose questions, investigate problems and create solutions.

Learning at STEM is tailored to each student’s personal and academic goals. Our unique STEM+ programming allows students to self-select courses that interest them within the STEM disciplines. Students and staff work collaboratively to dive deeply into content and practices that enhance the learning experience for everyone. STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School is a very dynamic place where all children can learn and grow!

Operating Hours: 8:40 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.
Email Address: BPhillips@hartfordschools.org
Phone Number: 860-695-3500
School Address: 280 Plainfield Street, Hartford, CT, 06112
School Website: http://anniefisherstem.hartfordschools.org/
School Uniform: Yes
Before School Care and Fee: Yes, fees may vary
After School Care and Fee: Yes, fees may vary
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Hartford Residential Zone 1
- Neighborhood
- Staff
- Pathway School

Pathway Schools To:
- Great Path Academy at MCC (9 to 12)
- Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts (PK4 to 12)
- Pathways Academy of Technology and Design (9 to 12)
- University High School of Science and Engineering (9 to 12)

Activities:
STEM students have opportunities to participate in after-school programming, including Intramural Sports, Robotics Teams and Engineering Programs.

Special Features & Offers:
Our school has a full-day kindergarten.
Our school partners with the Connecticut Science Center and the University of Hartford.
Students have access to extensive technology including iPads, scientific probeware, 3D printers, MacBooks and PC laptops.

Academic Features & Success:
We offer daily science and engineering classes.
All students select quarterly STEM+ courses that enhance their learning experience, including LEGO Robotics, forensics, rocketry, computer coding and much more!
We feature four specialty science labs: LEGO Lab, Earth/Life Science Lab, Physics Lab, Engineering Lab.
Two Rivers Magnet Middle School

Grades: 6 to 8

Theme: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

Two Rivers Magnet Middle School provides students an engaging, rigorous course of studies that infuses environmental science and engineering into the curriculum. Students are empowered to become active participants in their learning through hands-on activities that challenge them to become problem-solvers, to test theories and design, and to make informed decisions about society’s relationship with the environment. The school uses community and educational partnerships to ensure that our students are receiving cutting edge instruction. After piloting lessons and demonstrations on behalf of the Connecticut Science Center, students are able to provide recommendations for improving their programs. They also work directly with graduate students at UConn School of Engineering.

Operating Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 2:25 p.m.

Email Address: jwnuk@crec.org
Phone Number: 860-290-5320
School Address: 337 East River Dr., East Hartford, CT, 06108
School Website: http://trmms.crecschools.org/
School Uniform: Yes
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No

Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Pathway School
- Staff

Pathway Schools From:
- Academy of Aerospace and Engineering Elementary School (PK3 to 5)
- Ana Grace Academy of the Arts (PK3 to 5)
- Discovery Academy (PK3 to 5)
- Glastonbury-East Hartford Magnet School (PK3 to 5)
- International Magnet School for Global Citizenship (PK3 to 5)
- Montessori Magnet School (CREC) (PK3 to 6)
- Museum Academy (PK3 to 5)
- Reggio Magnet School of the Arts (PK3 to 5)
- Riverside Magnet School at Goodwin University (PK3 to 5)

Pathway Schools To:
- Academy of Science and Innovation (6 to 12)
- Civic Leadership High School (9 to 12)
- Connecticut River Academy at Goodwin University (9 to 12)
- Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts — Full Day (9 to 12)
- Metropolitan Learning Center for Global and International Studies (6 to 12)

Activities:
- Award-winning arts program
- Full athletics program
- More than 10 after school clubs offered
- Hands-on, STEM-based electives

Special Features & Offers:
- Provides a rigorous course of studies that infuses environmental science and engineering
- Intertwines outdoor exploration with a blended learning model to engage students and encourage them to be active participants in their learning
- Offers classes such as exploratory science, pre-engineering, sustainability, game design, animation, and more
- Partners with the Connecticut Science Center
- National Green LEAF School of Excellence

Academic Features & Success:
- Commitment to Equity and Inclusion
- Mastery based grading
- Blended Learning
- Frequent parent communication on Habits of Mind
- Diverse and invested staff
University High School of Science and Engineering

Grades: 9 to 12
Theme: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

University High School of Science and Engineering is an early college high school on the campus of the University of Hartford with a focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). Students are able to prepare for college by earning tuition-free college credits through UHSSE’s partnerships with the University of Hartford, UConn, and the University of New Haven. Qualified students gain college credit by enrolling in Advanced Placement (AP), Early College Experience (ECE), and Project Lead the Way (PLTW) courses. The rigorous curriculum incorporates STEM components into core classes, including Language Arts and Social Studies, while also extending the theme into extracurricular activities.

We provide a constructive, supportive academic environment and seek to bring out the best in each student focusing on high academic achievement and setting no academic limit.

Operating Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.
Email Address: basec001@hartfordschools.org
Phone Number: 860-695-9020
School Address: 351 Mark Twain Drive, Hartford, CT, 06112
School Website: www.uhsse.org
School Uniform: Yes
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities
• Enrolled Sibling
• Pathway School
• Staff

Pathway Schools From:
• Montessori Magnet at Fisher School (K to 8)
• Breakthrough Magnet School, South (PK3 to 8)
• Environmental Sciences Magnet at Hooker School (PK4 to 8)
• STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School (K to 8)
• Webster Micro Society Magnet School (PK3 to 8)

Activities:
We offer 14 CIAC sports including football, cross country, soccer, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, indoor track, outdoor track, swimming, baseball, softball, and golf.

Special Features & Offers:
Accredited by New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)
Earn tuition-free college credits with University of Hartford, UConn and Project Lead the Way (PLTW) credit through the University of New Haven
Rigorous theme-based honors curriculum
Nation’s top magnet high school —Magnet Schools of America, 2012

Academic Features & Success:
Qualified students gain college credit by enrolling in Advanced Placement (AP), Early College Experience (ECE), and Project Lead the Way (PLTW) courses.

The rigorous curriculum incorporates STEM components into core classes, including language arts and social studies, while also extending the theme into extracurricular activities.
95.6% four-year graduate rate
Webster Micro Society Magnet School

**Grades:** PK3 to 8  
**Theme:** Micro-Society

Noah Webster opened in 1904 as a neighborhood school serving the West End of Hartford. In 2004, the school underwent a dramatic renovation connecting the two original buildings maintaining the character of the old and adding the modern conveniences and technology. This became Webster Micro Society Magnet School.

As a MicroSociety we connect the academics to the real world. Our students participate in classroom ventures where each room is a small business. Students, with teacher support, create the model, develop the business elements, work to earn money and then offer their products to other students to enjoy. As part of our MicroSociety model, we also work with our students to ensure that we meet the Webster Way of taking care of each other, our place and ourselves. Our teachers work to create voice and choice in our classrooms to help to create relevance for the work in school as it connects to the larger society.

Outside of the classroom students have a wide variety of opportunities to engage in activities that broaden their skills and their opportunities in music, athletics and the arts in and out of school.

**Email Address:** burkb001@hartfordschools.org  
**Phone Number:** 860-695-5380  
**School Address:** 5 Cone Street, Hartford, CT, 06105  
**School Website:** https://sites.google.com/hartfordschools.org/nwmms

**School Uniform:** Yes  
**Before School Care and Fee:** Yes, fees may vary  
**After School Care and Fee:** Yes, fees may vary  
**Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics:** Yes

**Placement Priorities**
- Enrolled Sibling
- Hartford Residential Zone 1
- Neighborhood
- Staff
- Pathway School

**Pathway Schools To:**
- Classical Magnet School (6 to 12)
- Great Path Academy at MCC (9 to 12)
- Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts (PK4 to 12)
- Pathways Academy of Technology and Design (9 to 12)
- Sports and Medical Sciences Academy (6 to 12)
- University High School of Science and Engineering (9 to 12)

**Activities:**
- Instrumental music and vocal music  
- Middle school basketball  
- Intramural dodgeball, volleyball, basketball and cheerleading

**Special Features & Offers:**
- MicroSociety model promotes connection of curriculum to real-world application through classroom ventures where each room is a small business  
- NAEYC-accredited, full-day pre-K  
- Instrumental music, chorus, performing and visual arts programs with local artists  
- Awarded Magnet Schools of America School of Distinction  
- Offering Mandarin Chinese for students starting in kindergarten

**Academic Features & Success:**
- Unified Arts classes include music, art, PE, media sciences, science and Mandarin.  
- MicroSociety’s model promotes connection of curriculum to real-world application through classroom ventures, as well as student voice and choice.
The Hartford Region Open Choice Program Descriptions

Open Choice Districts for Hartford Residents

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Open Choice Hartford Residents

Zone 1

Hartford residents living in Zone 1 are eligible to apply to these districts:

Avon, Canton, East Granby, Granby, Simsbury, Suffield, and West Hartford

To find your resident zone, please go to pages 42-43 to view the Hartford Resident Zone Map.
**Avon Public Schools**

**Grades:** PK4 to 12  
**Harford Residential Zone 1**

With supportive government agencies and a beautiful location, Avon is considered to be one of the most desirable communities in Connecticut. There are five schools that make up the school system: Roaring Brook School (PK–grade 4), Pine Grove School (kindergarten–grade 4), Thompson Brook School (grades 5 and 6), Avon Middle School (grades 7 and 8), and Avon High School (grades 9–12). The mission of Avon Public Schools is to inspire in each student a joy and passion for learning and a commitment to excellence, personal integrity, and social responsibility. Through a strong focus on culture, student achievement, and communications, and by collaborating with educators, students, families, and the community, Avon is recognized for its academic excellence and rich co-curricular programs.

**Location:** approximately 9.5 miles west of Hartford  
**Email Address:** acabrera@avon.k12.ct.us  
**Phone Number:** 860-404-4700  
**School Address:** 34 Simsbury Road, Avon, CT, 06001  
**School Website:** [http://www.avon.k12.ct.us/](http://www.avon.k12.ct.us/)  
**School Uniform:** No  
**Student to Teacher Ratio:** 20:1  
**Before School Care and Fee:** No  
**After School Care and Fee:** No  
**Transportation:** Provided, at no cost  
**Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics:** Yes  
**Placement Priorities**

- Open Choice Only
- Enrolled Sibling
- Applicant Sibling

**Special Features & Offers:**

- Recognized as one of the outstanding communities for education in the State of Connecticut
- Rigorous, comprehensive and innovative programs
- Full-day pre-K program
- State-of-the-art technology in the classrooms
- Extensive activities, clubs, and sports offerings
Canton Public Schools

Grades: PK4 to 12
Harford Residential Zone 1

As a leader among school systems and a source of pride in our community, the Canton Public Schools enrich the present and shape the future of its students by opening minds and transforming lives. The district’s mission is to prepare independent, productive, respectful, and responsible citizens who contribute to an ever-changing world, and it pursues continuous improvement while honoring our strong educational legacy and traditions. Canton Public Schools unites with families and the community to provide challenging educational experiences that promote the intellectual, physical, social and emotional potential of its students. Students have the opportunity to extend their learning by participating in after-school tutoring and in extracurricular clubs and activities. Late bus transportation is provided, which allows students to take advantage of these opportunities. The Canton Board of Education hopes that its participation in the Open Choice Program will continue to grow, allowing all students to continue to achieve academically at high levels and to expose all students to diverse cultures.

Location: approximately 13 miles west of Hartford
Email Address: lyoung@cantonschools.org
Phone Number: 860-693-7704
School Address: 4 Market Street, Canton, CT, 06002
School Website: http://www.cantonschools.org/
School Uniform: No
Student to Teacher Ratio: K to 6, 18:1
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Transportation: Provided, at no cost
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes
Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Applicant Sibling
- Open Choice Only

Special Features & Offers:
Family/school partnerships support the community expectations for learning
Technology devices provided in grades 7–12
Incredible athletic and music programs
Dedication to continuous improvement of student achievement
Students acquire and demonstrate age-appropriate digital learning and citizenship skills
East Granby Public Schools

Grades: PK4 to 12

Harford Residential Zone 1

East Granby Public Schools is comprised of four schools that engage students in high-quality learning experiences. The Carl D. Allgrove School houses the PK–grade 2 program. R.D. Seymour School is a newly renovated facility that houses grades 3–5. East Granby Middle School is comprised of students in grades 6–8, and East Granby High School includes grades 9–12. East Granby Public Schools is a learning community where students are inspired and engaged in rigorous and authentic learning experiences that prepare them to meet the demands of a changing world. Students pursue knowledge in 21st century learning environments that foster development of individual talents, skills, and interests so they may achieve their personal and career goals. Educators, parents, students, and community partners are important stakeholders in the success of the East Granby Public Schools. Together, these work to ensure that students achieve high expectations and are prepared for productive and successful futures.

Location: approximately 16.3 miles north of Hartford
Email Address: dmattera@eastgranby.k12.ct.us
Phone Number: 860-653-6486
School Address: 33 Turkey Hills Road, Box 674, East Granby, CT, 06026
School Website: http://www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us
School Uniform: No
Student to Teacher Ratio: 19:1
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Transportation: Provided, at no cost
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes
Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Applicant Sibling
- Open Choice Only

Activities:
- Varsity & JV sports programs
- Various clubs and afterschool programs (GSA, Student Council, Math team)
- Music programs: choir, band, jazz band
- Invention Convention
- Unified Sports
- Theatre arts program
- Partner with “Resilience Grows Here” for social and emotional development

Special Features & Offers:
- 5th Year Associate degree programs in advanced manufacturing and business
- Offers 12 Advanced Placement classes in high school
- R.D. Seymour School & EGHS – Schools of Distinction
- 2013 Best Bang for the Buck School District #14
- 2015 Newsweek Top 500 High School
- EGHS 2017 U.S. News and World Report, Gold Rating, ranked #3 in CT, #294 in U.S.A.

Academic Features & Success:
- 2019 Best High Schools Silver badge — U.S. News and World Report
- Small class sizes
- Family Resource Center (FRC) and a preschool program
- Elementary School of Distinction 2017, 2018 & 2019
- Restorative Philosophy practices
- Fully inclusive programming
- Successful SRBI protocols
- 100% four-year graduate rate
Granby Public Schools

Grades: PK4 to 12

Harford Residential Zone 1

Granby Public Schools, a professional learning community, provides a comprehensive educational program for about 1,900 students in PK–grade 12, and is dedicated to every student graduating on time and being prepared for 21st century citizenship. Granby is an outstanding rural school district with a dedicated and talented staff, enthusiastic student body, and an extremely supportive community. The district is characterized by its academic excellence; a rich variety of athletic, artistic, and co-curricular opportunities; community service; and high standards of personal behavior. A 21st century vision and mission drives the work of the district. Granby has actively and successfully participated in Open Choice for more than 35 years. The district embraces cultural diversity. Students from Hartford are fully included in the life of each school. Equity of outcomes for Hartford students is a district expectation.

Location: approximately 20 miles northwest of Hartford

Email Address: carusom@granby.k12.ct.us

Phone Number: 860-844-5250

School Address: 15-B North Granby Road, Granby, CT, 06035

School Website: http://www.granbyschools.org

School Uniform: No

Student to Teacher Ratio: 14:1

Before School Care and Fee: No

After School Care and Fee: No

Transportation: Provided, at no cost

Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities

- Enrolled Sibling
- Applicant Sibling
- Open Choice Only

Activities:

- DECA Club (HS)
- Robotics Club (MS/HS)
- French/Spanish Exchange Program
- Many other extracurricular and athletic opportunities.

Special Features and Offers:

- Dedicated Equity Taskforce designed to support the elimination of achievement gaps.
- Commitment to high levels of achievement for all students.
- Prioritization of minority teacher recruitment and retention.
- Rigorous course offerings and curricula focused on 21st century skills.
- Summer Enrichment Academy in partnership with the Granby YMCA.
Simsbury Public Schools

Grades: PK4 to 12

Harford Residential Zone 1

Simsbury Public Schools prepares students for a global, interconnected society, with emphasis on building strong interpersonal relationships and higher-order thinking, communication, and technology skills. Teachers are experts in instruction and content knowledge, emphasizing 21st century skills across all curricular areas. Positive rapport with students is a priority, as teachers strive to instill excitement and joy into the learning environment. The curriculum emphasizes critical and creative thought; problem solving; effective written and oral communication; artistic expression; an understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures; and physical, social, and emotional wellness.

Location: approximately 11 miles west of Hartford
Email Address: lshellman@simsbury.k12.ct.us
Phone Number: 860-651-3361
School Address: 933 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT, 06070
School Website: http://www.simsbury.k12.ct.us
School Uniform: No
Student to Teacher Ratio: 20:1
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Transportation: Provided, at no cost
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Applicant Sibling
- Open Choice Only

Activities:
Unified Sports/Unified Theater
National and international honor societies: computer science, world language, art, music, business
FIRST Robotics

Special Features & Offers:
One of four original funding districts for Open Choice
Full-day preschool program
Rigorous academic curriculum emphasizing critical thinking and communication skills
Award-winning programs in arts and STEM subjects
Commitment to social-emotional growth in students

Academic Features & Success:
U.S. News & World Report #6 of Best High Schools in Connecticut and #326 nationally
Newsweek one of the top 5,000 STEM high schools in the country
28 AP courses; of the 439 students who took 894 AP exams, 82% of the scores were 3 or higher
82% of Class of 2020 committed to attend four-year colleges or universities
A sequence of elective courses create pathways to potential careers: Architecture/Construction, Biomedical Science, Business & Science, Communication, Culinary Arts, Engineering, Humanities, Music and Performing Arts, Transportation/Automotive, and Visual Arts
World languages in Spanish, French, Latin, and Chinese, with Seal of Biliteracy offered
94.1 % four-year graduate rate
Suffield Public Schools

Grades: PK4 to 12

Harford Residential Zone 1

Suffield Public Schools believes that one of its most important responsibilities is to work with parents and the community to prepare students to be confident, thoughtful, contributing citizens both now and throughout their lives. Suffield Public Schools assist students in developing these qualities by creating an atmosphere that fosters a sense of belonging and acceptance. Students are challenged and supported academically in an environment that fosters social-emotional wellness, and the district continuously improves so that students have the best opportunity for future success.

Location: approximately 20 miles north of Hartford

Email Address: jneilson@suffield.org

Phone Number: 860-668-3800

School Address: 350 Mountain Road, Suffield, CT, 06078

School Website: http://www.suffield.org/

School Uniform: No

Student to Teacher Ratio: 11:1

Before School Care and Fee: No

After School Care and Fee: No

Transportation: Provided, at no cost

Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities

- Enrolled Sibling
- Applicant Sibling
- Open Choice Only

Special Features & Offers:

Committed to Professional Learning

Enhancing science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) with a 5,000 sq. ft. large animal facility

Rigorous core academic learning goals

State-of-the-art technology in the classroom

Emphasis on 21st century learning and preparedness
West Hartford Public Schools

Grades: PK4 to 12

Harford Residential Zone 1

“Clear Paths. Bright Futures. No Limits.” West Hartford Public Schools has high expectations for all students and provides them with a rigorous and relevant curriculum, and dynamic teaching through a commitment to continuous improvement. The district’s mission, core values, and goals all serve to drive the purpose, focus, and work of West Hartford Public Schools. The District Model of Continuous Improvement is driven by the established goals and community expectations of the district’s schools. West Hartford Public Schools expect every child to develop into a confident, responsible, respectful, and compassionate student who is academically well prepared, physically fit, and emotionally healthy to journey through the 21st century.

Location: approximately 5 miles west of Hartford

Email Address: tanya_rossy@whps.org
Phone Number: 860-561-6600
School Address: 50 South Main St., West Hartford, CT, 06107
School Website: http://www.whps.org/
School Uniform: No
Student to Teacher Ratio: 15:1
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Transportation: Provided at no cost
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Applicant Sibling
- Open Choice Only

Activities:

- Varsity, JV & intramural sports
- Band, concert jazz, orchestra, chamber orchestra, choir, a capella,
- Student-run improv theater, plays, musicals
- World Language Exchange program
- Future Educators of Diversity (FEoD)
- Unified Theater/Unified Sports
- 100+ before and after school extra/co-curricular clubs

Special Features & Offers:

- A welcoming district that engages all families
- Rigorous curriculum designed to increase awareness of and respect for diversity
- High expectations for every WHPS adult to help each child thrive and reach their greatest potential.
- Equity and Diversity Council is committed to building cultural competence.
- Before, during, and after school academic and enrichment activities for all students

Academic Features & Success:

- 2019 High Schools Ranked top 15 in CT; top 3% nationally US News and World Report
- 2020 CT Seal/Global Seal of Biliteracy earned by 150 students
- 2019 CT TSA Regional Conference (1st, 2nd & 3rd place awards)
- District-wide Social Emotional Learning/Social Justice Education
- Office of Equity Advancement and District-Wide Equity and Diversity Council (EDC)
- Family Resource Centers
- 94.2% four-year graduate rate
Open Choice Hartford Residents

Zone 2

These are the districts available to Hartford families living in Zone 2:

**Bolton, Coventry, East Windsor, Ellington, Enfield, Somers, South Windsor, Tolland, and Windsor Locks**

To find your resident zone, please go to pages 42-43 to view the Hartford Resident Zone Map.
Bolton Public Schools

Grades: PK4 to 12
Harford Residential Zone 2

Bolton Public Schools offers families a welcoming learning community in which students engage in academic and co-curricular opportunities that prepare them to become innovative and influential global citizens. Students receive personalized attention and are taught by dedicated faculty in a school system with a low student-to-faculty ratio. The school system’s curriculum is aligned with the Common Core Standards and is combined with the opportunity to take college-level courses. This helps students prepare for higher education and develop the leadership skills required in future careers.

Location: approximately 15 miles east of Hartford
Email Address: christine.patenaude@boltonct.org
Phone Number: 860-643-1569
School Address: 72 Brandy Street, Bolton, CT, 06043
School Website: http://www.boltonpublicschools.com
School Uniform: No
Student to Teacher Ratio: 10:1
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Transportation: Provided, at no cost
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Applicant Sibling
- Open Choice Only

Activities:
Invention Convention — state and national competitions
Award winning robotics teams
Wide variety of afterschool clubs
“Bigs and Littles” Mentoring Program
Performing music and music technology opportunities
Numerous individual, conference, state, and sportsmanship awards for our athletic teams

Special Features & Offers:
Low student-to-faculty ratio allows for personalized learning
Learning emphasizes critical thinking, communication, problem solving, artistic expression, emotional wellness, citizenship, and self-direction
Supportive environment focused on respect, responsibility, and compassion for others
2019 AP District Honor Roll; 2019 AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award; 2019 U.S. News Best High Schools; 2017 CT State Department of Education School of Distinction; and 2016 U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School

Academic Features & Success:
Small class sizes
Peer-led Writing and Math Centers
After school homework support
Blue Ribbon Award 2016
2019 School of Distinction
91.0% four-year graduate rate
Coventry Public Schools

Grades: PK4 to 12
Hartford Resident Zone 2

Coventry Public Schools – located in Tolland County close to Interstate 84 – makes the most of its location near University of Connecticut, Eastern Connecticut State University, and Manchester Community College for internships, student-teaching partnerships, community service work, and college opportunities. Our Coventry Public Schools mission states: “The Coventry Public Schools will prepare every student for life, learning and work in the 21st century.” The Board of Education has a strong commitment to ensuring that every student leaves our district college and career ready with the 21st century skills necessary to meet success through goals directed at improving student performance and achievement, promoting a positive and respectful learning community, and recruiting a high-quality and diverse staff. A high performing school district that focuses on academic, social and emotional development, Coventry Public Schools boasts rigorous academics, a collaborative culture, and best practices in teaching and learning that lead to outstanding student achievement. Our Portrait of the Graduate ensures that our students are empowered learners who have the knowledge, skills, and habits of mind to thrive in our complex society.

Location: Approximately 14 miles Northeast of Hartford
Email Address: cps@coventryct.org
Phone Number: 860-742-7317
School Address: 1700 Main St., Coventry, CT, 06238
School Website: www.coventrypublicschools.org
School Uniform: No
Student to Teacher Ratio: 12: 1
Transportation: Provided, at no cost
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Activities:
16 varsity sports as well as various junior varsity, intramurals, recreational sports, and clubs
Outstanding Extracurricular Programs: Academic clubs, including Coding, Robotics, International award winning Future Problem Solvers Club, and Paints on Fire; exceptional high school band (twice selected to participate in the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington D. C.); Drama Club; student leadership groups
Sprit Days, Family Fun Nights, and philanthropic service drives including the CT Pajama Day Drive for CMCC

Special Features:
Coventry Public Schools Portrait of a Graduate promotes the competencies of Critical Thinker, Engaged Collaborator, Empowered Citizen, Authentic Innovator, and Effective Communicator
One to One Devices, grades K-12; Computer Science Standards include aligned instruction beginning in Kindergarten
Evening Family Events that pair academics and learning with family activities
Experiential Learning and Opportunities that promote learning beyond the walls of the classroom, including academic and experiential field trips (international experiences), Out of this World Science Day featuring a Sky Dome, skyping with astronauts from NASA, interdisciplinary projects
Highly Successful Tiered Intervention and Gifted and Talented Programming: Meets the academic needs of all students
Strong Partnerships with Parents and Families: Provides active and involved parent groups

Academic Features & Success:
G.H. Robertson School (grades 3–5) — National Blue Ribbon School and CSDE School of Distinction (3 times)
Coventry High School Ranked 39 in CT by US News and World Report — #1 in our District Reference Group (DRG)
Coventry Public Schools Ranked 33 in CT by Niche — #1 in our DRG
Coventry High School principal, named Principal of the Year by the Connecticut Association of Schools
Capt. Nathan Hale School (grades 6-8) Awarded New England League of Middle Schools Spotlight School recognition
University of Connecticut Site District for Pre-Professional Program
Advanced Placement Program: Exceptionally robust with 45% of students in Grades 10–12 participating. 95.3 % four-year graduate rate
East Windsor Public Schools

Grades: PK4 to 12

Harford Residential Zone 2

East Windsor Public Schools provides a climate that inspires the school communities to achieve their full potential through continuous improvement and mutual trust and respect. The administrative team includes nine professionals throughout the district, including a principal and assistant principal in each of East Windsor’s three schools; an assistant superintendent of PK–12 education; a director of special education; and a school superintendent.

Location: approximately 14 miles south of Hartford

Email Address: csauerhoefer@ewct.org

Phone Number: 860-623-3346

School Address: 70 South Main Street, East Windsor, CT, 06088

School Website: http://www.eastwindsork12.org

School Uniform: No

Student to Teacher Ratio: Varies by school

Before School Care and Fee: No

After School Care and Fee: No

Transportation: Provided, at no cost

Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities

- Enrolled Sibling
- Applicant Sibling
- Open Choice Only

Special Features & Offers:

- Arts electives at high school
- Career and technical education courses at high school
- Access to Spanish at grade 8
- STEM class in grades 6–8
- Grade 4 music lessons available

Academic Features & Success:

- Variety of AP courses at EWHS
- Honors level courses at EWMS
- Offer Algebra at EWMS
- Variety of Career and Technical Education courses at EWHS
- Safe School Climate curriculum from PK–grade 12 including Responsive Classroom at elementary, Second Step at secondary and Restorative Practice philosophy
- 87.0 % four-year graduate rate
Ellington Public Schools

Grades: PK4 to 12
Harford Residential Zone 2

Ellington Public Schools is a high performing school district that values diversity. It grows exceptional learners and leaders who are courageous, reflective, and contributing citizens of the world. A culture of learning exists that challenges and inspires all students on their personalized educational journey. The four primary areas of focus are mastery-based learning, equitable opportunities, innovative practices, and personalized learning.

Ellington Public Schools is an ascending school district on the rise, and welcomes all who want to contribute to the collective while honoring their individual journey.

Location: approximately 20 miles west of Hartford

Email Address: klaporte@ellingtonschools.net
Phone Number: 860-896-2300
School Address: 47 Main Street, Ellington, CT, 06029
School Website: http://www.ellingtonschools.org

School Uniform: No
Student to Teacher Ratio: 14:1
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Transportation: Provided, at no cost
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Applicant Sibling
- Open Choice Only

Special Features & Offers:
- Mastery-based learning
- Equitable opportunities
- Innovative practices
- Personalized learning
Enfield Public Schools

Grades: PK4 to 12
Harford Residential Zone 2

Enfield Public Schools offers students outstanding opportunities to grow and develop as thoughtful learners through its instructional programs and rich co-curricular opportunities. Enfield embraces a multi-disciplinary learning approach that focuses on developing students’ skills and knowledge in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. The Preschool STEAM Academy will offer an Early Beginnings preschool program for 4-year-old students. The center will be located at the Stowe Early Learning Center, formerly known as the Harriet Beecher Stowe School. Enfield Public Schools partners with the LEGO Group to offer LEGO Education products that support student learning in the classroom, and with Asnuntuck Community College and Mass Mutual to prepare students for advanced study and career readiness. The district offers a wide variety of college dual-enrollment programs, including Advanced Placement courses, UConn’s Early College Experience, and Asnuntuck College’s College and Career Pathways courses.

Location: approximately 18 miles north of Hartford
Email Address: mmiddleton@enfieldschools.org
Phone Number: 860-253-6500
School Address: 1010 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT, 06082
School Website: http://www.enfieldschools.org

School Uniform: No
Student to Teacher Ratio: 13:1
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Transportation: Provided, at no cost
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Applicant Sibling
- Open Choice Only

Activities:
- Middle school sports
- Middle school music programs: orchestra, chorus, & concert band
- High school sports: Varsity, JV, and freshman sports
- High school music programs: orchestra, chorus, concert, jazz, and marching band
- Clubs and afterschool programs (Student council, Robotics, Diversity Club, Rachel’s Challenge Club, DECA, and Debate Club)
- Unified Sports
- Invention Convention

Special Features & Offers:
- STEAM-themed district in grades PK–12
- Full-day PK program for children four years of age
- 19 AP offerings at Enfield High School
- Partnerships with Asnuntuck offer academic and vocational experiences for middle and high school students
- The Building Tomorrow Project allows for the instructional use of LEGO products in all kindergarten through Grade 5 classrooms

Academic Features & Success:
- STEAM units/courses offered at all levels, PK through high school
- Wide variety of AP offerings (20) at Enfield High School
- College Connections Program with Asnuntuck Community College
- Preschool Programming
- Seal of Biliteracy offered
- Peer-led writing center at Enfield High School
- Family Resource Centers
- High school partnership with Asnuntuck Community college
- 87.8 % four-year graduate rate
The vision of the Somers Public Schools is to challenge students and staff members to pursue excellence, foster creative expression, and to develop a concern for the quality of life for all. The schools’ vision embraces a culture and environment that promotes lifelong learning, develops self-worth, supports uniqueness and diversity, and empowers individuals to make choices that lead to lives filled with dignity, respect, happiness, and opportunity.

**Location:** approximately 25 miles north of Hartford

**Email Address:** corrine.bouchard@somers.k12.ct.us

**Phone Number:** 860-749-2270

**School Address:** 1 Vision Blvd, Somers, CT, 06071

**School Website:** http://www.somers.k12.ct.us/

**School Uniform:** No

**Student to Teacher Ratio:** Varies by school

**Before School Care and Fee:** No

**After School Care and Fee:** No

**Transportation:** Provided, at no cost

**Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics:** Yes

**Placement Priorities**
- Enrolled Sibling
- Applicant Sibling
- Open Choice Only

**Activities:**

Wide variety of after school clubs at Somers High School (Sciptura, GSA, Unity Team, Gamers, etc.), award-winning yearbook program

At Mabelle B Avery Middle School: variety of after school clubs (Math, Fitness, Robotics, etc.)

At Somers Elementary School: chorus & band, student council, knitting club.

**Special Features & Offers:**

All schools and Somers Public Library are located on one campus

One-to-one student device program where all students grades 1–12 get iPads or Chromebooks.

**Academic Features & Success:**

Technology Innovation Design and Engineering (TIDE) Program at SHS.

Small class sizes.

At Mabelle B Avery Middle School: strong advisory program for SEL. Strong home-school partnership & a team approach to academics.

At Somers Elementary School: Small class sizes, strong home-school communication, strong schoolwide PBIS/SEL

92.4% four-year graduate rate
South Windsor Public Schools

Grades: PK4 to 12
Harford Residential Zone 2

South Windsor Public Schools is proud to be one of the original participants in the Project Concern/Hartford Region Open Choice Program. In 1966, South Windsor welcomed 25 students from Hartford to its school community. The district’s commitment to the program has remained steadfast and participation has increased steadily since that time. Today, more than 130 Open Choice students are part of the district’s community. The district’s mission is to dream, achieve, and inspire. South Windsor believes all students must have a global and multicultural perspective to be truly college and career ready. The district’s participation in the Open Choice program has helped to enhance opportunities for all of its students and allow them to gain this perspective. Open Choice families have been happy with the district and its efforts, reflecting on their experience as part of the recent 50th anniversary celebration.

Location: approximately 12 miles northeast of Hartford

Email Address: schamberlain@swindsor.k12.ct.us
Phone Number: 860-291-1200
School Address: 1737 Main Street, South Windsor, CT, 06074
School Website: http://www.southwindsorschools.org/

School Uniform: No
Student to Teacher Ratio: 20:1
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Transportation: Provided, at no cost
Intermural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes
Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Applicant Sibling
- Open Choice Only

Special Features & Offers:
- Elementary STEM program
- World Language instruction in grades 1–4
- 1:1 technology devices in grades 6–12
- Wide selection of extracurricular activities and athletic programs

Academic Features & Success:
- Commitment to high levels of achievement for all students through rigorous and differentiated curriculum
- Peer-led writing and math centers
- World language program grades 1-12; Seal of Biliteracy
- Elementary STEM Program
- 1:1 devices for students K-12
- Robust efforts to recruit a diverse faculty and staff
- 91.9 % four-year graduate rate
Tolland Public Schools

Grades: PK4 to 12

Harford Residential Zone 2

The Tolland Public Schools include four school facilities, Birch Grove Elementary School (grades K–2), Tolland Intermediate School (grades 3–5), Tolland Middle School (grades 6–8), and Tolland High School (grades 9–12). Curriculum, instruction, assessment, and culturally responsive education are of crucial importance to the district's vision and work. District educators work hard to provide a strong educational experience with love, and humanity. Tolland Public Schools perform well on measures of success for students, and it focuses on mastery education and learning. Tolland schools are invested in programs that emphasize great writing such as writers workshop, and rigorous mathematics through Singapore math. The school system has embraced Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, and works hard to give students opportunities to focus inward to improve themselves and outward to create positive change in the world. The school system has a relationship with the University of Connecticut and offers UConn Early College Experience programs.

Location: approximately 19 miles (20 minutes) east of Hartford

Email Address: kkiess@tolland.k12.ct.us

Phone Number: 860-870-6850

School Address: 51 Tolland Grn, Tolland, CT, 06084

School Website: http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us

School Uniform: No

Student to Teacher Ratio: 12:1

Before School Care and Fee: No

After School Care and Fee: No

Transportation: Provided, at no cost

Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities

- Enrolled Sibling
- Applicant Sibling
- Open Choice Only

Special Features and Offers:

Business Academy

Academic Pathways provide a magnet/private school experience in a comprehensive school setting

Relationship with the University of Connecticut — offers UConn Early College Experience (ECE) college credit programs

A focus on Mastery Learning and Culturally Responsive Education

Writers Workshop and Singapore Math
Windsor Locks School District

Grades: PK4 to 12
Harford Residential Zone 2
Windsor Locks Public Schools creates and sustains a community of life-long learners where all students are engaged, empowered, and expected to achieve at the highest levels. They are also expected to become responsible, contributing citizens in an ever-changing global society.

Location: approximately 13 miles north of Hartford
Email Address: jlavorga@wlps.org
Phone Number: 860-292-5000
School Address: 58 South Elm Street, Windsor Locks, CT, 06096
School Website: http://www.wlps.org
School Uniform: No
Student to Teacher Ratio: 15:1
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Transportation: Provided, at no cost
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Applicant Sibling
- Open Choice Only

Special Features and Offers:
- Student-centered learning and mastery-based grading system
- Students receive Early College Experience (ECE) at UConn
- Extended learning opportunities with community organizations and businesses
- Personalized focus on future education and careers
Open Choice Hartford Residents

Zone 3

These are the districts available to Hartford families living in Zone 3:

**Berlin, Farmington, Newington, Plainville, Southington, and Wethersfield**

To find your resident zone, please go to pages 42-43 to view the Hartford Resident Zone Map.
Berlin Public Schools

Grades: PK4 to 12
Harford Residential Zone 3 and Harford Residential Zone 4

Along with parents, public schools in Berlin stimulate and guide the intellectual, emotional, and physical growth of all students in the community, and the school system encourages students to be responsible, self-disciplined, creative, contributory, and perceptive citizenship in a free society. To accomplish this, Berlin's education system recognizes individual differences while also helping each student to develop to their full potential. Every student in Berlin Public Schools will achieve established and rigorous performance standards in all areas of student learning by becoming independent strategic readers, problem solvers, and critical thinkers.

Location: approximately 15 miles south of Hartford
Email Address: dbatista@berlinschools.org
Phone Number: 860-828-6581
School Address: 238 Kensington Road, Berlin, CT, 06037
School Website: http://www.berlinschools.org
School Uniform: No
Student to Teacher Ratio: 13:1
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Transportation: Provided, at no cost
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes
Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Applicant Sibling
- Open Choice Only

Activities:
- UpBeat Peer Leadership Program
- FIRST Robotics
- Future Teachers Club
- Interact
- Student Ambassador Program
- Unity Teams

Special Features & Offers:
We are a school district and board of education committed to continuous improvement leading to student achievement and student success. As a result of their K–12 learning experiences and ongoing reflection, students will become increasingly capable of making effective decisions, solving meaningful problems, and influencing positive change in their lives and the lives of others.

Committed to continuous improvement to foster student achievement and student success.

Programming prepares students to make effective decisions, solve meaningful problems, and influence positive change in their lives and the lives of others.

Academic Features & Success:
- After School Academy
- 30+ AP/ECE/CCP course offerings
- Seal of Biliteracy offered
- 2020 College Success Award
- 98.3 % four-year graduate rate
Farmington Public Schools

Grades: PK4 to 12
Harford Residential Zone 3

Farmington Public Schools believes that all students are capable of acquiring the knowledge, skills, and dispositions needed to be productive, ethical, and responsible citizens in an evolving world. As an innovative learning organization, the school district is deeply committed to continuous improvement. Thus, collaborative interactions among students, educators, parents, and families emphasize the importance of clear expectations, rigorous standards-led curriculum, inspired instruction, personal effort, and engaged relationships. This leads to high levels of achievement for all learners. The mission of Farmington Public Schools is to enable all students to achieve academic and personal excellence; to exhibit persistent effort; and to live as resourceful, inquiring, and contributing global citizens.

Location: approximately 13 miles west of Hartford
Email Address: terrisavagec@fpsct.org
Phone Number: 860-673-8270
School Address: One Monteith Drive, Farmington, CT, 06032
School Website: http://www.fpsct.org
School Uniform: No
Student to Teacher Ratio: 20:1
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Transportation: Provided, at no cost
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Applicant Sibling
- Open Choice Only

Activities:
- 15 Different Social Justice Clubs in grade 5–12
- Nationally Ranked Music Programming
- Unified Sports
- FIRST Robotics Winning teams
- Varsity, JV, Freshmen Athletics & Intramurals
- Debate, Economics, Fashion Design, Theater, Peer Leaders, and many other Clubs & Activities
- Student Voice and Leadership in School Improvement Goals
- FHS Connect – Service Related Events and Activities

Special Features & Offers:
- Student-centered teaching and learning
- Focus on the vision of the graduate thinking and learning skills
- High expectations and strong support for all children
- Core Beliefs: Equity Matters, Relationships Matter, Results Matter
- Technology is used as a tool for learning

Academic Features & Success:
- AP Scholars
- AVID Programming for College Readiness
- Seal of Biliteracy
- Senior CAPSTONE self-directed projects
- Challenge and Support Blocks in the school day
- “RULER” Five key emotion skills approach to supporting Social Emotional Learning
- STEM Programming and Partnership with JAX Laboratories
- Internships and Job Shadowing
- Personal Finance
- 99.3% four-year graduate rate
Newington Public Schools

Grades: PK4 to 12
Harford Residential Zone 3

The Newington Public Schools’ curriculum provides a comprehensive, diverse, and challenging array of rich learning experiences to meet the needs of all students. Based on state and national standards, the curriculum provides the framework for a student’s educational journey from kindergarten to grade 12. The district’s one-on-one technology initiative pairs students in kindergarten through grade 2 with iPads that remain in the classroom, while students in grades 3 through 12 are issued Chromebooks that can be taken home. Beginning in grade 5, every student is enrolled in the district’s science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) exploratory program, where students are exposed to engineering in a dynamic flexible environment. Beginning in grade 7, students who develop a strong interest in the STEM exploratory program may apply to one of two extended day STEM academies: biomedical sciences or aerospace and engineering. Newington High School is undergoing a $2.5 million renovation that will house the high school STEM academy programs. This renovation includes a genomics lab, health services lab, aerospace lab, art design lab, a commons area, and a 120-seat culinary and hospitality center. Students may also enroll in three academy-themed programs: information technology and digital innovations, business and finance, and culinary and hospitality. Highly motivated students may begin their college career while at Newington High School by taking up to two free courses per semester at Central Connecticut State University.

Location: approximately 7.5 miles west of Hartford
Email Address: sforesi@npsct.org
Phone Number: 860-667-2000
School Address: 131 Cedar Street, Newington, CT, 06111
School Website: http://www.npsct.org/
School Uniform: No
Student to Teacher Ratio: 21:1
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Transportation: Provided, at no cost
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Applicant Sibling
- Open Choice Only

Activities:
- Varsity, JV, Freshman Athletics & Intramurals
- Nationally ranked Band and Music Program
- Theater, Plays, Musical Productions
- Unified Sports
- DECA - Annual State and National Finalists
- Diverse and broad Program of Studies
- 80+ Extra/Co-curricular Clubs & Activities

Special Features & Offers:
- Every child is college, career, and citizenship ready
- Emphasis on innovations in teaching and learning/academies
- Strategic systems and processes lead to continuous improvements
- Diversity, family support, commitment, and involvement strengthen student learning.
- A culture of excellence!

Academic Features & Success:
- Multiple Academies: Biomedical, Aerospace & Engineering, Culinary & Hospitality, IT & Digital Creation, Finance & Business Management, Medical Sciences, Family & Child Development
- 1:1 Devices — K-12
- Strong focus on Social Emotional Wellness
- 95.0 % four-year graduate rate
Plainville Public Schools

Grades: PK4 to 12

Harford Residential Zone 3

Plainville features a safe, secure, and positive learning environment and is committed to ensuring that all students grow and develop to achieve high levels of learning. Plainville’s schools consistently exceed the state and district reference group averages in all grades. Building strong, supportive relationships, and providing meaningful and engaging learning opportunities serves as the district’s foundation.

Location: approximately 14 miles west of Hartford

Email Address: gryuct@plainvilleschools.org

Phone Number: 860-793-3200

School Address: 1 Central Square, Plainville, CT, 06062

School Website: http://www.plainvilleschools.org/

School Uniform: No

Student to Teacher Ratio: 19:1

Before School Care and Fee: No

After School Care and Fee: No

Transportation: Provided, at no cost

Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities

- Enrolled Sibling
- Applicant Sibling
- Open Choice Only

Special Features & Offers:

Focus on STEM and STEAM opportunities to promote relevance and engagement

State-of-the-art technology, 1:1 devices

Positive learning environment where all students have exciting, supportive opportunities to learn and grow

Exceptional and distinguished arts and music programs

School and community partnerships provide real-world experiences and opportunities

Academic Features & Success:

92.5% four-year graduate rate
Southington Public Schools

Grades: PK4 to 12
Harford Residential Zone 3

In Southington schools, students engage in a range of educational experiences to become informed and adaptive problem solvers. They effectively communicate, rise to challenges, and are committed to improving themselves and their communities.

Location: approximately 18 miles west of Hartford
Email Address: tcolegrove@southingtonschools.org
Phone Number: 860-628-3202
School Address: 720 Pleasant Street, Southington, CT, 06489
School Website: http://www.southingtonschools.org
School Uniform: No
Student to Teacher Ratio: 17:1
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Transportation: Provided, at no cost
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes
Placement Priorities
  • Enrolled Sibling
  • Applicant Sibling
  • Open Choice Only

Special Features & Offers:
Values the visual and performing arts with offerings in drama, instrumental and vocal music, general music, and formal art instruction
Southington High School offers 18 AP courses and Project Lead the Way for aspiring engineers
Embraces and values our differences through the Coalition for Social Justice — working together to ensure accessibility and representation for all, professional development for staff to raise cultural consciousness, and family engagement opportunities that celebrate diversity
Wethersfield Public Schools

Grades: PK4 to 12

Harford Residential Zone 3

Harford Residential Zone 4

Education in Wethersfield is the shared responsibility of schools, students, families, and other community agencies. These groups work together so that Wethersfield students may realize their full potential. Accordingly, the mission of the Wethersfield Public Schools is to ensure that all students will acquire skills and knowledge for lifelong learning. It also wants students to be able to compete in a global economy, develop self-discipline and function as responsible citizens of society, and develop and understand their ethical, cultural, aesthetic, and intellectual values and respect those of others.

Location: approximately 5 miles south of Hartford

Email Address: scurtin@wethersfield.me

Phone Number: 860-571-8110

School Address: 127 Hartford Avenue, Wethersfield, CT, 06109

School Website: https://wps.wethersfield.me

School Uniform: No

Student to Teacher Ratio: 20:1

Before School Care and Fee: No

After School Care and Fee: No

Transportation: Provided, at no cost

Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

- Activities:
- Wide array of extra-curricular activities/clubs
- Music programs include Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Choir, Instrumental Music
- Keane Foundation After School enrichment programs
- Wide variety of freshman, JV and varsity athletics
- Unified sports
- Theatrical productions

Placement Priorities

- Enrolled Sibling
- Applicant Sibling
- Open Choice Only

Special Features & Offers:

Rigorous academic standards
Focus is on ensuring that students acquire the skills and knowledge for lifelong learning, develop a positive sense of self and self-discipline, and function as responsible citizens of society
Close partnership between the district and the Wethersfield community

Academic Features & Success:

Diverse selection of AP and UConn ECE courses
1:1 Technology for all students
Emphasis on SEL
High school equity team
Advisory at middle and high school levels
Career Counseling
Partnerships with higher ed, local businesses and foundations
93.7 % four-year graduate rate
Open Choice Hartford Residents

Zone 4

These are the districts available to Hartford families living in Zone 4:

**Berlin, Cromwell, Glastonbury, Portland, Rocky Hill, and Wethersfield.**

To find your resident zone, please go to pages 42-43 to view the Hartford Resident Zone Map.
Berlin Public Schools

Grades: PK4 to 12
Harford Residential Zone 3 and Harford Residential Zone 4

Along with parents, public schools in Berlin stimulate and guide the intellectual, emotional, and physical growth of all students in the community, and the school system encourages students to be responsible, self-disciplined, creative, contributory, and perceptive citizenship in a free society. To accomplish this, Berlin's education system recognizes individual differences while also helping each student to develop to their full potential. Every student in Berlin Public Schools will achieve established and rigorous performance standards in all areas of student learning by becoming independent strategic readers, problem solvers, and critical thinkers.

Location: approximately 15 miles south of Hartford
Email Address: dbatista@berlinschools.org
Phone Number: 860-828-6581
School Address: 238 Kensington Road, Berlin, CT, 06037
School Website: http://www.berlinschools.org
School Uniform: No
Student to Teacher Ratio: 13:1
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Transportation: Provided, at no cost
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Applicant Sibling
- Open Choice Only

Activities:
UpBeat Peer Leadership Program
FIRST Robotics
Future Teachers Club
Interact
Student Ambassador Program
Unity Teams

Special Features & Offers:
We are a school district and board of education committed to continuous improvement leading to student achievement and student success. As a result of their K–12 learning experiences and ongoing reflection, students will become increasingly capable of making effective decisions, solving meaningful problems, and influencing positive change in their lives and the lives of others.

Committed to continuous improvement to foster student achievement and student success.

Programming prepares students to make effective decisions, solve meaningful problems, and influence positive change in their lives and the lives of others.

Academic Features & Success:
After School Academy
30+ AP/ECE/CCP course offerings
Seal of Biliteracy offered
2020 College Success Award
98.3 % four-year graduate rate
Cromwell Public Schools

Grades: PK4 to 12

Harford Residential Zone 4

Cromwell Public Schools is comprised of four educational facilities including Cromwell High School (grades 9–12); Cromwell Middle School (grades 6–8); Woodside Intermediate School (grades 3–5); and Edna C. Stevens Elementary School (PK–grade 2). About 2,000 students are enrolled in the district. Cromwell’s four schools are located near one another, and this affords the district the opportunity to share resources and personnel in the most educational and cost-effective manner possible. Cromwell’s commitment to 21st Century learning is enhanced through a multi-year commitment to technology improvements. These upgrades connect all buildings via cable for data, voice, and video exchange for internal communications. In addition, the entire district has access to the Internet through the Connecticut Education Network. Cromwell Public Schools strives to educate and inspire all students to apply the essential skills needed to become productive and responsible citizens in a rapidly changing world. In pursuing this mission, Cromwell believes that all students are valued and that all students deserve an education that addresses their academic, physical, and social and emotional needs. It also believes that all members of the community must uphold high expectations, be accountable, and demonstrate a commitment to excellence.

Location: approximately 14 miles south of Hartford
Email Address: acorvo@cromwell.k12.ct.us
Phone Number: 860-632-4830
School Address: 9 Captain James Mann Memorial Drive, Cromwell, CT, 06416
School Website: http://www.cromwell.k12.ct.us
School Uniform: No
Student to Teacher Ratio: 12:1
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Transportation: Provided, at no cost
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes
Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Applicant Sibling
- Open Choice Only

Special Features & Offers:
STEM and STEAM incorporated starting in preschool
College credits and career certifications earned throughout high school
Award-winning athletic programs including state and conference championships
Robust music and theatre program beginning at elementary level
Internship programs at the high school
Glastonbury Public Schools

Grades: PK4 to 12

Harford Residential Zone 4

Glastonbury Public Schools, in partnership with the Glastonbury community, prepares and challenges every student to become a successful and productive member of a diverse and evolving global society. The school system is comprised of nine schools, including one high school, one seventh- and eighth-grade middle school, a sixth-grade school, and six elementary schools that serve kindergarten through fifth-grade students. About 95 percent of the town’s school-aged children attend Glastonbury Public Schools. About 7,000 students are enrolled in the district.

Location: approximately 10 miles southeast of Hartford

Email Address: grenusl@glastonburyus.org

Phone Number: 860-652-7951

School Address: 628 Hebron Avenue, Glastonbury, CT, 06033

School Website: http://www.glastonburyus.org/

School Uniform: No

Student to Teacher Ratio: 13:1

Before School Care and Fee: No

After School Care and Fee: No

Transportation: Provided, at no cost

Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities

- Enrolled Sibling
- Applicant Sibling
- Open Choice Only

Special Features & Offers:

Safe and welcoming schools

Diverse course offerings and rigorous curriculum

Many sports and after school activities
Portland Public Schools

Grades: PK4 to 12
Harford Residential Zone 4

Portland Public Schools prides itself on having exciting 21st century schools that feature small class sizes and dedicated, caring, and talented educators. The district is committed to teaching core subjects, information technology skills, life and career skills, and this is all grounded in innovative and creative teaching. The district engages successful readers, writers, and mathematicians, and all of our schools promote respect and dignity, allowing every student to achieve both academically and socially in safe, respectful, and positive classroom environments. Portland is also devoted to fostering opportunities for students to excel in the arts, and has well-established and award-winning music and drama programs. Its high school musicians recently competed at Disney World in Florida and won several competitions. In addition, Portland Public Schools provides its students with a comprehensive physical education & health curriculum that focuses on the education of healthy minds, the development of healthy bodies, and the promotion of positive attitudes towards lifetime physical activity. Portland Secondary School (high school and middle school) provides life-long lessons through athletic competition. The school’s teams compete in 18 sports as a member of the Shoreline Conference, and many of its athletes and teams have won both regional and statewide recognition. Two of our schools have received the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award, and the Town of Portland has been recognized as one of America’s Top 100 Small Towns.

Location: approximately 17 miles west of Hartford

Email Address: kyoung@portlandct.us
Phone Number: 860-342-6790
School Address: 33 East Main Street, Portland, CT, 06480
School Website: http://www.portlandctschools.org
School Uniform: No
Student to Teacher Ratio: 10:1
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Transportation: Provided, at no cost
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Applicant Sibling
- Open Choice Only

Activities:
- High school and middle school athletics
- Unified Sports Program (high school, middle school)

Special Features & Offers:
- Emphasis on 21st-century, culturally responsive teaching and learning
- 1-to-1 technology for grades 5–12 and robust technology for K–4
- Award-winning Project Lead the Way STEM program for middle and high school students
- Strong career path opportunities and award-winning performing arts programs
- Newly developed language arts and math curriculum

Academic Features & Success:
- 1:1 Devices
- A thriving musical arts program
- 90.5% four-year graduate rate
Rocky Hill Public Schools

Grades: PK4 to 12
Harford Resident Zone 4

Rocky Hill Public Schools are committed to providing an educational environment in which all students discover and achieve their maximum potential in preparation for productive, meaningful lives and responsible citizenship. All Rocky Hill students demonstrate knowledge, understanding, and mastery of communication skills, mathematics, physical/life sciences, and social studies. All Rocky Hill students will develop habits conducive to health, personal responsibility, and good citizenship essential for living cooperatively in an increasingly complex world.

Location: Approximately 9 miles south of Hartford
Email Address: KennisonT@rockyhillps.com
Phone Number: (860) 258-7701
School Address: 761 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill, CT, 06067
School Website: www.rockyhillps.com
School Uniform: No
Student to Teacher Ratio: 19:1
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Transportation: Provided, at no cost
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Placement Priorities
- Enrolled Sibling
- Applicant Sibling
- Open Choice Only

Activities:
Opportunities to participate in intramural and interscholastic sports
Clubs and extracurricular activities for a variety of interests

Special Features & Offers:
Safe and welcoming schools
High academic standards
1:1 technology for grades K-12
Highly competitive athletic program with state and conference titles

Academic Features & Success:
Rigorous K-12 curriculum
World language offerings in grades 4-12
Numerous AP and Early College Experiences (ECE) at the high school
93.7% four-year graduate rate
Wethersfield Public Schools

Grades: PK4 to 12

Harford Residential Zone 4

Education in Wethersfield is the shared responsibility of schools, students, families, and other community agencies. These groups work together so that Wethersfield students may realize their full potential. Accordingly, the mission of the Wethersfield Public Schools is to ensure that all students will acquire skills and knowledge for lifelong learning. It also wants students to be able to compete in a global economy, develop self-discipline and function as responsible citizens of society, and develop and understand their ethical, cultural, aesthetic, and intellectual values and respect those of others.

Location: approximately 5 miles south of Hartford

Email Address: scurtin@wethersfield.me

Phone Number: 860-571-8110

School Address: 127 Hartford Avenue, Wethersfield, CT, 06109

School Website: https://wps.wethersfield.me

School Uniform: No

Student to Teacher Ratio: 20:1

Before School Care and Fee: No

After School Care and Fee: No

Transportation: Provided, at no cost

Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

- Activities:
- Wide array of extra-curricular activities/clubs
- Music programs include Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Choir, Instrumental Music
- Keane Foundation After School enrichment programs
- Wide variety of freshman, JV and varsity athletics
- Unified sports
- Theatrical productions

Placement Priorities

- Enrolled Sibling
- Applicant Sibling
- Open Choice Only

Special Features & Offers:

- Rigorous academic standards
- Focus is on ensuring that students acquire the skills and knowledge for lifelong learning, develop a positive sense of self and self-discipline, and function as responsible citizens of society
- Close partnership between the district and the Wethersfield community

Academic Features & Success:

- Diverse selection of AP and UConn ECE courses
- 1:1 Technology for all students
- Emphasis on SEL
- High school equity team
- Advisory at middle and high school levels
- Career Counseling
- Partnerships with higher ed, local businesses and foundations
- 93.7% four-year graduate rate
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Dwight-Bellizzi Dual Language Academy

Grades: K to 8

Bellizzi School is a Pre-kindergarten to Grade 8 community school that provides students with an array of wraparound services, which include after-school programming, health and wellness services, and community partnerships. Our school is driven to aligning priorities with the defining characteristics of the surrounding community. We are proud to offer a Dual Language program in our school. All students in the Dual Language program strand will learn to read in Spanish and English beginning in Kindergarten with the goal of biliteracy in two languages by the end of 8th grade. The Dual Language program is a 50/50 program model where students have two teachers — one Spanish language teacher instructing for half the day and one English language teacher instructing for the other half of the day. Core academic instruction is taught 50% in Spanish and 50% in English.

Operating Hours: 8:15 a.m. to 3:25 p.m.
Email Address: DAVIA001@hartfordschools.org
Phone Number: 860-695-2400
School Address: 215 South Street, Hartford, CT, 06114
School Website: https://www.hartfordschools.org/enroll/school-directory-2/dwight-belizzi-dual-language-academy/
School Uniform: Yes
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: Yes Provided by COMPASS. Fees may vary
Transportation: Yes
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: No

Activities:
Girls volleyball, boys/girls basketball, COMPASS After-School program, Latinos in Action

Special Features & Offers:
Community school that provides students with an array of wraparound services including afterschool programming, health & wellness and community partnerships
Offers a Dual Language program strand where students will learn to read Spanish and English beginning in Kindergarten with the goal of bi-literacy by the end of 8th grade. Students will learn standard-based content as they become linguistically and academically fluent in two languages.
Expeditionary Learning Academy at Moylan School

Grades: K to 5

The EL Education at Moylan School teaches students to be “Crew, Not Passengers” by building a scholastic community that values academic achievement, high-quality student work, and character. Students engage in crew lessons tied to our Compass for Learners that cultivate a mindset of “Courtesy, Craftsmanship, Resilience, and Responsibility” so that students value community responsibility and take pride in academic achievement and work.

As an EL Education-themed school, students engage in a rigorous curriculum and participate in learning expeditions, field work, and service learning. Learning is based on a project-based research approach, where critical thinking and problem-solving skills are mastered. We partner with parents to ensure the academic success of their child through Student-Led Conferences, where students have an opportunity to share and explain their learning, and set future goals with parents and teachers.

At Moylan School, we foster students’ joy of learning and passion for helping others in order to develop thinkers and leaders who have the courage to take academic risks that strengthen character and positively contribute to the community.

Operating Hours: 8:15 a.m. to 3:25 p.m.

Email Address: lloyj001@hartfordschools.org

Phone Number: 860-695-4500

School Address: 101 Catherine St, Hartford, CT, 06106

School Website: https://www.hartfordschools.org/enroll/school-directory-2/expeditionary-learning-academy-at-moylan-school-elams/

School Uniform: Yes

Before School Care and Fee: No

After School Care and Fee: Yes, K to 5 Only Boys & Girls Club of Hartford (FREE)

Dream Camp at Trinity College (FREE)

Transportation Yes

Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: No

Activities:

Multiple activities after school in conjunction with our Community Partners, as well as before-school Honors Choir

Special Features & Offers:

We teach students to be “crew, not passengers” by building a community that values academic

As an Expeditionary Learning (EL) school, students participate in learning expeditions, field work, and service learning

Each of our classrooms is equipped with SMART Boards and computers; students have access to laptop/iPad carts

Academic Features & Success:

Students participate in a project-based, hands-on approach to learning that encourages them to effect positive change in their community.

Students engage in in-depth learning “Expeditions” that integrate reading, writing, and service learning.
Global Communications Academy

Grades: K to 8

At Global Communications Academy, we prepare our students for world citizenship. We provide an array of opportunities to inquire and develop intellectual, academic, social and communication skills through an international school design.

Global Communications Academy is part of the Association of IB World Schools, offering the Primary Years Programme in Grades K-5. Our program offers a rigorous curriculum which fosters curiosity. We promote individual and collective voice as well as respect for humanity and the environment as we strive to create a better and more peaceful world. Global Communications Academy scholars are future world leaders!

Operating Hours: 8:15 a.m. to 3:25 p.m.
Email Address: TAdams@hartfordschools.org
Phone Number: 860-695-6020
School Address: 85 Edwards Street, Hartford, CT, 06120
School Website: https://sites.google.com/hartfordschools.org/global
School Uniform: Yes
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Transportation Yes
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: No

Activities:
Drill Club, Fitness Club and Business Club

Special Features & Offers:
Included as part of the Association of International Baccalaureate World Schools, offering the Primary Years Programme for students in grades K–5
International school design provides an array of opportunities to inquire and develop intellectual, academic, social and communication skills
Offers a rigorous academic curriculum with three embedded themes: global issues, global systems and global cultures
Renzulli Gifted and Talented Academy

Grades: 4 to 8
The Renzulli Academy offers high-quality and distinctive programs to identified gifted and talented youth.

The Academy utilizes the Schoolwide Enrichment Model (SEM). SEM is not intended to replace or minimize existing services to high-achieving students. Rather, its purpose is to integrate these services into “a rising tide lifts all ships” approach to school improvement. SEM provides enriched learning experiences and higher standards for all children through three goals:

1. Developing talents in all children;
2. Providing a broad range of advanced-level enrichment experiences for all students;

SEM emphasizes engagement and the use of enjoyable and challenging learning experiences constructed around students’ interests and learning styles.

Operating Hours: 8:15 a.m. to 3:25 p.m.
Email Address: TORRM004@hartfordschools.org
Phone Number: 860-695-2140
School Address: 85 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT, 06105
School Uniform: Yes
Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Transportation: Yes
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Pathway Schools To:
- Classical Magnet School (6 to 12)
- Great Path Academy at MCC (9 to 12)

Activities:
- Boys middle school basketball
- Girls middle school volleyball
- Award-winning band and instrumental program

Special Features & Offers:

We believe engagement, enthusiasm and enjoyment increase academic achievement, and we promote it at all times.

Our school believes in developing the talents of ALL children/students.

We provide a broad range of advanced-level enrichment experiences for all students.

Renzulli provides follow-up advanced learning for children/students based on their interests.

To enroll, students must apply and be accepted through Renzulli’s separate admissions process AFTER placement through RSCO.
# Connecticut Technical Education Career System (CTECS)

Technical High Schools in the Greater Hartford Region Descriptions

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A.I. Prince Technical High School

Grades: 9 to 12
Operating Hours: 7:33 a.m. to 2:25 p.m.
Email Address: lisa.higgins@ct.gov
Phone Number: 860-951-7112
School Address: 401 Flatbush Ave., Hartford, CT, 06106
School Website: http://prince.cttech.org/
School Uniform: Yes
Student to Teacher Ratio: Academic Course 25:1; Trade Courses 18:1
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

Course Offerings
Automotive collision, repair, and refinishing technology; automotive technology; automated manufacturing technology; bio-science and environmental technology; carpentry; culinary arts; electrical; graphics technology; hairdressing and cosmetology; health technology; information systems technology; masonry; plumbing and heating; sound production technology

Activities:

Athletics: football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, cross country, cheerleading, baseball, softball, indoor & outdoor track, tennis, lacrosse, golf, and co-op opportunities

Clubs: Art, Aviation, Bowling, Dance Troupe, Digital Book, Ecos, Falcon Fitness, GSA, Hiking, Math League, National Honor Society, Poetry, SkillsUSA, Student Council, Student Leadership Program and Ski

Activities: African & African American history bee, animation, astronomy, crafts, drama, drill & step team, forensics and intramurals

Community: Capital Workforce Partners Career Connection, CT Youth Forum, Entrepreneurial Club, Girl Power Group, Girl Scouts, Hartbeat Youth Ensemble and Outward Bound

Special Features & Offers:
State-of-the-art facility and instructional technology

Academic Features & Success:
Students have the opportunity to participate in the College Career Pathways (CCP) program with local community colleges and the Early College Experience (ECE) program through UConn.

Work-based Learning (WBL) is offered as a way for students in grades 11 and 12 to gain real-world experience, work in teams, solve problems and meet employers’ expectations. It takes place during the school day and students not only receive credit toward their career technology, but they also get paid.

Each student graduates with a high school diploma and a certificate in their career technical field.

Students complete core academic subjects (English, math, history, sciences, etc.) as well as physical education, health, and computer applications. Students have the opportunity to earn college credit leading to a post-secondary certificate, associate, and/or baccalaureate degree through the UConn Early College Experience Program and Community College Partnership programs.
E.C. Goodwin
Technical High School

Grades: 9 to 12
Operating Hours: 7:25 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.
Email Address: ericka.torres@ct.gov
Phone Number: 860-827-7736
School Address: 735 Slater Rd., New Britain, CT, 06053
School Website: http://goodwin.cttech.org/
School Uniform: Yes
Student to Teacher Ratio: Academic Course 25:1; Trade Courses 18:1
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes
Placement Priorities
- Alumni/Graduate
- Employee/Staff
- Enrolled Sibling
- Technical High School Only

Career Offerings:
Automotive technology; carpentry; culinary arts; electrical; mechatronics; hairdressing and cosmetology; heating, ventilation and air conditioning (hvac); information systems technology; mechanical design and engineering technology; plumbing and heating; precision machining technology

Activities:

Athletics: football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, cross country, swimming and diving, wrestling, baseball, golf, indoor & outdoor track, softball, and lacrosse

Clubs and activities: Student Council, National Honor Society, Music Club, SkillsUSA, Green Technology Club, HOBY

Special Features & Offers:
State-of-the-art facility and instructional technology

Academic Features & Success:
Students have the opportunity to participate in the College Career Pathways (CCP) program with local community colleges and the Early College Experience (ECE) program through UConn.

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Each student graduates with a high school diploma and a certificate in their career technical field.

Students complete core academic subjects (English, math, history, sciences, etc.) as well as physical education, health, and computer applications. Students have the opportunity to earn college credit leading to a post-secondary certificate, associate, and/or baccalaureate degree through the UConn Early College Experience Program and Community College Partnership programs.
Howell Cheney
Technical High School

Grades: 9 to 12
Operating Hours: 7:25 a.m. to 2:05 p.m.
Email Address: zyretha.langs@ct.gov
Phone Number: 860-649-5396
School Address: 791 West Middle Turnpike, Manchester, CT, 06040
School Website: http://cheney.cttech.org/
School Uniform: Yes
Student to Teacher Ratio: Academic Course 25:1; Trade Courses 18:1
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes
Placement Priorities
• Alumni/Graduate
• Employee/Staff
• Enrolled Sibling
• Technical High School Only

Career Offerings:
Automotive technology; carpentry; culinary arts; diesel and heavy-duty equipment repair; digital media; electrical; heating, ventilation and air conditioning (hvac); information systems technology; mechanical design and engineering technology; precision machining technology; welding and metal fabrication

Activities:
Athletics: Football, Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Cross Country, Baseball, Softball, Golf and Outdoor Track
Clubs and Activities: Student Council, National Honor Society, SkillsUSA and Yearbook
Special Features and Offers:
State-of-the-art facility and instructional technology

Academic Features & Success:
Students have the opportunity to participate in the College Career Pathways (CCP) program with local community colleges and the Early College Experience (ECE) program through UConn.
Work-based Learning (WBL) is offered as a way for students in grades 11 and 12 to gain real world experience, work in teams, solve problems and meet employers’ expectations. It takes place during the school day and students not only receive credit toward their career technology, but they also get paid.
Each student graduates with a high school diploma and a certificate in their career technical field.
Students complete core academic subjects (English, math, history, sciences, etc.) as well as physical education, health, and computer applications. Students have the opportunity to earn college credit leading to a post-secondary certificate, associate, and/or baccalaureate degree through the UConn Early College Experience Program and Community College Partnership programs.
Agricultural Science and Technology Education (ASTE) Descriptions

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D.F. Harris Sr. AgriScience Center at Bloomfield High School

Grades: 9–12
Located on the campus of Bloomfield High School, the Harris Agriscience Center provides educational opportunities in a variety of pathways in the fields of animal science, aquaculture, Natural Resource, Plant, and Power Structural and Technical systems for purposes of ensuring that students are competent, literate, and develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success for college and other career-related areas learned through the three-circle model academics FFA (Future Farmers of America), SAE (supervised agricultural experience). As a school we will continue to aspire for excellence in the 4 As: Academics, Athletics, Arts and Agri-Science.

School Hours:
7:35 a.m.–2:15 p.m. — classes for students
7:25 a.m.–3 p.m. — general office hours
Phone: 860-286-2630 x 1520
E-mail: agriscience@blmfld.org
Address: 5 Huckleberry Lane, Bloomfield, CT 06002
Website: www.bhs.bloomfieldschools.org/agriscience

Activities:
National Honor Society,
National French and Spanish Honor Society, National FFA Organization, Model UN, Color Guard and Drill Team, music club and many more.

Special Offerings & Features:
Early College Experience (ECE)
University of Connecticut,
Post University, Capital and Manchester Community College
Built-in personalized learning and leadership development opportunities for all
National FFA Student Leadership
School-based entrepreneurship/research and supervised work-based planning
Competitive athletic program at the Varsity and Jr. Varsity levels

Academic Features & Success:
Designated Communities for Music Education, 2020 Unified Sports Award
Rigorous curriculum, instruction and assessment
Specialized course offerings in animal and aquaculture science, floral Art, greenhouse management/horticulture, music, and Spanish composition, exploring the equine industry and equine facility design and operations, animal veterinary science, apiculture, aquaculture science, botany, ecology, landscape design
Built-in personalized learning and leadership development opportunities for all students
MDC, DEEP, and university, college, and business partnerships

School Uniform: Yes
Student-Teacher Ratio: Average class size 15.7 (course dependent)
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes — Bloomfield High School
Glastonbury Regional Agriscience Center

**Grades:** 9–12  
**Phone:** 860-652-7200 (main office) or 860-652-7200, ext. 11101 (Ag Center)  
**E-mail:** callahan@glastonburyus.org  
**Address:** 330 Hubbard St., Glastonbury, CT 06033  
**Website:** https://sites.google.com/a/glastonburyus.org/cte/agricultural-science  
**School Uniform:** No  
**Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics:** Yes  
**Special Offerings and Features:**

**Special Features & Offers:**
Rigorous program of academics, honors, and advance placement courses  
After-school academic support  
Many opportunities for after-school activities in athletics, music, drama, arts and clubs

Suffield Regional Agriscience Center at Suffield High School

**Grades:** 9–12  
**Phone:** 860-668-3810 (main office) or 860-668-3817 (Ag Center)  
**E-mail:** llaflamme@suffield.org  
**Address:** 1060 Sheldon St., West Suffield, CT 06093  
**Website:** suffield.org  
**School Uniform:** No  
**Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics:** Yes  

**Special Features & Offers:**
Rigorous program of academic, honors and advanced placement courses  
After-school academic support  
After-school activities in athletics, music, drama, art, and clubs
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