FAMILY GUIDE to School Choice in the Greater Hartford Region
Pre-K to Grade 12 • School Year 2022-23

Empowering Families to:

DREAM. DISCOVER. DECIDE!

On-Time Application Period:
November 12, 2021 to January 31, 2022

Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS)
Early Application Period:
November 12, 2021 to January 10, 2022
Key Dates & Events

RSCO hosts in-person and virtual fairs to provide the information you need to learn about your options and make informed decisions for your family.

**Fall Fair 2021 – In-Person Fair**
- **Date:** Saturday, November 13, 2021
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm
- **Location:** Connecticut River Academy at Goodwin University
  9 Riverside Drive, East Hartford, CT
- **Snow/weather day:** Saturday, November 20, 2021

**Virtual Fair Week**
- Saturday, December 4 to Saturday, December 11, 2021

**Winter Fair 2022 – In-Person Fair**
- **Date:** Saturday, January 8, 2022
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Academy of Science & Innovation
  600 Slater Rd., New Britain
- **Snow/weather day:** Saturday, January 22, 2022

**Virtual Fair Week**
- Saturday, January 24 to Saturday, January 31, 2022

**Summer Fair 2022 – In-Person Fair**
- **Date:** Saturday, August 13, 2022
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Dunkin Donuts Park (Downtown Hartford)
  1214 Main St., Hartford

**On-Time RSCO Application Period**
- **Starts:** November 12, 2021
- **Ends:** January 31, 2022

**CTECS Early Application Period**
- **Starts:** November 12, 2021
- **Ends:** January 10, 2022

**Late RSCO Application Period**
- **Starts:** March 1, 2022
- **Ends:** September 15, 2022 for magnet, CTECS, and Open Choice Program

**RSCO Placements**
Placements continue through the spring and summer and will BEGIN as follows:
- **February 2022:** CTECS technical high schools early applicant placements begin
- **April 2022:** Magnets, Open Choice on-time applicant placements begin
- **April 2022:** 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.

Apply by January 31, 2022 at ChoiceEducation.org

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Visit bit.ly/RSCOInfo to learn more about the RSCO schools and programs, view virtual events. We will continue to update the virtual fairs with information and events so keep checking the website for the latest information about RSCO’s amazing Choice schools and programs!
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Welcome to Your School Choice Options

The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) is empowering families to Dream, Discover and Decide. The power of School Choice is in your hands!

You have a choice about where your child attends school.

Discover the incredible educational options available at magnet, Open Choice, and technical high schools in the Greater Hartford Region and find the right school that fulfills your child’s dreams! Here you can learn about the broad range of opportunities and public school options available to students throughout the Greater Hartford Region.

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.

The Family Guide provides information that will take you through the school choice process and help you support your child’s dreams for the 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!

Contact the Regional School Choice Office (RSCO)

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The Power of School Choice

If you are looking for high quality, unique learning opportunities for your child, then the RSCO school choice system is for you!

What does school choice through the Regional School Choice Office offer you? The RSCO school choice system offers families the power to choose the school or program their child will attend as an alternative to the school 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 a family’s home district.

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!

DID YOU KNOW?
Colleges look for applicants who have experience learning in diverse schools.

Why Select School Choice?

“My wife and I chose magnet schools for our son, TJ. He was able to build strong relationships with people whose background differs from ours, and as a result has a more balanced understanding of our larger community. We are so proud of the world view he will always carry with him. A view he developed during his time in magnet schools.”
— Timothy Sullivan, Superintendent of Schools, CREC

“In my opinion, choosing a high school that is the perfect fit for your student is a gift that a parent/guardian has that can change the trajectory of their life.”
— Kathleen Simoneau, Principal, Connecticut IB Academy, East Hartford

“School choice is an incredible opportunity for all children to be challenged with the some of the most innovative teaching practices. Magnet schools offer enriching curriculum in engaging environments. More importantly are the relationships students develop with peers from across the greater Hartford area.”
— Dr. Salvatore Menzo, Superintendent, Goodwin University Magnet School System
Top 13 Things You Need to Know

The Family Guide provides the information you need to make decisions that are the best fit for your family’s interests and priorities. As you get started, keep in mind these important tips to guide you through the school choice process.

The RSCO application will be available from November 12, 2021 through January 31, 2022.

1. Parents/guardians who reside in Connecticut at the time of application are eligible to submit a RSCO application. Please note, a post office box (P.O. Box) cannot be used to prove Connecticut residency.

2. 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.

3. Be sure to apply to the correct grade for PK3, PK4 and Kindergarten. There are age requirements for students applying to grades PK3, PK4 and kindergarten for the 2022–23 school year as follows:
   - **PK3 (Prekindergarten Age 3):** Child was born between September 1, 2018 and December 31, 2019;
   - **PK4 (Prekindergarten Age 4):** Child was born between September 1, 2017 and December 31, 2018;
   - **Kindergarten:** Child born between September 1, 2016 and December 31, 2017, OR child born between September 1, 2015 and August 31, 2016, and has no previous schooling.

4. Know your Placement Priorities! Placement Priorities vary by schools and may be used in the placement process. These priorities do not guarantee placement at a school or program, but they may increase your chance of a placement offer. To learn more about placement priorities and how they are applied to a school or district, see pages 11–13.

5. There are no placement advantages to applying early (except if you are applying to the technical high schools, see #6). As long as you submit a completed application by January 31, 2022, your application is considered on-time.

6. 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 10, 2022.

7. You may only submit ONE completed application, either an on-time application or late application for each child for the 2022–23 school year.

8. Using the RSCO online application, families may apply to:
   - **Interdistrict Magnet Schools:** Families with students entering PK3 through 12th grade may chose up to five (5) schools;
   - **Open Choice for Hartford Residents:** Hartford families with students entering PK4–10th grade may choose up to five (5) Open Choice School Districts;
   - **Open Choice for Non-Hartford Residents:** Non-Hartford families with students entering kindergarten–8th grade may choose up to four (4) Open Choice Schools;
   - **Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS) for A.I. Prince, E.C. Goodwin, and Howell Cheney technical high schools:** Families with students entering 9th grade must choose all three (3) technical high schools as a group in order of preference.

9. There is a feature in the online application that allows you to view the previous year’s number of applications compared to seat availability by school and grade level to assist you in your school and/or district selections.

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

11. Get help if you need it! We have resources to help you figure out your options and complete the application. Contact RSCO or check out page 18 for other ways you can get help.

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

13. Check out school open houses and virtual events to learn more and make an informed choice!
Exploring Your Options

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The Schools and Programs

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 non-magnet public schools in nearby suburban school districts, and non-Hartford resident students to attend certain non-magnet 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 portal.ct.gov/sde-ASTE-apply.
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Getting Started on Your Way to a School Choice Opportunity

It is awesome that families have so many choices for their child’s education, and we encourage you to explore all options available to you to find the right fit for your child. 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:

Explore ➔ Apply ➔ 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 January 31, 2022 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. 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 January 31, 2022

Families may submit only ONE application for each child. Please feel free to edit your application through January 31, 2022, but only submit one per student!

The application will be available beginning on November 12, 2021, but as long as you apply by January 31, 2022, your application is on time. There are NO placement advantages to applying early except for 9th graders applying for early placement to CTECS by the January 10, 2022 early deadline!

Step 3: Respond

The RSCO placement process will begin in April 2022 and run through September 30, 2022. Families are contacted via email and text message of either a placement offer or waitlist notification.

1. Respond to a RSCO placement announcement or waitlist notification by going to ChoiceEducation.org.
2. Go to choiceeducation.org and select “Respond”
3. Log into your online application using your account email & password
4. Go to Your Dashboard
5. Select your response for each child

You will receive a confirmation email after you make your selection.

Have questions? We are here to help!
Call us! 860-713-6990  |  Send us an email! rsco.sde@ct.gov  |  Send us a message in your application
What are My Chances of Receiving an Offer?

We would love for every applicant to receive a placement offer. 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 January 31, 2022.

✅ 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 11–13 for further details on placement priorities.
Placement Priorities

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 “priorities” that are used in the placement process to increase the likelihood of an offer based upon an applicant’s connection to a school or program.

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.

2 What are examples of placement priorities?
Placement Priorities include applying sibling, enrolled siblings, staff, neighborhood, zone, pathways, and other connections to the school or district.

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

4 Are placement priorities used with the RSCO on-time and late application?
Priorities may be applied to the on-time and the late application. However, the chance of receiving a placement offer is the greatest if you submit an on-time application.

5 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.

6 Does the placement priority apply to all school selections?
No. If you would like to take an advantage of a placement priority, make sure you select the school with your placement priority as your First Choice school selection. Placement priorities generally do not apply to an applicant’s second, third, fourth or fifth choice school/district selections.

7 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.

8 Where can I find information on the placement priorities that apply at a school or program?
Details on the placement priorities for each school are indicated on the individual school pages in this Guide and on the school cards available through the online application under Placement Priorities.
Placement Priorities

The RSCO placement process may use one or more of these priorities in determining placements. Placement Priorities vary by school and seat availability. Know your Placement Priorities! These priorities do not guarantee placement at a school or program, but they may increase your chance of a placement offer for your child.

To receive a placement priority, the applicable school must be your first choice and the application must be submitted on time.

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

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

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

Magnet School Applicant
- Applicant Siblings
- Employee/Staff or Partner College Student
- Enrolled Sibling
- Hartford Residential Neighborhood
- Residential Zone
- Partner District
- Direct Pathway
- Pathway School
CTECS Alumni/Graduate
Priority is given to an applicant applying to the 9th grade who has a parent/legal guardian, sibling, or grandparents who graduated from A.I. Prince, E.C. Goodwin or Howell Cheney Technical High School.

CTECS Early Application Deadline
Applicants entering 9th grade may apply to the technical high schools by January 10, 2022 and receive early notification of a technical high school placement opportunity in February 2022.

CTECS Only
Applicants applying to the three Technical High Schools as their only option may receive priority based on available seats.

Employee/Staff or Partner College/University
Employees of a CTECS or magnet school may receive priority for their children when applying to the school where they work. Employees of Goodwin University, University of Hartford, Manchester Community College, Capital Community College, and Trinity College may receive priority for their children when applying to their partner magnet school. Goodwin University college students may also receive a priority at their associated magnet schools.

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.

Direct Pathway
Some magnet schools offer a Pk through 12th grade experience through a shared theme and curriculum. Direct Pathway provides a priority for students to continue in these schools as they move from elementary to middle and middle to high school. Students attending a school with a direct pathway receive the highest priority for placement at the direct pathway school’s entry grade. To be considered for this direct pathway placement, you must submit an on-time RSCO online application with your Direct Pathway School as your first choice.

School Pathway
For a limited number of seats, priority may be given to students coming from one magnet school at the end grade to another magnet school at the entry grade to increase a family's chance of remaining in the magnet system as students transition from elementary to middle and middle to high school. For example, a student in 5th grade of a PK-5th grade school may have multiple pathway school options for 6th grade.

Sibling(s):
RSCO has a policy of trying to keep families together in school and district placements. These priorities apply to siblings to accomplish that policy:

- **Applicant Sibling**: We try to place siblings together who share at least one biological parent or legal guardian. The siblings must submit an application at the same time (either on time or late) to the same schools/Open Choice districts in the exact same order of preference.
- **Enrolled Sibling**: We try to place siblings in the same school as a sibling who is already enrolled in the school or district. Therefore, 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.
- **Twins/Multiples**: Twins and multiples work just like applying siblings. 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 submit an application at the same time (either on-time or late) to the same schools/Open Choice districts in the exact same order of preference.

Residential Zone
For Hartford Resident applying to Open Choice: Placement offers are based on the applicant’s residential address (see Hartford Resident Zone Map on pages 86–87).

For Hartford Residents applying to Hartford Magnet Schools: Priority may be given to Hartford resident students living in specific Hartford residential 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–Grade 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
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’s new on-line application platform has made applying easier for everyone! Apply online to multiple schools and programs through ONE application!

RSCO has two application periods:
1) RSCO On-time Application and 2) RSCO Late Application

If you need help, please reach out for assistance. We have plenty of resources available to help you through the process!

Important dates to remember when applying

• On-Time Application period begins November 12, 2021 and ends January 31, 2022.
• The Early Application period for the Connecticut Technical High Schools begins on November 12, 2021 and ends on January 10, 2022.
• Families are able to edit their application up until January 31, 2022 but can only submit one per student!
• If you miss the on-time application deadline, you will have the opportunity to submit a late application. Be sure to get your application in as soon as possible during the late application period.
• The Late Application period begins on March 1, 2022 and ends on September 15, 2022.

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

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 January 31, 2022. You must complete a separate application for each child. Applying during the on-time application period increases your chances of a placement.
Common questions to consider when applying

Q: Do I have to complete the application all at once or can I save and return to it at a later time?
A: 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 submit it by January 31, 2022.

Q: Can I make changes to my RSCO on-time application after January 31, 2022?
A: After January 31, 2022, you may only change your contact information (e.g. address, telephone, email address) by contacting the RSCO office at 860-713-6960 or rsco.sde@ct.gov.

Q: Can I edit a RSCO Late Application after it has been submitted?
A: No. Late applications may not be edited after they have been submitted unless there is a change to your contact information. To make the change, families must contact the RSCO office via telephone at 860-713-6960 or email rsco.sde@ct.gov.

Q: If I applied last year and did not receive a placement, do I have to reapply this year for the 2022–23 school year?
A: 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 2022–23 school year.

Q: Can I submit more than one RSCO application for my child to increase my chances of placement?
A: No, you can only submit ONE (1) RSCO lottery application for each child, either an on-time application or a late application but not both. If you submit multiple application for the same child, RSCO will delete the duplicate applications and will only consider the first application submitted.

Q: Do I have to submit a separate application for each of my children?
A: 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.

Q: How do I submit an application for siblings with the same date of birth (twins/multiples)?
A: We try to link applications where two or more siblings who 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. Submit an on-time application (November 12, 2021 to January 31, 2022, or late (March 1 to September 15, 2022);
- Apply for the same grade level and the same schools; 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.

Q: Is there a placement advantage to applying early?
A: There are no placement advantages to applying early! As long as you apply by January 31, 2022, your application is on time. The only exception to this general rule is the CTECS early application deadline of January 10, 2022 for students entering the 9th grade who are applying to the technical high schools through RSCO and want to take advantage of the early application period.
Q: Do I have to apply to all three school choice programs (magnet schools, open choice program or CTECS schools)?
A: No. You may apply to any one or all of the school choice programs that best fit the interest of your child and needs of your family.

Q: How many schools can I select on the application for my child?
A: 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.

- **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.

- **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 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 through the RSCO application. Applicants apply to all three schools as a region and must rank them in order of preference.

Q: When is the Late Application Period?
A: The Late Application period begins on March 1, 2022 and ends on September 15, 2022 for CTECS (A.I. Prince Tech, E.C. Goodwin Tech, and Howell Cheney Tech), Interdistrict Magnet Schools and the Open Choice Program.

Q: What are my chances of receiving a placement offer if I submit a late application?
A: We encourage families to apply during the late application period because, as in previous years, we will send placement offers to families with late applications as seats become available.

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 are not submitted.
Making Changes to Your On-time Application

Families are able to make changes to the RSCO School Choice application up through January 31, 2022 for the On-Time Application.

Q: When can I make a change?
A: Between November 12, 2021 through January 31, 2022

Q: What change can I make?
A: You can change:
- Your contact information (address, telephone number, email address)
- Your demographic information (e.g., birthdate, sibling verification, grade)
- Your school selections for Magnet Schools, CTECS (technical high schools), Open Choice for suburban residents.
- Your district selections for Open Choice for Hartford Residents.

Q: How do I make a change?
A: To make a change:
- Log into your RSCO application account (at choiceeducation.org) using the email address and password you used to submit the application.
  OR
- Call the RSCO Parent Information Center at 860-713-6990 for assistance.

After the January 31, 2022 deadline:
You can change:
- Your contact Information (address, telephone number, email address)

To make changes:
- Call the RSCO Parent Information Center at 860-713-6990.

Making Changes to Your Late Application

Families can make changes to a Late Application if the application status is “saved” or “in-progress.” Once a Late Application has been submitted a family cannot make any changes to school/program selections application.

Q: What can I change?
A: Your contact information (address, telephone number and email address).

Q: How do I make the change?
A: 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.
Application Assistance

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 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. Hours of operation vary among sites. Please call ahead to schedule an appointment (in-person or virtual). Note: Sites and information are subject to change.

RSCO’s Primary School Choice Application Assistance Sites

RSCO Parent Information Center
450 Columbus Blvd., Plaza Level, Suite 28, Hartford, CT
Email: r sco.sde@ct.gov
Phone: 860-713-6990
Website: ChoiceEducation.org
Hours: Mon–Fri, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

CREC Welcome Center
111 Charter Oak Ave., Hartford, CT
Email: schoolchoice@crec.org
Phone: 860-509-3700
Website: www.choosecrec.org
Hours: Mon–Fri, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Hartford Public Schools Office of Enrollment and School Choice
330 Wethersfield Ave., 1st Floor, Hartford, CT
Phone: 860-695-8876
Hours: Mon–Fri, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

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: hpltc.org/library-services/parents/school-choice-assistance
Hours: Mon–Thurs, 12 p.m.–6 p.m.; Fri & Sat, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

HPL Albany Branch
1250 Albany Ave., Hartford, CT
860-695-7380
2nd Tuesday of the month, 1–6 p.m.

HPL Barbour Branch
261 Barbour St., Hartford, CT
860-695-7400
4th Thursday of the month, 1–6 p.m.

RSCO Satellite Sites Offering Application Assistance

CURET
1443 Albany Ave., Hartford, CT
860-247-0123
Hours: Mon–Thurs, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

CRT (Connecticut Renewal Team)
Early Care and Education Centers
For hours for all:
Mon–Thurs, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Fri, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

CRT-Douglas St.
170 Douglas St., Hartford, CT
860-560-5460

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

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

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

Institute for the Hispanic Family/ Catholic Charities
45 Wadsworth St., Hartford, CT
860-524-6853 ext. 221/222
Hours: Mon–Fri, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Imagineers, LLC
635 Farmington Ave., Hartford, CT
860-768-3353
Hours: Mon–Fri, 9 a.m.–8 p.m.

Literacy Volunteers of Greater Hartford
30 Arbor St., Hartford, CT
860-233-3853
Hours: Mon–Thurs, 9 a.m.–8 p.m.; Fri, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

The Village for Families & Children, Inc.
1680 Albany Ave., Hartford, CT
860-236-4511, ext. 3416
Hours: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

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

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

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

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

HPL Campfield Branch
30 Campfield Ave., Hartford, CT
860-695-7440
1st Tuesday of the month, 1–6 p.m.

HPL Dwight Branch
7 New Park Ave., Hartford, CT
860-695-7460
1st Wednesday of the month, 1–6 p.m.

HPL Park Branch
744 Park St., Hartford, CT
860-695-7500
3rd Wednesday of the month, 1–6 p.m.
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 18)

**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 (18 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
Part I: 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. Families who submit a completed Late Application are also included in the placement process as additional seats become available up through September 30.

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, along with socioeconomic factors (SES), student preferences, priorities (such as sibling, staff and neighborhood), pathways and other factors as described in RSCO School Choice materials to assign students to available seats by school and grade. There are more seats available at the entry grade in a school.

Important dates and deadline information for the RSCO placement and waitlist process

- RSCO announces placement results to families for the following choice programs:
  - CTECS (technical high schools) early applicants: February 2022
  - Magnet Schools and Open Choice on-time applicants: April 2022
  - CTECS on-time applicants: April 2022

- Specific Deadline dates for families to respond to placement announcements will be stated in the RSCO placement letter and your RSCO account dashboard.

- RSCO will continue placing students throughout the spring and summer as seats become available through September 30, 2022.

Responding to RSCO notifications for placement offers

RSCO will communicate placement offers to families through email and text starting in February 2022 for early applicants to CTECS and in April 2022 for the other School Choice programs. Placement communications will provide details on how to respond and by when.

It is important that families remember to update contact information (such as telephone number and email address) so RSCO is able to communicate this important information.
Placement Process FAQs

Q: When will RSCO announce placement opportunities?
A: RSCO will announce placement opportunities for CTECS early applicants in February 2022, and Magnet Schools and the Open Choice program in April 2022.

Q: If I submit an application for my child, will they receive a placement offer?
A: Although we would love to place every student that applies for a school choice opportunity, RSCO receives 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.

Q: How do I respond to a placement offer?
A: Visit ChoiceEducation.org and select “Respond.”

- Log in to your RSCO account using the email address and password
- Select the response for each child — either accept or decline a placement offer

Q: 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?
A: 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 generally receive only one placement offer in an application year. In general, once a placement offer is made, the application is not included on waitlists for other schools.

Q: If my child is offered placement through the RSCO placement process, what do I need to do?
A: If a family receives a placement offer, that is great news! We hope that you accept the placement offer by (1) choosing accept from the Dashboard by the time indicated in the offer letter, and (2) registering your child with the new school or district.

Q: If my application includes CTECS and/or magnet schools and the Open Choice Program, will I receive more than one placement offer for my child?
A: Families who receive a CTECS placement opportunity and selected Magnet Schools and/or the Open Choice Program (OC) on the RSCO School Choice application have the choice to either Accept, Decline, or Hold their seat placement within the time specified in the placement notice.

Q: What is a CTECS placement “hold” and how does it affect my magnet or Open Choice placement opportunities?
A: An applicant who receives a CTECS placement opportunity in the early round may elect to “hold” the offer until completion of the first round of the magnet and Open Choice placement process. The applicant must elect the “hold” option within the time specified in the offer letter or the offer is treated as an administrative decline for purposes of the CTECS offer. Once the first round of magnet and Open Choice placement process occurs in April, the applicant must choose to accept or decline the CTECS placement on hold.

Q: What happens if my student is not selected for placement through the RSCO lottery? Is there anything else I can do?
A: 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. RSCO keeps 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 September 30, 2022.
Part II: Waitlist Process

Every application year we have more families applying to a RSCO School Choice school/program than we have available seats. The families that do not receive a placement offer are sent a notice to inform them that their child’s application is on the waitlist for the schools and programs they selected on their application.

Families that receive a waitlist notification for the 2022-23 school year still have an opportunity for placement at one of their school choices. RSCO selects applicants from the waitlist for the schools and programs selected on the application as seats become available and notifies applicants of the placement as we continue through the process during the spring and summer months.

NEW Waitlist Process

Families who do not receive a placement offer in the initial placement rounds, will have the option to add their application to Waitlists for additional schools. To help families make informed decisions, you will receive an indicator of how long the waitlist is at each school. Families will have the opportunity to add their child to schools that they did not select on the initial application based on the length of the waitlist. We added this new process to increase families’ chances of an offer where the initial school selections have long waitlists.

Waitlist FAQs

What do I do if I receive a waitlist notification?
The next thing you do is decide whether you would like to stay on the waitlist for the program type (magnet, open choice or technical high schools) you selected on your application.

Then, log into your application and select either “Remain” or “Remove” on your Dashboard. Repeat these steps if you have more than one child on your dashboard.

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.

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.

Can I add a school/program to my application after the application period has closed?
Yes, families who do not receive a placement offer after the initial rounds of placements will have the option to add their child’s application to waitlists for additional schools. Additional information on how to add an application to a waitlist will be included in the RSCO notification.

How long does an application remain on a waitlist?
All waitlists for the 2022-23 school year expire on September 30, 2022.
School Locations, Programs, and RSCCO 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
RSCO Transportation Zone Information

The RSCO Transportation Zone establishes borders for transporting students to RSCO School Choice schools and programs within the Greater Hartford Region (see page 24). For additional information, contact the RSCO Transportation Office by email at rscotransportation@crec.org, by telephone at 860-524-4077, or visit their website at crec.org/transportation/rsco.php.

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RSCO Transportation Zone Information

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 24) 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.
Interdistrict Magnet Schools in the Greater Hartford Region

Prekindergarten through 12th grade options available
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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 Bloomfield Public Schools, the Capitol Region Education Council (CREC), East Hartford Public Schools, Goodwin University Educational Services (GUES), 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!

School Description Legend:

- ✔️: School Hours
- ✉️: Email Contact
- ☏️: Telephone Contact
- 🌐: Website
- 🧥: Uniform Required?
- 🧙‍♂️: Student:Teacher Ratio

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Common Questions to Consider About Magnet Schools

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

Is there tuition for prekindergarten (PK)?
In accordance with CT General Statutes, families of newly enrolled prekindergarten students whose family income is above 75% of the state median income (roughly $86,000 for a family of four for the 2022-23 school year) will be required to pay a tuition fee for the 2022-23 school year. The fee for prekindergarten students will be determined annually but will not exceed $4,000 per child. Families whose income is at or below 75% of the state median income will not be required to pay tuition.

How many magnet schools may I select?
Applicants may choose up to five (5) magnet schools and rank them in order of preference.

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, Enfield, Glastonbury, Hartford, Manchester, New Britain, Rocky Hill, South Windsor, West Hartford, Wethersfield, and Windsor.

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 pages 30 and 31 for a sampling of some of the available themes and a description to help inform your choices.

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 34–83 indicate the placement priorities that apply to each school. Placement priorities increase your likelihood of placement if they apply to the magnet school you select as your first choice.

Read on for information about themes, alphabetical lists of the magnet schools, and magnet school 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 34–83 provide the theme for each school.

**Early College/College Prep**
Early College and College Preparatory themed schools focus on college and career readiness at graduation, using a college model environment and providing an early start on earning college credit.

**Early Childhood**
These magnet schools are for our youngest students and focus on developing a love of learning and creating a sense of wonder about the environment, culture, and our world.

**Character Education**
The Character Education theme focuses on educating the whole child and prepare students for success in middle school, high school, and beyond as citizens and contributing members of society.

**Computer Science and Engineering**
This theme offers opportunities in computer science and engineering for students to learn coding and design for websites, applications (apps), and game development – all important 21st century skills!

**International Baccalaureate (IB)**
The IB theme is geared toward the 21st century global environment by preparing students for college and beyond through rigorous academics, critical-thinking, and independence. IB uses the international baccalaureate learner profile to challenge students through global-minded academics to get them ready to participate in the 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.

**Social Justice**

With a focus on social justice, character education, and civic leadership, these schools promote social and individual responsibility, global understanding, community engagement, and student empowerment. Academics, field experiences, and leadership skills help students develop tenacity, accomplishment, courage, community wellness, and a commitment to justice.

**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.
## Interdistrict Magnet School Descriptions
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Find Your PK to Elementary Magnet School

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Bloomfield
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- Museum Academy

East Hartford
- Riverside Magnet School at Goodwin University

Glastonbury
- Glastonbury/East Hartford Magnet School

Hartford
- Betances Learning Lab Magnet School
- Betances STEM Magnet School
- Breakthrough Magnet School, North
- Breakthrough Magnet School, South
- Capital Preparatory Magnet School
- Environmental Sciences Magnet at Hooker School
- Hartford Prekindergarten Magnet School
- Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts
- Montessori Magnet at Batchelder School
- Montessori Magnet at Fisher School
- Montessori Magnet School (CREC)
- STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School
- Webster Micro Society Magnet School

Rocky Hill
- Academy of Aerospace and Engineering Elementary

South Windsor
- Academy of International Studies Elementary School (Formerly International Magnet School for Global Citizenship)

West Hartford
- University of Hartford Magnet School

Wethersfield
- Discovery Academy
What is unique about Aerospace Elementary?
Academy of Aerospace and Engineering Elementary School integrates the STEM-theme into students’ elementary experience to ignite curiosity, develop advanced problem-solving, and build confidence to explore. Science comes alive in state-of-the-art classrooms and the school’s brand-new facility through advanced technology and hands-on learning. Along with traditional core subjects, students develop an extraordinary foundational knowledge in the four parts of STEM literacy — science, technology, engineering, and mathematics — which they can grow through the Aerospace direct pathway all the way through 12th grade. Even at the elementary school level, the curriculum provides students with the skills to conduct investigations, gather and use information, and solve problems using scientific methods of thinking and technology as tools. Challenging students in this way at such a young age empowers them to build their knowledge and understanding of the world around them.

What activities are available to students?
Aerospace STEM Night: students and families work together to complete various aerospace challenges
Student Action Team: a collective group of students who live as change makers by contributing solutions in an ever-changing society
Parent Groups: create opportunities for a cross-connection between the family and school community

What are a few of Aerospace Elementary’s special features?
- Partnerships with Roaring Brook Nature Center, LEGO, The Children’s Museum, and local STEM companies
- School grounds reflect the heart and soul of the school community, including a butterfly garden supported by National Wildlife Federation (NWF) and the Connecticut Forest and Park Association (CFPA)
- A hands-on, STEM-based curriculum that ignites curiosity, promotes exploration, and fosters scientific thinking

Does Aerospace Elementary provide before and after school care?
Before and after school care is available for a fee, which may vary based on program hours:
- Before school care fee: $126.20 per month
- After school care fee: $243.40 per month

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Academy of Aerospace and Engineering Elementary is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
- Applying as a Rocky Hill Resident
- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member

Continuing the Magnet Experience!
Students enrolled at Aerospace Elementary may receive a pathway priority when applying to the following schools:
Academy of Aerospace & Engineering 6 to 12
Academy of Computer Science and Engineering 6 to 12
Academy of International Studies 6 to 12
Academy of Science and Innovation 6 to 12
Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Magnet Middle

Direct Pathway
Academy of Aerospace and Engineering Elementary 5th grade students have a direct pathway option to attend 6th grade at Academy of Aerospace and Engineering 6 to 12. To be considered for this direct pathway placement, you must submit an on-time 2022-23 RSCO online application with Academy of Aerospace and Engineering 6 to 12 as your first choice.
What is unique about International Elementary?
Academy of International Studies Elementary School (International Elementary) develops smart, independent, globally minded citizens at the very beginning of their education. Recognized as a Magnet School of Excellence, International Elementary provides the highly acclaimed International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP) to deepen academic development and develop global citizens who take action for a better, more peaceful world. Through the IB PYP program starting at prekindergarten, students perform academically at the highest level and become global citizens who appreciate diversity to ready students for success in the 21st century world.

How does an IB Programme Education Benefit young students?
An IB education offers high quality, challenging educational programs for students starting at age 3 that encourages personal development and academic achievement. It challenges students to think critically, to ask the right questions, and to make connections across subject areas. As an internationally recognized Programme, IB prepares elementary school students for the challenges of middle school, high school and beyond in the best way possible and connects students and families to a global network.

International Elementary offers a unique and engaging classroom learning experience.
As an accredited IB World School, IMS offers a student-centered approach to education that nurtures and develops young students as caring, active participants in a lifelong journey of learning. Students are inspired to respond to obstacles 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.

What are a few of International Elementary’s special features?
- International Partnership with Doshisha International Academy in Kyoto, Japan
- Hartford Yard Goats Student Engagement Program
- After school enrichment program for K–5 students

What are some of International Elementary student clubs?
Gender & Sexuality Alliance (GSA) — PRIDE Club Student Action Team

Does International Elementary offer before and after school care?
Before and after school care is available for a fee, which may vary based on program hours.
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- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Applying from a Pathway School: Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School
- Hartford Resident PK4 students applying to kindergarten

Continuing the Magnet Experience!
Students enrolled in Academy of International Studies Elementary School may receive a priority when applying to the following schools:
- Academy of International Studies 6 to 12
- Academy of Aerospace and Engineering 6 to 12
- Academy of Computer Science & Engineering 6 to 12
- Academy of Science & Innovation 6 to 12
- Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Magnet Middle

Direct Pathway
International Elementary 5th grade students have a direct pathway option to attend 6th grade at Academy of International Studies 6 to 12. To be considered for this direct pathway placement, you must submit an on-time 2022-23 RSCO online application with Academy of International Studies 6 to 12 as your first choice.
What is unique about Ana Grace?
Ana Grace Academy of the Arts Elementary School (Ana Grace) provides a safe and caring education space for strong core academics and artistic expression, all in a new state-of-the-art facility geared to hands-on artistic opportunities taught by professional artists. Ana Grace provides students with all of the traditional core subjects while infusing arts into their daily experiences to discover and develop new passions and talents, which they can grow through the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts direct pathway all the way through 12th grade. Learning comes alive through specialized art-themed classes and collaborations with community partners like The Ana Grace Project, Hartford Stage, and Charter Oak Cultural Center. On top of strong core academics, students can explore vocal and instrumental music, visual arts, dance, theatre, creative writing, and more. Students succeed at Ana Grace because the exceptional group of educators that work there value students and put students’ educational, emotional and social progress as their number one priority!

What are some of Ana Grace’s special features?
Ana Grace’s live performances empower students to demonstrate their creativity and artistic growth. Students highlight their critical thinking skills, initiative, and discipline during their performances throughout the school year.

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• After school care fee: $243.40 per month

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Ana Grace Academy of the Arts Elementary School is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
• Applying as a Sibling
• Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member

Two great schools in one new, state-of-the-art building!
In the 2021–22 school year, Greater Hartford Academy of Arts Middle School is moving and joining Ana Grace Academy of the Arts Elementary School at its permanent location at 29 Griffin Road North, Bloomfield, CT 06002. Ana Grace Academy of the Arts 5th grade students will automatically remain enrolled in the new school location and do not need to complete a RSCO online application for the 2022-23 school year.

Continuing the Magnet Experience!
Students enrolled in Ana Grace Academy of the Arts Elementary School may receive a priority when applying to the following schools:
Academy of Aerospace and Engineering 6 to 12
Academy of Computer Science and Engineering 6 to 12
Academy of International Studies 6 to 12
Academy of Science and Innovation
What is unique about BLL?
Betances Learning Lab (BLL) Magnet School operates with the core belief that young children are highly capable learners and prepares students to be independent, innovative, and responsible members of an ever-changing global world. BLL focuses on early literacy achievement and exposes students to all genres of literature from prekindergarten through 4th grade. On top of the literacy-based focus, BLL provides integrated arts and hands-on STEM experiences to round out the curriculum. BLL’s dedicated teachers use research-based best practices to tailor the curriculum to individual interests and learning styles to ensure every student is learning and achieving to their greatest potential. Warm and engaging classrooms gives students the opportunity to learn from each other during small, multi-age group activities and build long-lasting friendships.

How does BLL use community partnerships to enhance the learning environment?
Betances Learning Lab collaborates with community partners, including the Hartford Public Library, Connecticut Science Center, Wadsworth Museum, Read to a Child Program and the Bushnell to provide rich integrated arts and STEM experiences. This commitment creates an inclusive, inviting learning community characterized by kindness and respect, and supports the academic and personal excellence for every student.

What are a few of BLL’s special features?
- Hands-on STEM-based learning through Project Lead the Way
- Partnership with the Connecticut Science Center
- Arts integration through Hartford Performs
- Small class sizes
- Little Kids Rock, chorus and band are part of the unified arts curriculum
- 45-minute enrichment time block with band, chorus, DRILL, boys dance group, and drumming

What clubs and activities are available to students?
Girls Scouts, book club, full band, chorus, bucket drumming, dance, drill teams

Does BLL provide before and after school care?
Before School Care is available. Fees may vary
After School Care is available. Fees may vary

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Betances Learning Lab Magnet School is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.

- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Lives in Hartford Residential Zone 4
- Lives in Hartford Residential Neighborhood
- Applying from a Pathway School:
  - Hartford PreKindergarten Magnet School PK4 students applying to kindergarten
  - Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School Hartford Resident Pre-K4 students applying to kindergarten

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What is unique about B-STEM?
We are Betances STEM (B STEM) Magnet School, home of the Nerdy Birds! Our students, staff, and families are "Not Afraid to Be Smart", and it shows! B-STEM is a 5th through 8th grade middle school that incorporates traditional core subjects with an advanced academic focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) to expose students to 21st century skills that enable them to be confident and effective problem-solvers and critical-thinkers.

What is the learning experience like at B-STEM?
As a STEM-themed school, STEM is incorporated into all classes and content areas to deepen the understanding of science and technology across disciplines. B-STEM students are leaders in the classroom who seamlessly connect challenging concepts to real-world ideas through hands-on, experiential learning, observation and analysis, investigation and scientific inquiry, mathematical calculation, and engineering design. At B-STEM, students are Safe, Positive, Respectful, and Ready to Learn.

How does B STEM get students college and career ready?
Betances STEM has robust partnerships with the CT Science Center, Barnes and Noble, UConn Health Center and Nutmeg Big Brothers/Big Sisters to create connections for college and opportunities for internships and mentoring.

What sports and athletics (interscholastic) can students participate in?
Track, flag football, soccer, basketball, cross country, volleyball

What clubs and activities are available to students?
Dungeons and Dragons, steAm Art, graphic design, dissection, yearbook, student council, Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA)

What are a few of B-STEM’s exceptional academic features?
• Unique STEM Pilot Flight Simulators where students artificially recreate an aircraft’s flight for pilot training and design
• Engineering classes that offer students the opportunity to design and construct models in co-op groups
• Class virtual reality (CR) headsets and curriculum engage students in digitally immersive environments including dissection and virtual field trips
• STEM Plus classes, LEGO® robotics, and coding enhance the traditional curriculum
• Students gain extensive laboratory experiences using contemporary technologies for scientific inquiry, mathematical calculation and engineering design
• All teachers are certified Level 1 Google Educators, ensuring that Google Apps for Education are embedded into daily instruction to maximize students’ experiences with technology.
• All students have science class every day

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Continuing the Magnet Experience!
Betances STEM Magnet School 8th grade students have a direct pathway option to attend 9th grade at Pathways Academy of Technology and Design. To be considered for this direct pathway placement, you must submit an on-time 2022-23 RSCO online application with Pathways Academy of Technology and Design as your first choice.

Direct Pathway
Betances Learning Lab 4th grade students have a direct pathway option to attend 5th grade at Betances STEM Magnet School. To be considered for this direct pathway placement, you must submit an on-time 2022-23 RSCO online application with Betances STEM Magnet School as your first choice.

Does B-STEM provide before and after school care?
After school care is available at the South End Boys and Girls Club. Fees may vary.

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Betances STEM Magnet School is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
• Applying as a Sibling
• Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
• Lives in Hartford Residential Zone 4
• Lives in Hartford Residential Neighborhood
• Applying from a Direct Pathway School: Betances Learning Lab Magnet School
What is unique about Breakthrough North?
Breakthrough North is an award-winning elementary magnet school, recognized by Magnet Schools of America as a Merit School of Excellence in 2019 and 2020. On top of strong academics, Breakthrough North focuses on developing students as models of outstanding character through the school’s unique character education theme. Working in small classes to maximize one-on-one attention and individualized instruction, Breakthrough North educates the whole child to prepare students for success in middle school, high school, and beyond as citizens and contributing members of society. Beyond the strong character education theme, the curriculum integrates a significant STEAM-focus (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) to engage students in Next Generation Science Standards and ready them for 21st century challenges. Students have the opportunity to use technology daily in the classroom with one to one student to device ratio.

What is Breakthrough North’s family engagement like?
Families and teachers work together to support academic success. Family participation is key to student success, including attending school assemblies, serving as members of our school governance council, volunteering in classrooms, serving as members of our PTO, attending school events and parent training, or chaperoning a field trip. Families can support student learning by reinforcing our character expectations at home by building independence and responsibility in students. Families are offered a parenting course throughout the year.

How is Breakthrough North a part of the community?
Breakthrough North provides students with service and learning opportunities through our community partnerships with the Hartford Garden Advisory, the Joan Dauber Food Bank, the Bushnell, Hartford Performs, the Hartford, Hands on Hartford, YMCA, Junior Achievement, Keney Park Sustainability Project, and Salmon River Project. We have a garden on site that students support in harvesting crops and working collaboratively to prepare healthy meals.

What are some of the activities available to students and parents?
Breakthrough North features weekly community meetings, courses for parents on our Character Curriculum, gardening and cooking, instrument, band and Steel Pan music programs, as well as safety patrol. 3rd–5th graders have an opportunity to serve on our student council. Parents can also participate in PTO, SGC, and a 2nd Cup of Coffee each week.

What are a few of Breakthrough North’s special features?
- Multipurpose room with a rock climbing wall, an enclosed playscape and daily dining in the classrooms! There is also an outdoor classroom space and school garden.
- The school community gathers for weekly community meetings in which students and classes have the opportunity to showcase learning aligned with our character theme.

What are a few of Breakthrough North’s academic awards and recognitions?
Magnet Schools of America Merit School of Excellence: 2019, 2020; Magnet Schools of America Merit School of Distinction: 2016, 2018; NAEYC Accreditation

Does Breakthrough North provide before and after school care?
Before and after school care is available through the YMCA. Registration fees may vary based on family program needs.

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Breakthrough Magnet School, North is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Lives in Hartford Residential Zone 1
- Lives in Hartford Residential Neighborhood
- Applying from a Pathway School: Hartford PreKindergarten Magnet School Pre-K4 students applying to Kindergarten

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**What’s unique about Breakthrough South?**

Recognized as a Magnet School of Excellence, Breakthrough Magnet School, South (Breakthrough South) is a global school for students ready to learn and build character! On top of strong academics, Breakthrough South focuses on developing students as models of outstanding character through the school’s unique character education theme. Students learn the importance of integrity and have opportunities to engage in service to others, in our school, home, community and beyond. Strong academics prepare students for high school and college and a rich selection of enrichment programming during the school day builds on students’ talents, interests and learning styles. The curriculum integrates a significant STEM-focus (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) to engage students in Next Generation Science Standards and ready them for 21st century challenges. Breakthrough South seeks to educate the whole child, which includes building academic knowledge, as well as communication and social skills, for every student through small classes and one-on-one attention.

**What are some of the clubs and activities available to students and parents?**

- Schoolwide Mindfulness & Restorative Practices
- Field trips
- Partnerships with Hartford Performs & Food Corps
- Enrichment programs within the regular school day including robotics, gardening & cooking (Grades K-8)
- Student Council for grades K-8
- Morning running club for grades 3-8
- Instrumental lessons & band for grades 5-8
- Community service opportunities (6-8)
- Sports and cheer squad (6-8)
- Rock band and chorus (6-8)
- Overnight trips (6-8)

**What are some of the intramural sports available to middle school grades (6 to 8)?**

Girls’ volleyball, boys’ soccer, co-ed basketball, cheerleading.

**What are a few of Breakthrough South’s academic awards and recognitions?**

- Magnet School of Excellence 2019, 2020
- Magnet School of Distinction 2016, 2018
- National School of Character 2017
- #1 Magnet School in the USA 2015

**Does Breakthrough South provide before and after school care?**

Before and after school care is available. Fees may vary.

**Which priorities are used in the placement process?**

Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Breakthrough Magnet School, South is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.

- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Lives in Hartford Residential Zone 3
- Lives in Hartford Residential Neighborhood
- Applying from a Pathway School: Hartford PreKindergarten Magnet School Pre-K4 students applying to kindergarten
What is unique about Capital Prep?
Capital Preparatory Magnet School (Capital Prep) aspires to create a community of lifelong learners who will be assets to their community working toward social justice. Capital Prep is a year-round program, with a school year that begins in July and ends in May to maximize continuity of learning and educational development. Through academic and social justice initiatives, Capital Prep students discover their passions and fulfill their social, academic and civic responsibilities by developing skills necessary to become agents of change. Students realize their immense potential with talented and engaging teachers and an energetic and diverse peer group.

What are some of the clubs available to students?
• Enrichment clubs are available during the school day — quilting, baseball, soccer, yoga, Spanish, 50 States
• Hartford Performs provide elementary programming for grades PK-5

How does Capital Prep prepare students for their college and career?
• Offers students in the high school the opportunity to take college classes at nearby Capital Community College
• 100% of graduating seniors accepted into colleges and universities
• Performing Arts partnership with Hartford Performs

What are a few of Capital Prep’s special features and successes?
• Capital Prep has six state championships in athletics
• Full-day PK3, PK4, and kindergarten
• Offers Gifted & Talented curriculum in PK3–Grade 5 program
• Magnet Schools of America National Award of Merit Distinction 2016
• NAEYC Accredited

Does Capital Prep provide before and after school care?
After school care is available. Fees may vary.

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Capital Preparatory Magnet School is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
• Applying as an Applicant Sibling, including Twins/Multiples
• Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
• Applying as a Child of a Capital Community College Staff Member
• Lives in Hartford Residential Zone 2
• Lives in Hartford Residential Neighborhood
• Applying from a Pathway School:
  — Hartford PreKindergarten Magnet School Pre-K4 students applying to kindergarten
  — Montessori Magnet at Fisher School 8th grade students applying to 9th Grade

Capital Preparatory Magnet School aspires to create a community of lifelong learners who will be assets to their community by working towards social justice.

Go to page 66 to learn more about our middle/high school grade levels.
What is unique about Discovery Academy?
Discovery Academy challenges students with high-quality, hands-on learning experiences centered around the STEM theme to develop lifelong learners, encourage exploration, and inspire a deep understanding of the world. Along with traditional core subjects, students develop an extraordinary foundational knowledge in the four parts of STEM literacy — science, technology, engineering, and mathematics — and develop the skills to conduct investigations, gather and use information, and solve problems using scientific methods of thinking and technology as tools. Working with community partners, students engage in additional science experiences and field studies that deepen the connection to the school theme and the real world. Students become critical thinkers and strong problem solvers equipped with the skills necessary for middle school, high school and beyond.

STEM learning at Discovery is both indoor and outdoor.
Every week, students attend a unique Design Lab class specializing in coding, robotics, and engineering the design process.

On the school’s campus, nature trails, planting beds, and rooftop garden areas bring learning to life!

What are a few of Discovery Academy’s special features?
Extended learning opportunities through the Invention Convention, UConn Engineering Ambassadors, and connections with STEM professionals; butterfly garden

What are some of the school activities at Discovery?
STEM Night, Literacy Night, student/staff basketball, Invention Convention, Career Day, and Taste of Discovery

What are a few of Discovery Academy’s academic awards and recognitions?
- Three-time Magnet Schools of America Merit School of Distinction Excellence in Elementary School Science Teaching Award
- Top CREC and CT writing awards for multiple years
- State finalists in CT Invention Convention
- STEM Achievement Award
- Human Rights CEA Award

Does Discovery Academy provide before and after school care?
Before and after school care is available for a fee, which may vary based on program hours.
- Before school care fee: $126.20 per month
- After school care fee: $243.40 per month

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Discovery Academy is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
- Applying as a Wethersfield Resident
- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member

Continuing the Magnet Experience!
Students enrolled in Discovery Academy may receive a priority when applying to the following schools:
Academy of Science and Innovation 6 to 12
Academy of Aerospace & Engineering 6 to 12
Academy of Computer Science & Engineering Middle (formerly Two Rivers Magnet Middle School)
Academy of International Studies 6 to 12 (formerly Metropolitan Learning Center)
Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Magnet Middle

Direct Pathway
Discovery 5th grade students have a direct pathway option to attend 6th grade at Academy of Science and Innovation 6 to 12. To be considered for this direct pathway placement, you must submit an on-time 2022-23 RSCO online application Academy of Science and Innovation 6 to 12 as your first choice.
What is unique about Environmental Sciences?
A Magnet School of Excellence, Environmental Sciences Magnet School at Mary Hooker (ESM) embraces 21st century learning through advanced technology, minds-on problem solving, and theme-based instruction focused on environmental sciences to challenge students and prepare them for high school and beyond. ESM provides a rigorous curriculum in all core subject areas and infuses the environmental sciences theme across the various disciplines to fuel students’ passions and deepen their ability to investigate, explore, problem-solve and engage in critical thinking. The award-winning program provides a rich elementary and middle school experience that prepares students to excel in all subject areas through small class sizes, hands-on learning, effective instruction, and a passionate, dedicated faculty.

How do students learn about Environmental Sciences?
The building and campus provide many different ecosystems and labs that brings learning to life! Students work with a resident marine scientist and horticulturalist, exploring local living organisms from plants to butterflies. 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.

What are a few of Environmental Sciences special learning features?
- Lego™ Engineering Lab
- A 1500-square-foot vivarium where students explore natural history and plant, soil, and animal biology
- Environmental science enrichment
- Indoor aquatics lab ad Eco-Pond Interactive science theatre
- Community garden
- Nature trail

How do service learning projects play a role in student learning?
All students participate in service learning projects that provide hands-on field experiences, and are linked to our environmental sciences theme and community-based partnerships. Students work side by side with CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), Trinity College, the Farmington Watershed Council, and other community organizations. These opportunities connect learning to the real world and inspire civic mindedness.

What clubs, sports and activities are available to ESM students?
Weekly enrichment groups that meet for 8 weeks, community service, cross-country, photography, environmental action team, forensics, journalism, robotics club

Does ESM provide before and after school care?
Before and after school care is available. Fees may vary.

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Environmental Sciences Magnet at Hooker School is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Lives in Hartford Residential Zone 3
- Lives in Hartford Residential Neighborhood
- Applying from a Pathway School:
  - Hartford PreKindergarten Magnet School Pre-K4 students applying to kindergarten
  - Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School Hartford Resident Pre-K 4 students applying to kindergarten

Continuing the Magnet Experience!
Students enrolled in 8th grade at Environmental Sciences Magnet at Hooker School may receive a priority when applying to the following schools:
- Great Path Academy at MCC
- Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts
- Pathways Academy of Technology and Design
- University High School of Science and Engineering
What is unique about GEHMS?
Glastonbury-East Hartford Magnet School (GEHMS) inspires students to lead their learning through exploring, questioning, and sharing ideas. GEHMS challenges students in their youngest years through an enriching core curriculum, infusing the STEM theme across all subjects to prepare students for the demands of the 21st century technological world. Students learn to think beyond their immediate environment through hands-on learning and unique educational opportunities, such as studying Mandarin Chinese beginning in prekindergarten. The GEHMS Science Lab and Planetarium provide an incredible “hands-on” learning environment for young children that builds upon their natural curiosity and brings learning to life!

Outdoor learning is a key part of GEHMS’s curriculum
Outdoor field studies are an important part of the GEHMS science curriculum as students work as scientists to answer questions about the world around them. Students investigate life and seasonal changes in their schoolyard, local pond, river, and ocean environments. As young scientists, students learn to investigate, gather information, and use critical thinking to drive their problem-solving.

Students enjoy an out-of-this world experience!
The school’s planetarium will immerse your child in stunning visualizations in a unique learning environment.

STEM connections enhance student learning
Partnerships with Hamilton Sunstrand, Connecticut Invention Convention, New England Air Museum, and the National Sea Grant Program enhance the curriculum, and encourage students to explore the world around them, the universe, and beyond.

What clubs and activities are available to students at GEHMS?
STEM night, Literacy night, Invention Convention, Kids Lit Quiz, Kid Governor Changemakers, Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA)

What are some of GEHMS’s special features?
• Hands-on learning experiences to explore science, global studies, and technology
• Mandarin Chinese language study
• Community partners to enhance the curriculum

GEHMS is recognized for its high-quality program
State finalists in Invention Convention, Audubon Society Grant Recipient 2019, Kid Governor finalist, Green Leaf School

Does GEHMS provide before and after school care?
The school operates a before and after school program to provide quality childcare beyond the normal school day.
• Before school care fee: $126.20 per month, fee may vary based on program hours
• After school care fee: $243.40 per month, fee may vary based on program hours

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Glastonbury/East Hartford Magnet School is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
• Applying as a Sibling
• Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
• Applying From a Pathway School: Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School Hartford Resident Pre-K4 students applying to Kindergarten

Continuing the Magnet Experience!
Students enrolled in 5th grade at Glastonbury/East Hartford Magnet School may receive a priority when applying to the following schools:
Academy of Aerospace and Engineering 6 to 12
Academy of Computer Science and Engineering (formerly Two Rivers Magnet Middle School)
Academy of International Studies 6 to 12 (formerly Metropolitan Learning Center)
Academy of Science and Innovation 6 to 12
Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Magnet Middle
What is unique about Hartford Pre-K?
Preschool years are so important to a child’s social and academic development. Hartford Pre-Kindergarten Magnet School (HPKM) understands that and provides the perfect learning environment to encourage curious, confident and engaged lifelong learners through the enhanced focus on art, math, science, literacy and technology as a STREAM-themed school. Through creative play and hands-on activities, students learn about the world around them and demonstrate the ability to observe, question, conduct investigations, make predictions, draw conclusions, and communicate findings. The curriculum supports an exciting language-rich environment to develop vocabulary in both first and second languages for bilingual development in our youngest learners.

What are the benefits of Hartford Pre-K?
The nurturing and rich academic and social environment at Hartford Pre-K allows students to develop strong social and academic skills for a smooth transition into kindergarten. 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 – all critical skills in young learners.

What are a few of Hartford Pre-K’s special features?
- Instruction provided in a language-rich environment based upon STREAM curriculum
- Community partnership with Hartford Performs provides students with inspirational experiences in the arts
- LEGO Lab experiences provides hands-on learning and creative play opportunities
- State-of-the-art technology – iPads and SMART Boards richen classroom instruction, enhance learning and provide children with daily, hands-on, inquiry-based learning activities

After school care information
After School Care is available at each campus through the Wilson Gray YMCA, fees may vary.

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Hartford PreKindergarten Magnet School is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member

Hartford PreKindergarten Magnet School has two locations. Families who receive a placement offer will receive notification of their location assignment from the Hartford Public School District.

Continuing the Magnet Experience!
Pre-K4 students enrolled in Hartford PreKindergarten Magnet School may receive a priority when applying to Kindergarten at the following schools:
- Betances Learning Lab
- Breakthrough Magnet School, North
- Breakthrough Magnet School, South
- Capital Preparatory Magnet School
- Environmental Sciences Magnet at Hooker School
- Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts
- Montessori Magnet at Batchelder School
- Montessori Magnet School at Fisher School
- STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School
- Webster Micro Society Magnet School
What’s unique about Kinsella?
Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts offers a prekindergarten through Grade 12 continuum education opportunity. Kinsella is not just a school — it’s a feeling! When walking through our school or attending one of our many performances, it is clear that the “feeling” is special. The performing arts theme makes academic content relevant and pertinent in the lives of our students.

What is the classroom experience like at Kinsella?
Our staff is ready and willing to provide all the facilities and opportunities for your child’s creative educational and performing arts growth. Students have the opportunity to play a musical instrument, create through stagecraft, and experiment with drama, dance and movement. These learning experiences encourage problem solving, critical-thinking skills, individual learning, and empower students to arrive at conclusions independently.

How do arts play a role in your education?
Creativity begins at Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts, where our students create because they love it and share it to bring joy to the entire community. Let Kinsella Magnet School be the vehicle making all of the arts relevant, pertinent, and fun for your child. The arts are a medium of exploration and inquiry and provide opportunities for learning, communication and creative expression.

What are some of Kinsella’s activities?
Students may participate in school enrichment activities such as sewing, drama, vocal dance and theater.

Does Kinsella provide before and after school care?
Before School and After School Care enrichment programs are available. Fees may vary.

What are some of Kinsella’s accomplishments?
Awarded as a School of Excellence and Distinction by Magnet Schools of America; 100% four-year graduate rate

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Lives in Hartford Residential Neighborhood
- Lives in Hartford Residential Zone 4 (applies to grades PK4 to 8)
- Applying from a Pathway School:
  - Pre-K 4 students at:
    » Hartford PreKindergarten Magnet School
  - Grade 5 students at:
    » Breakthrough Magnet School, North
  - Grade 6 students at:
    » Montessori Magnet at Batchelder
  - Grade 8 students at:
    » Breakthrough Magnet School, South
    » Environmental Sciences Magnet at Hooker School
    » STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School
    » Webster Micro Society Magnet School
What is unique about Montessori Magnet School at Batchelder?
Montessori Magnet at Batchelder School is Connecticut’s largest Public Montessori School. Our students emerge as independent, confident, compassionate, responsible participants and leaders of society.

What is the classroom experience like at Montessori Magnet School at Batchelder?
Montessori follows the highly successful educational methods of Dr. Maria Montessori. Classrooms are mixed-age groups serving specific developmental stages. Our state and Montessori certified educators guide students to learn at their own paces, exploring and discovering based on their interests through hands-on work.

What are the benefits of a Montessori education?
Montessori classrooms are peaceful, happy places designed to meet the developmental needs of each child in every stage of life. Communities of children support one another socially, emotionally and academically.

What are some of the activities available for students?
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.

What are a few of the school’s special features?
- Independent exploration and discovery using Montessori materials
- Integrated art, music, and physical education as a daily routine
- PK3 student start dates available from mid-to-late September, depending on readiness and allowing for individualized support as students transition to school
- Offers half-day programming for PK3

Does Montessori Magnet at Batchelder have before and after school care?
Before school care is available for $85 per month (fees may vary for siblings). After school care is available for $95 per month (fees may vary for siblings).

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Montessori Magnet at Batchelder School is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Lives in Hartford Residential Zone 3
- Lives in Hartford Residential Neighborhood
- Applying From a Pathway School: Hartford PreKindergarten Magnet School Pre-K4 students applying to kindergarten

Continuing the Magnet Experience!
Students enrolled in 6th grade at Montessori Magnet at Batchelder School may receive a priority when applying to the following schools:
- Classical Magnet School
- Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy
- Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts
- Montessori Magnet at Fisher School

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What is unique about Montessori Magnet at Fisher School?
Montessori Magnet at Fisher School is a PK3 to grade 8 school that celebrates the fact that every child learns differently, and through experimental hands-on work, children can have the ability to develop concentration, motivation, persistence, and discipline. Recognized as a Magnet School of Excellence in 2020 and awarded the highest level of recognition by the Association Montessori International, the school uses the acclaimed Montessori Method, based on the highly successful theories of Dr. Maria Montessori, Italy’s first female physician, who believed that children learn best by doing.

What are the benefits of a Montessori Education?
Montessori materials encourage exploration of five major areas: Practical Life, Sensorial Experience, Math, Language and Culture. Students learn in multi-age classrooms where children at various stages of development learn from and with each other. 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.

What is the learning experience like?
A child’s inherent love of learning is encouraged by giving them the opportunities to engage in spontaneous, meaningful activities. Students work collaboratively in small groups throughout the day on interdisciplinary projects. Indoor and outdoor learning settings of all levels of Montessori education creates an ideal educational environment.

What are some of the school’s special features?
- Offers half-day PK3 and full-day PK4 programming
- 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
- Indoor/outdoor learning

A few of the school’s accomplishments:
- Awarded “recognition” status by the Association Montessori International (AMI) — highest level of recognition
- Magnet Schools of America Magnet School of Excellence 2020

Does Montessori Magnet at Fisher provide before and after school care?
Before and after school care is available. Fees may vary.

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Montessori Magnet at Fisher School is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Lives in Hartford Residential Zone 1
- Lives in Hartford Residential Neighborhood
- Applying from a Pathway School:
  - Hartford PreKindergarten Magnet School Pre-K4 students applying to Kindergarten
  - Montessori Magnet at Batchelder School 6th grade students applying to 7th grade
  - Montessori Magnet School (CREC) 5th grade students applying to 6th grade and 6th grade students applying to 7th grade
What is unique about Montessori Magnet School?
Montessori Magnet School’s unique approach to learning pairs individual challenge with nurturing support. Each classroom has a unique spirit, but all classes are grounded in the belief that students thrive in intentional spaces with materials that ignite a passion to learn. Hands-on learning connects challenging concepts and promotes curiosity and lifelong learners. Montessori Magnet School fosters a supportive and inclusive community, and uses the Montessori student-centered approach to empower students to learn with and from each other, embrace diversity, and develop life-long habits of confidence, persistence, and critical thinking. Montessori students are prepared for the challenges of middle school and high school academics and have the confidence to tackle the most advanced and rigorous educational programs.

What are the benefits of a Montessori Education?
A Montessori education fosters curiosity and a passion for learning! The five essential Montessori practices provide the foundation for the learning environment and student success. These practices include: (1) mixed-age grouping, which fosters independence, cooperation, and discovery; (2) large blocks of uninterrupted time for self-directed work; (3) an environment that allows for maximum freedom of movement and choice; (4) an overall emphasis on intrinsic motivation rather than rewards or punishments; and (5) prepared staff who are skilled at observation, preparing an environment, and interacting with children in positive, respectful ways.

What are a few of Montessori Magnet School’s special features?
- 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.
- Partnerships with local farms and community organizations

What clubs and activities are available to students?
Invention Convention History Day, Girl Scouts

What are a few of Montessori Magnet School’s awards and academic achievements?
- History Day Regional Winner 2019
- 2nd Place National Winners History Day
- Recognition from Association Montessori Internationale as the first public Montessori school in Connecticut

Does Montessori Magnet School provide Before and After School Care?
Before and after school care is available for a fee, which may vary based on program hours.
- Before School Care: $126.20 per month
- After School Care: $243.40 per month (available for grades PK4 to 6)

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Montessori Magnet School (CREC) is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Lives in a Hartford Residential Neighborhood
What is unique about Museum Academy?
Museum Academy provides a comprehensive and challenging museum-inspired learning environment for students in pre-kindergarten through grade 5 that supports exploration and discovery, encourages creative expression, and fosters interactions between peers. By nurturing creativity and innovation, Museum Academy creates a supportive learning environment where every child is a masterpiece!

What is the classroom experience like at Museum Academy?
Classroom and school-wide projects transform the school into a living museum. Students act as guides during triannual exhibits and create artifacts that demonstrate and enhance their knowledge and understanding of content. Teachers and students participate in Visual Thinking Strategies, a museum method of observation and dialogue around formal pieces of art that develops higher-level language and thinking skills.

What clubs and activities are available to students?
- Invention Convention
- Running Club
- Safety Patrol (Grades 4 and 5 only)

Museum Academy emphasizes extracurricular experiences through in-class activities and Whisker’s Workshop Clubs.

Museum Academy regards the development and implementation of extracurricular activities and clubs as a positive and meaningful contribution to lives of our students. Students in Prek through 1st grade participate in a classroom based activity led by their classroom teacher or support staff. Students in grade 2 through 5 may participate in the following workshops once a week during the school day:
- The Jewelry Making Workshop (grades 3-5)
- Silly Science Workshop and Makerspace Workshop (grades 3-5)
- Fitness Workshop (2-3)
- Yoga Workshop (grades 2-5)
- Fitness Ball Drumming Workshop (grades 4-5)
- Step-Team Workshop (grades 3-5)
- Scrap Booking and Card Making Workshop (grades 2-5)
- Photography Workshop (grades 4-5)
- Sports Workshop (grades 3-5)
- Field Games Workshop (grades 2-4)
- Garage Band Workshop (grades 4-5)
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- Improv Workshop (grades 4-5)
- Cooking Workshop (grades 3-5)
- Pretty Brown Girls Workshop (grades 3-5)

What are some of Museum’s Special Features?
- Arts-integrated core curriculum
- A series of Exhibition Nights where students become teachers and present their learning
- Partnerships with museums to enhance the curriculum

What are a few of Museum’s exceptional Academic Features?
- 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

Does Museum provide before and after school care?
Before and after school care is available for a fee which may vary based on program hours.
- Before school care fee: $126.20 per month
- After school care fee: $243.40 per month

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Museum Academy is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
What is unique about Reggio?
Reggio Magnet School of the Arts empowers students to learn through exploration and discovery in an environment that ignites creativity and fosters collaboration. Recognized as a Magnet School of Excellence, Reggio embraces the Reggio Emilia theme to encourage students to control the direction of their learning and their day-to-day activities.

What is the classroom experience like at Reggio?
An arts-integrated, project-based education develops reading, math, and science skills. Students experience learning in a variety of ways that inspire high levels of creativity, critical thinking, and collaborative problem solving. Photographs, artwork, and stories decorate the classrooms displaying the student progress and creativity.

How do families engage at Reggio?
The Reggio approach also invites parental support and input in shaping the school community. Parents are viewed as the child’s “first teacher,” and family experiences are shared and celebrated in the classroom.

What are a few of Reggio’s special features?
• Fosters student learning through exploration and discovery
• Integrates the arts into all learning
• Offers world language for all students

What are a few of Reggio exceptional achievements?
• 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

Does Reggio provide before and after school care?
Before and after school care is available for a fee, which may vary based on program hours.
• Before school care fee: $126.20 per month
• After school care fee: $243.40 per month

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Reggio Magnet School of the Arts is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
• Applying as a Sibling
• Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member

Continuing the Magnet Experience!
Students enrolled in 5th grade at Reggio Magnet School of the Arts may receive a priority when applying to the following schools:

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

“Inspired by the Italian Reggio Emilia philosophy, the curriculum is designed to respect a child’s point of view and encourage students to control the direction of their learning. Talented educators pair high challenge with loving support as they guide students through individualized academic programs.”

– Josephine Di Pietro Smith, Principal, Reggio Magnet School of the Arts
What is unique about RMS?
Riverside Magnet School (RMS) is an elementary magnet school serving young scholars from prekindergarten (PK) through grade 5. The world-renowned Reggio Emilia approach empowers students to reach their full potential as independent, critical thinkers through self-directed learning, inquiry, and collaborative problem-solving.

What is the classroom experience like at RMS?
RMS offers their diverse scholars hands-on, project-based learning opportunities that focus on building content knowledge, as well as literacy, numeracy, and social-emotional skills. Nature and open spaces welcome children as they learn using state-of-the-art learning technology that engages scholars through all five senses and provides endless opportunities to express themselves. At RMS, your child will be able to start a limitless educational journey.

The importance of family engagement!
RMS is an inclusive magnet school proud to offer parents access to learning resources and culturally safe spaces allowing for meaningful connections with other families. Many of our parents have joined our Parent Book Clubs, Riverside Community Councils, and volunteer initiatives.

What are a few of the special features?
• Full-day NAEYC accredited Pre-kindergarten (PK)
• Orchestra for students in PK – Grade 5
• Enrichment programs available before and after school, as well as during the summer

Does RMS provide Before and After School Care?
RMS offers before and after school enrichment programs and the fees vary by program.

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Riverside Magnet School at Goodwin University is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
• Applying as a Sibling
• Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
• Applying as a Child of the Goodwin University Staff Member
• Applying as a Child of a Goodwin University Student
• Applying From a Pathway School: Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School Hartford Resident Pre-K4 students applying to Kindergarten

“I didn’t know much about the Reggio Emilia approach before I toured RMS, but now I am so thankful that my children have been immersed in the Reggio culture. It fosters independence, self-guided learning, and self-reflection. This approach allows my children to learn the importance of asking questions and forming their own opinion. I am grateful that my children are receiving an excellent foundational education and learning to be inquisitive and innovative.”
— Laura, RMS Parent

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What is unique about STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School?

STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School is a very special learning community where students are valued, challenged and supported. Our curriculum utilizes a laser-like focus on mathematics, the sciences, Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Implementation, technology integration, inquiry, and problem-based learning through a comprehensive K-8 STEM program. STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School is a very dynamic place where all children can learn and grow!

What is the learning experience like at STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School?

Our school community provides a collaborative, rigorous, and positive learning environment in which staff, families, and community partners inspire and prepare students to achieve at high levels, to succeed in college and career, and to be leaders in the global economy.

In grade 6-8, students take Project Lead the Way’s Gateway to Technology, a pre-engineering program that supports students interested in engineering make the transition into high school and college engineering programs.

What are the benefits of a STEM Education?

Our unique STEM+ programming infuses science, technology, engineering and math through the curriculum to prepare students for the 21st century technological world. Our STEM+ program allows students to self-select courses that interest them within the STEM disciplines. Courses such as beginner Lego, Leo Wedo Robotics, Lego Mania, CPEP, Math Challenges, Student Governments, Leadership, Odyssey of the Mind, Solar Systems, Human Body, and more, enhance the learning experience and ignite students’ passions to investigate, explore, problem-solve, and think critically.

What are some of the school activities?

- Full-day kindergarten
- STEM EXPO participation, grades K-2, 5-8
- A science exploratory curriculum with exposure to engineering connections
- Invention Convention participation in grades 3 and 4
- Technology training will include the use of Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Google Sketch-Up, Probeware, Keyboarding, the use of iPods and iPads and various Presentation Software, etc.
- Extensive use of technology including lap-top computers, engineering software, CAD, iPads, iPads, Ipods, Google Sketch-up, Dimension 3D printer, and electronic presentations in all classes
- Boys/Girls basketball

What are some of the school’s special features?

- Engaging STEM-related field trips
- STEM-oriented 8th Grade Capstone Project
- Accelerated math course offerings for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders

Does STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School provide before and after school care?

Before and after school care are available. Fees may vary.

Which priorities are used in the placement process?

Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.

- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Lives in Hartford Residential Zone 1
- Lives in Hartford Residential Neighborhood
- Applying From a Pathway School: Hartford PreKindergarten Magnet School Pre-K4 students applying to kindergarten

Continuing the Magnet Experience!

Students enrolled in 8th grade STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School may receive a priority when applying to the following schools:

- Great Path Academy at MCC
- Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts
- Pathways Academy of Technology and Design
- University High School of Science and Engineering

Direct Pathway

STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School 8th grade students have a direct pathway option to attend 9th grade at University High School of Science and Engineering. To be considered for this direct pathway placement, you must submit an on-time 2022-23 RSCO online application to University High School of Science and Engineering as your first choice.
What is unique about University?
University of Hartford Magnet School (University) is a diverse learning community that seeks to develop each child’s full potential. The school boasts a unique curriculum inspired by Dr. Howard Gardner’s Theory of Multiple Intelligences. This approach encourages students to explore their learning through the eight intelligences: bodily-kinesthetic; interpersonal; intrapersonal; linguistic; logical-mathematical; musical; naturalistic; and visual-spatial.

What is the classroom experience like at University?
Students become active participants in their learning by becoming aware of how they learn best and using this awareness to set goals and achieve them. Carefully crafted lessons maximize each student’s potential and celebrates differences in how people learn. In partnership with the University of Hartford, students have access to enhanced college-sponsored learning opportunities in reading, science, music, and the arts, as well as a mentorship program with student-athletes.

What are a few of University special features?
- Close partnership with University of Hartford School of Education and HARTT School
- Outdoor Classrooms
- Family Wellness Center with licensed clinic and parent support program

What are a few of University’s exceptional awards and achievements?
- 2018 National Blue Ribbon School
- NAEYC-accredited Pre-K program
- CT Green Leaf School

What are some of the clubs and activities available to students?
- Friday Family Meeting (all-school) Pride Club
- Student Leadership Team Participation in Kid Governor Instrumental Lessons (during school)
- After School Band & Strings Program, taught by University of Hartford music education students
- Afterschool Dance Program, taught by University of Hartford dance students

Does University provide before and after school care?
Before and after school care is available for a fee, which may vary based on program hours.
- Before school care fee: $126.20 per month
- After school care fee: $243.40 per month

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and University of Hartford Magnet School is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Lives in Hartford Residential Neighborhood
What is unique about Webster MicroSociety Magnet School?
Webster MicroSociety Magnet School, recognized for its high-quality programming as a School of Distinction by Magnet Schools of America, is a community of active learners who are accepted and safe to learn and flourish in a microsociety of the real world. We embrace the MicroSociety theme and pride ourselves in its integration of mathematics, writing, science, and social studies while weaving it throughout our academic day. 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.

What is the learning experience like at Webster MicroSociety Magnet School?
Our teachers work to create voice and choice in our classrooms to help create relevance for the work in school as it connects to the larger society. We encourage students to be productive and responsible citizens within our learning community. Students are employed in ventures where each classroom is a small business and with teacher support, create the model, develop the business elements, work to earn money and then share their products with other students. Our students are given a voice and choice through the student government that is active in decision-making and plans school-wide events.

What are a few of Webster’s exceptional academic features?
- Instrumental music, chorus, performing and visual arts programs with local artists
- Unified Arts classes include music, art, physical education, media sciences, and science
- Offering Mandarin Chinese for students starting in preschool
- Reading tutors for students in grade K–3 to ensure reading readiness
- Magnet Schools of America School of Distinction 2020
- MicroSociety Four-Star Award 2019

What clubs and activities are available to students?
- Instrumental music and vocal music
- Afterschool programs: art and yoga for lower elementary grades

What types of interscholastic and intramural sports are available to students?
- Interscholastic middle school boys basketball and girls volleyball, grades 4–8.
- Intramural: Basketball (grades 4 and 5), Dodgeball (grades 7 and 8), Volleyball (grades 7 and 8) and Cheerleading (grades K–5).

Does Webster MicroSociety provide Before and After School Care?
Before and after care is available and options vary by partial (3 day) or full-week (5 day) participation. After school care is also available on half days. Financial assistance is available, contact the school for more information.

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Webster MicroSociety Magnet School is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Lives in Hartford Residential Zone 1
- Lives in Hartford Residential Neighborhood
- Applying From a Pathway School:
- Hartford PreKindergarten Magnet School Pre-K 4 students applying to Kindergarten
- Magnet Schools of America School of Distinction 2020
- MicroSociety Four-Star Award 2019

Continuing the Magnet Experience!
Students enrolled in 8th grade at Webster MicroSociety Magnet School may receive a priority when applying to the following schools:
- Classical Magnet School
- Great Path Academy at MCC
- Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts
- Pathways Academy of Technology and Design
- Sports and Medical Sciences Academy
- University High School of Science and Engineering

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What is unique about Wintonbury?
Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School (Wintonbury) is a pre-kindergarten school that develops the character of young children and a sense of wonder about their environment, culture, and the world. Wintonbury’s high-qualified staff of educators provide a caring, school community for students to learn, explore and prepare for elementary school.

What is the classroom experience like at Wintonbury?
Wintonbury’s classroom teachers engage children with meaning play and follow their learning development. Every classroom has a science and discovery area for students to explore and learn! Wintonbury has a variety of outdoor areas for students to interact, learn, and have fun! The school community learns together throughout the school year planting in the greenhouse and the courtyard gardens.

Wintonbury students visit a local farm!
The ongoing connections between agriculture and learning is one of the many reasons why Wintonbury has a partnership with the 4-H Education Center at Auer Farm, an educational resource center located in Bloomfield. Each class visits the farm multiple times during the school year. Families are encourage to volunteer as chaperones for class trips to the farm.

Family engagement and involvement
Strong family involvement is a school goal! Wintonbury welcomes and encourages families to volunteer in their child’s classroom, within in the school, and/or during PTO events such as literacy night, fundraisers or the Scholastic Book Fair.

Before and After School Extension Program
Wintonbury students may participate in before school, after school or before and after school extension programs for a fee.
- Before school program: $210 per week
- After school program: $310 per week
- Both after and before school care program $425 per week

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Lives in Avon, Bloomfield, East Granby, Granby, Hartford, Simsbury, and West Hartford
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- Connecticut River Academy at Goodwin University
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- Academy of Computer Science and Engineering (Formerly Civic Leadership High School)

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Manchester
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New Britain
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- Academy of Aerospace and Innovation
What is unique about Aerospace?

Academy of Aerospace and Engineering readies middle and high school students for the evolving technological world and the challenges of college and the workplace by offering students the unique opportunity to explore 21st century subjects like aerospace, engineering, biomedicine, advanced mathematics, and computer science within the STEM-driven theme even before they get to college. Aerospace teaches students to love to learn by using a hands-on approach to learning that makes learning meaningful, accessible and exciting for students. Aerospace empowers all students to take ownership of their learning and think critically so they can develop the skills and confidence to succeed in the demanding and ever-changing global world.

How does Aerospace get students college and career ready?

The school’s rigorous, high-quality program comes alive through mentoring programs with local engineers and medical companies, career symposiums with STEM companies, internship programs, and classroom instruction led by industry professionals. Aerospace also offers Advanced Placement and Early College Experience classes.

What sports and athletics (interscholastic) are available to students?

- **Middle School:** cross country, boys soccer, girls soccer, girls volleyball, boys basketball, girls basketball, indoor track, baseball, softball, track and field
- **High School:** cross country, boys soccer, girls soccer, girls volleyball, football, boys basketball, girls basketball, indoor track, baseball, softball, track and field

What are a few of Aerospace’s exceptional academic features?

- Specialized courses in aeronautics, medicine, computer science, robotics, drone construction and more STEM concentrations in Aerospace Engineering, Design, Manufacturing & Maker Arts, Biological and Life Sciences, and Computer Science
- 97.9% four-year graduate rate

Which priorities are used in the placement process?

Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Academy of Aerospace and Engineering is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.

- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Applying from a Direct Pathway School: Academy of Aerospace & Engineering Elementary
- Applying from a Pathway School:

5th grade students enrolled at:

- Academy of Aerospace and Engineering Elementary School
- Academy of International Studies Elementary School (formerly International Magnet School for Global Citizenship)
- Ana Grace Academy of the Arts Elementary School
- Discovery Academy
- Glastonbury-East Hartford Magnet School
- Montessori Magnet School (CREC)
- Museum Academy
- Reggio Magnet School of the Arts
- University of Hartford Magnet School

“At Aerospace, we strive to create a school community that embodies our core values: We Expect Excellence, We Demand Equity, We Act with Courage, and We Embrace Collaboration.”

— Adam Johnson, Principal

Direct Pathway

Academy of Aerospace and Engineering Elementary 5th grade students have a direct pathway option to attend 6th grade at Academy of Aerospace and Engineering. To be considered for this direct pathway placement, you must submit an on-time 2022-23 RSCO online application with Academy of Aerospace and Engineering as your first choice.
What’s unique about Academy of Computer Science and Engineering?
Academy of Computer Science and Engineering provides a unique early college environment that combines leadership with computer science and technology to create 21st century thinkers and inspire tomorrow’s leaders through academic excellence, service, and duty. Students will engage in engineering practices like computational thinking and designing solutions to become producers and problem solvers in the field of computing technology. A culture of civic engagement and service adds to the school’s core emphasis to develop civic-minded leaders through fifty plus hours of community service from the school’s semi-annual Public Service Days. These hands-on experiences provide students the opportunity to make a positive impact in their community and build their skill set to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

What is the classroom experience like at Academy of Computer Science and Engineering?
Academy of Computer Science & Engineering is committed to integrating coding into the curriculum while developing the characteristics of our students as leaders, innovators, problem-solvers, and critical thinkers. As students delve into coding and design they will enhance skills to be applied to website, application, and game development.

How does Academy of Computer Science and Engineering get students college and career ready?
Students also gain exposure to a wealth of opportunities and careers in the computer science and engineering industry. The rigorous, college preparatory curriculum prepares students to attend the college of their choice, while specific training and education prepares students to meet the unique requirements of rewarding public service professions.

Students have the opportunity to participate in service learning, job shadowing, and internship opportunities, earn up to 40 college credits through partnership with Asnuntuck Community College and UConn, and earn public safety certifications through the American Heart Association, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH).

What are some clubs offered during the school day?
Students may select from a variety of clubs, including FoodEz, Gaming, Poetry, CT Center For Non- Violence, PRISM, Weight Training, Culture Club and many more.

What are some student leadership opportunities?
LINK Crew, Yearbook Club, National Honor Society, and Student Senate

What type of athletics are available?
Football, volleyball, girls soccer, boys soccer, co-ed cross country, girls basketball, boys basketball, co-ed indoor track, baseball, softball, co-ed track and field

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Academy of Aerospace and Engineering is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.

- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Lives in Enfield Residential Neighborhood
- Applying from a Direct Pathway School: Academy of Computer Science and Engineering Middle

Direct Pathway
Academy of Computer Science and Engineering Middle 8th grade students have a direct pathway option to attend 9th grade at Academy of Computer Science and Engineering High School. To be considered for this direct pathway placement, you must submit an on-time 2022-23 RSCO online application with Academy of Computer Science and Engineering High School as your first choice.
What is unique about Academy of Computer Science and Engineering?
Academy of Computer Science and Engineering Middle School will start your child on a path to success in high school and beyond. Through a direct pathway with Academy of Computer Science and Engineering High School, students can continue to challenge themselves in cutting-edge technology-based classes as a follow-on to middle school and gain a competitive edge in college applications! Recognized as a School of Excellence by Magnet Schools of America and a Green Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education, Academy of Computer Science and Engineering Middle will continue to lead the way for student success through hands-on, project-based learning that aligns with the 21st century technological world. Partnerships with Amazon and Marketspace ready students for the real-world!

What is the classroom experience like at Academy of Computer Science and Engineering?
Academy of Computer Science & Engineering is committed to integrating coding into the curriculum while developing the characteristics of our students as innovators, problem-solvers, and critical thinkers. As students delve into coding and design, they will enhance skills to be applied to website, application, and game development.

Students will engage in engineering practices like computational thinking and designing solutions to become producers and problem solvers in the field of computing technology. Students also gain exposure to a wealth of opportunities and careers in the computer science and engineering industry

What sports and athletics (interscholastic) can students participate in?
Soccer, cross country basketball, indoor and outdoor track volleyball, baseball, and softball

What clubs and activities are available to students?
Clubs can vary based on student interest.

Here is a sampling of a few of our clubs: Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), Roblox, Latin dance, cheer, step, art club, hydroponics, cooking club, walking club, movie club, Diversi-tea Club

What are a few of Academy of Computer Science and Engineering’s exceptional special features?
- Amazon partner
- Makerspace
- Project-based learning
- Specially trained teachers for science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics studies
- Students discover the ‘how’ and ‘why’ behind the creative processes
- High School Academy programs offer opportunities to participate in internships, job shadowing, career fairs, field trips, and extracurricular activities.

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Academy of Computer Science and Engineering Middle School is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Applying from a Pathway School

5th grade students enrolled at:
- Academy of Aerospace and Engineering Elementary School
- Academy of International Studies Elementary School
- Ana Grace Academy of the Arts
- Discovery Academy
- Glastonbury-East Hartford Magnet School
- Montessori Magnet School (CREC)
- Museum Academy
- Reggio Magnet School of the Arts
- University of Hartford Magnet School

Continuing the Magnet Experience!
Students enrolled in 8th grade at Academy of Computer Science and Engineering Middle School may receive a priority when applying to 9th grade at the following schools:
- Academy of Computer Science and Engineering 6 to 12
- Academy of International Studies 6 to 12 (formerly Metropolitan Learning Center)
- Academy of Science & Innovation 6 to 12
- Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts — Full Day

Direct Pathway
Academy of Computer Science & Engineering Middle School 8th grade students have a direct pathway option to attend 9th grade at Academy of Computer Science & Engineering. To be considered for this direct pathway placement, you must submit an on-time 2022-23 RSCO online application with Academy of Computer Science & Engineering as your first choice.
What is unique about International 6-12 School?
Academy of International Studies (International 6-12 School) is the only public school in Connecticut authorized to offer both the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme (grades 6-10) and Diploma Programme (grades 11-12). As an IB World School, International 6 to 12 School readies students for the rigors and challenges of college and affords them a competitive edge in applying to college and in the global market. As part of this highly-respected program, students experience the world outside of the classroom and connect to peers around the world through extensive international travel options, foreign student exchanges, and hosting international visitors. Beyond the extraordinary academic benefits of the IB program, International empowers the school community with responsibility as internationally minded citizens to help create a better, equitable, and more peaceful world.

What are the benefits of the IB theme?
The IB curriculum challenges outstanding students to drive their own learning, think critically and solve complex problems to ready themselves for the demands of college and the global world. The IB programme is a highly respected college prep program designed to develop globally aware learners who are confident in their abilities, who take responsibility for their learning and can work collaboratively with peers throughout the world.

The IB Diploma Programme at International 6 to 12 School prepares students to succeed in college and effectively participate in an increasingly global society.

The IBDP students earn grades ranging from 1 to 7, with 7 being the highest. Students receive individual weighted score for each exam and then combined to one final score for each course. The IB Diploma is awarded to students who earn at least 24 of the 45 possible points, subject to minimum levels of performance including successful completion of the three DP Core (EE, TOK and CAS).

What sports and athletics (interscholastic) can students participate in at International 6-12 School?
- Middle School: middle school cross country, boys soccer, girls soccer, girls volleyball, golf, boys basketball, girls basketball, indoor track, baseball, softball, track and field
- High School: cross country, boys soccer, girls soccer, girls volleyball, football, golf, boys basketball, girls basketball, indoor track, baseball, softball, track and field

What clubs and activities are available to students?
Student Leadership (peer mediators, mentors, tutors), Change Maker Challenge, student-led activities and clubs (school plays, panels, and Black History Month celebrations)

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Academy of International Studies is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Applying from a Direct Pathway School: Academy of International Studies Elementary
- Applying from a Pathway School:

5th grade students enrolled at:
- Academy of Aerospace and Engineering Elementary
- Ana Grace Academy of the Arts Elementary School
- Discovery Academy
- Glastonbury-East Hartford Magnet School
- Montessori Magnet School (CREC)
- Museum Academy
- Reggio Magnet School of the Arts
- University of Hartford Magnet School

8th grade students enrolled at:
- Academy of Computer Science and Engineering Middle (formerly Two Rivers Magnet Middle School)
An education where students are limited only by the height of their imagination!

Direct Pathway
Discovery Academy 5th grade students have a direct pathway option to attend 6th grade at Academy of Science and Innovation. To be considered for this direct pathway placement, you must submit an on-time 2022–23 RSCO online application Academy of Science and Innovation as your first choice.

What is unique about Innovation?
Academy of Science and Innovation (Innovation) is a STEM-themed, hands-on learning environment recognized for its high-quality programming as a Magnet School of Distinction. Using science and technology, Innovation focuses on empowering the next generation of problem-solvers and change-makers. The dynamic and high-quality curriculum ignites a passion for learning, unleashes talent, and inspires a culture of creativity to prepare students to become innovators, critical thinkers, and problem solvers. The STEM theme focuses on three 21st century technology areas — environmental engineering, biotechnology, and robotics & computer science — to ready students for the demands of college and the future technological world. Through the rigor of the curriculum and advanced technology internships with Microsoft, the Connecticut Science Center, Palmer Precisions, and the UConn Engineering Department, students gain the confidence to solve college-level open-ended, technology design problems and connect learning to the real-world.

How does Innovation get students College And Career Ready?
• World-class robotics program, ranked nationally and worldwide
• Real-world learning through community partnerships and internships with Microsoft, the Connecticut Science Center, Palmer Precisions, and the UConn Engineering Department
• Early College Experiences (ECE) through partnerships with Connecticut Central State University (CCSU) and the University of Connecticut (UConn)

What clubs and activities are available to students?
Gaming club, coding club, robotics, art, honor society, jazz band

What sports and athletics (interscholastic) can students participate in?
• Middle School: cross country, boys soccer, girls soccer, boys basketball, indoor track, baseball, softball, track and field
• High School: cross country, boys soccer, girls soccer, girls volleyball, boys basketball, girls basketball, indoor track, baseball softball, track and field

What are a few of Innovations exceptional academic features and school achievements?
• Prepares students to succeed in the areas of scientific research, engineering, and computer science.
• Boys’ High School Basketball Team Conference Champions three years in a row
• 2019–2020 CT Robotics State Champions (Freshman Team)
• 2019 Magnet School of Distinction
• 97.6% four-year graduate rate

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Academy of Science and Innovation is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
• Applying as a Sibling
• Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
• Applying from a Direct Pathway School: Discovery Academy
• Applying from a Pathway School

5th grade students enrolled at:
• Academy of Aerospace and Engineering Elementary
• Academy of International Studies Elementary (formerly International Magnet School for Global Citizenship)
• Ana Grace Academy of the Arts Elementary School
• Glastonbury-East Hartford Magnet School
• Montessori Magnet School (CREC)
• Museum Academy
• Reggio Magnet School of the Arts
• University of Hartford Magnet School

8th grade students enrolled at:
• Academy of Computer Science and Engineering Middle (formerly Two Rivers Magnet Middle School)
What is unique about B-STEM?
We are Betances STEM (B-STEM) Magnet School, home of the Nerdy Birds! Our students, staff, and families are "Not Afraid to Be Smart", and it shows! B-STEM is a 5th through 8th grade middle school that incorporates traditional core subjects with an advanced academic focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) to expose students to 21st century skills that enable them to be confident and effective problem solvers and critical thinkers.

What is the learning experience like at B-STEM?
As a STEM-themed school, STEM is incorporated into all classes and content areas to deepen the understanding of science and technology across disciplines. B-STEM students are leaders in the classroom who seamlessly connect challenging concepts to real-world ideas through hands-on, experiential learning, observation and analysis, investigation and scientific inquiry, mathematical calculation, and engineering design. At B-STEM, students are Safe, Positive, Respectful, and Ready to Learn.

How does B-STEM get students college and career ready?
Betances STEM has robust partnerships with the CT Science Center, Barnes and Noble, UConn Health Center and Nutmeg Big Brothers/Big Sister to create connections for college and opportunities for internships and mentoring.

What are a few of B-STEM’s exceptional academic features?
- Unique STEM Pilot Flight Simulators where students artificially recreate an aircraft’s flight for pilot training and design
- Engineering classes that offer students the opportunity to design and construct models in co-op groups
- Class virtual reality (CR) headsets and curriculum engage students in digitally immersive environments including dissection and virtual field trips
- STEM Plus classes, LEGO® robotics, and coding enhance the traditional curriculum
- Students gain extensive laboratory experiences using contemporary technologies for scientific inquiry, mathematical calculation and engineering design
- All teachers are certified Level 1 Google Educators, ensuring that Google Apps for Education are embedded into daily instruction to maximize students’ experiences with technology.
- All students have Science class every day

Does B-STEM provide before and after school care?
After school care is available at the South End Boys and Girls Club. Fees may vary.

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Betances STEM Magnet School is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Lives in Hartford Residential Zone 4
- Lives in Hartford Residential Neighborhood
- Applying from a Direct Pathway School: Betances Learning Lab Magnet School
What’s unique about Breakthrough South?
Recognized as a Magnet School of Excellence, Breakthrough Magnet School, South (Breakthrough South) is a global school for students ready to learn and build character! On top of strong academics, Breakthrough South focuses on developing students as models of outstanding character through the school’s unique character education theme. Students learn the importance of integrity and have opportunities to engage in service to others, in our school, home, community and beyond. Strong academics prepare students for high school and college and a rich-selection of enrichment programming during the school day builds on students’ talents, interests and learning styles. The curriculum integrates a significant STEM-focus (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) to engage students in Next Generation Science Standards and ready them for 21st century challenges. Breakthrough South seeks to educate the whole child, which includes building academic knowledge, as well as communication and social skills, for every student through small classes and one-on-one attention.

What are some of the clubs and activities available to students and parents?
- Schoolwide Mindfulness & Restorative Practices
- Field trips
- Partnerships with Hartford Performs & Food Corps
- Enrichment programs within the regular school day including robotics, gardening, and cooking (grades K-8)
- Student Council for grades K-8
- Morning running club for grades 3-8
- Instrumental lessons and band 5-8

Grades 6-8
- Community service opportunities
- Sports and cheer squad
- Rock band and chorus
- Overnight trips

What are some of the intramural sports available to middle school grades (6-8)?
Girls volleyball, boys soccer, co-ed basketball, cheerleading

What are a few of Breakthrough South’s academic awards and recognitions?
Magnet School of Excellence 2019, 2020; Magnet School of Distinction 2016, 2018; National School of Character 2017; #1 Magnet School in the USA 2015

Does Breakthrough South provide before and after school care?
Before and after school care is available. Fees may vary.

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Breakthrough Magnet School, South is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Lives in Hartford Residential Zone 3
- Lives in Hartford Residential Neighborhood
- Applying from a Pathway School: Hartford PreKindergarten Magnet School Pre-K4 students applying to kindergarten

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What is unique about Capital Prep?
Capital Preparatory Magnet School (Capital Prep) aspires to create a community of lifelong learners who will be assets to their community working toward social justice. Capital Prep is a year-round program, with a school year that begins in July and ends in May to maximize continuity of learning and educational development. Through academic and social justice initiatives, Capital Prep students discover their passions and fulfill their social, academic and civic responsibilities by developing skills necessary to become agents of change. Students realize their immense potential with talented and engaging teachers and an energetic and diverse peer group.

How does Capital Prep prepare students for their college and career?
• Offers students in the high school the opportunity to take college classes at nearby Capital Community College
• 100% of graduating seniors accepted into colleges and universities
• Performing Arts partnership with Hartford Performs

What clubs are available to students?
National Honor Society, Young Women Creating Change, Men’s Leadership Group, Gender & Sexuality Alliance, Student Government

What sports are available to students?
Football, baseball, girls soccer, girls volleyball, cheer, softball, boys and girls basketball, indoor track, outdoor track, lacrosse, golf, skiing and snowboarding

What are a few of Capital Prep’s special features and successes?
Capital Prep has six state championships in athletics; Magnet Schools of America National Award of Merit Distinction 2016; 97.7% four-year graduate rate

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Capital Preparatory Magnet School is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
• Applying as an Applicant Sibling, including Twins/Multiples
• Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
• Applying as a Child of a Capital Community College Staff Member
• Applying from a Pathway School: 8th grade students enrolled at Montessori Magnet at Fisher School
What is unique about Classical?
Classical Magnet School prepares students for acceptance into competitive colleges and universities by focusing extensively on a classic liberal arts curriculum and project-based learning, that teaches students to think independently and creatively, problem-solve, and communicate - skills that transfer to college and the real world and set our students apart.

What is the classroom experience like at Classical?
Classical Magnet School is rooted in the Paideia philosophy of education, which believes that human beings are primarily defined by their capacity and desire for learning. In addition to five core subjects (including Latin), students choose from electives in Theatre, Music, Visual Arts and Physical Education.

How does Classical prepare students for college and career?
Students master academics and demonstrate their ability to read and comprehend literature, write persuasively, think clearly, communicate effectively and solve problems. These skills will carry a child through a changing world more seamlessly than training for any particular career, and can be used in college and to explore any career interest later in life.

What clubs and activities are available to students?
- Integrated electives include technology, art, theater and music.
- Sports and athletics: Classical offers 16 varsity sports and various middle school sport opportunities including: soccer, cross country, volleyball, football, basketball, indoor track, swimming, outdoor track, tennis, baseball, softball, golf

What are Classical’s academic features?
- Students demonstrate a mastery of academics and participate actively in Paideia-based, coached project learning.
- 95.8% four-year graduate rate

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Classical Magnet School is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Applying from a Pathway School:
  - Breakthrough Magnet North 5th grade students applying to 6th grade
  - Montessori Magnet at Batchelder 6th grade students applying to 7th grade
  - Montessori Magnet at Fisher School 8th grade students applying to 9th grade
  - Renzulli Gifted & Talented Academy 8th grade students applying to 9th grade
  - Webster Micro Society Magnet School 8th grade students applying to 9th grade

“We learn not for school but for life.”
What is unique about CIBA?
The Connecticut IB Academy (CIBA) is an award-winning school, recognized as the #1 High School in Connecticut by U.S. News and World Report in 2020, that prepares students for competitive opportunities in college. As an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) World School®, CIBA provides an internationally recognized educational model that focuses on depth, breadth and developing learners as independent, internationally minded thinkers and problem solvers.

What are the Benefits of the IB theme?
The IB programme is a highly respected college prep program that exceeds traditional academic boundaries and extends far beyond the classroom. Students learn to think broadly and beyond the boundaries of their communities to see themselves as members of a global society. While the IB emphasizes international mindedness, it is not an international studies program, but rather a rich and rigorous academic program that encourages learners to connect their knowledge to the world around them, whether in the sciences, mathematics or humanities.

How does CIBA get students college and career ready?
The IB curriculum gives students a competitive advantage in applying to and succeeding in college. The world’s leading higher education institutions hold the IB programmes with a high level of respect and recognition. Students graduate from CIBA with the potential for advanced course standing in college, college course credit, scholarships, and other admissions-related benefits as part of application to college.

What are a few of CIBA’s awards and academic achievements?
2021: U.S News and World Report: #1 in Hartford, CT Metro Area High Schools; Niche: #3 of 230 Most Diverse Public High School in CT; Niche: #20 of 199 Best College Prep Public High Schools; Great Schools College Success Award; Great Schools College Success Award – Gold; 100% four-year graduation rate

2020: U.S News and World Report: #1 High School in Connecticut and #1 Hartford, CT Metro Area High Schools; Niche: #11 Most Diverse Public High School in CT; Great Schools College Success Award; 100% four-year graduation rate

What are a few of CIBA’s exceptional academic features?
- Ability to obtain the prestigious IB Diploma in addition to a high school diploma
- Opportunity to study with international students as well as participate in international field study and exchange programs

What sports and athletics (interscholastic) can students participate in at CIBA?
CIBA students participate in a wide array of fall, winter, and spring competitive sports through East Hartford High School: badminton (girls), baseball, basketball (boys & girls), cheerleading (boys & girls), cross country (boys & girls), football, indoor track, golf, soccer (boys & girls), softball, swimming (boys), swimming & diving (girls), tennis (boys & girls), track, volleyball (girls & boys), and wrestling.

What clubs and activities are available to students?
The following is a sampling of the clubs and activities available to CIBA students. Students can also propose clubs for the following school year if they obtain a staff advisor and student interest.

Yearbook Club, Peer Tutoring, National Honors Society (NHS), Future Problem Solvers (FPS), Student Advisory Board (SAB), Interact, Chinese Club, Poetry Club, Human Rights Debate and Action, Gay Straight Alliance (GSA), Judo, Aikido, Karaoke, College Essay Club, National Chinese Honor Society, Biomedical Club, The Gift of Giving Back (TGGB) and CIBA for Social Justice

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Connecticut IB Academy is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.

- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Lives in: Coventry, Ellington, Hartford, Manchester, Region 8 (Andover, Hebron, Marlborough), Tolland, Vernon
- Applying from a Pathway School: Breakthrough Magnet, South and East Hartford Sunset Ridge Middle School

“I am going to college overseas at Tsinghua University in China. Without a doubt, I can say that my four years at CIBA has taught me so much about myself and about how I can succeed in college. One thing that CIBA taught me was to be more organized and more prepared for unexpected deadlines for my college classes.” — Celina Jiang, Class of 2017
What is unique about CTRA?
Connecticut River Academy at Goodwin University (CTRA) is a NEASC accredited award-winning magnet school, recognized for its high-quality and innovative programming by Magnet Schools of America in 2021 with the Magnet School of Merit-Award of Excellence. As an Early College-themed school, students prepare for the rigors and challenges of college through college-level and advanced classes and can earn more than 30 tuition-free college credits in high school as a jump start on college. CTRA takes learning beyond the classroom through internships with high-tech companies and connects classroom work with the real world. CTRA offers 21st century subject pathways, including Innovative Technology and Creative Design in middle school, and Environmental Science and Advanced Manufacturing in high school. Awareness, Diversity, and Action are the foundation of CTRA’s core values and beliefs and shape how CTRA realizes its mission to empower scholars to break down barriers while acquiring the competencies for future success within a transformative school system.

How does CTRA get students college and career ready?
- Beginning in grade 9, students have the opportunities to earn over 30 tuition-free, transferable college credits while still attending CTRA.
- Advanced Placement (AP) classes available to students in grades 10 to 12, in the areas of humanities, sciences, and math.
- Internship programs with a variety of high-tech local corporations, providing real-world experience in the advanced science and technology industries.

What are a few of CTRA’s special features?
- Grades 6 to 8: Focus on themes of Innovative Technology and Creative Design to prepare students for high school, college, and careers of the future.
- Grades 9-12: Hands-on, 21st century learning in Environmental Science and Advanced Manufacturing and Environmental.
- A schoolwide commitment to restorative practices, and culturally relevant curriculum.

What clubs are available to students?
Student Council, National Honor Society, Black Student Union, Student Activists, Green Team/Envirotion, Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA)

What after-school activities are available to students?
Middle School (6 to 8): Academic (math and literacy) enrichment, art, dance, a variety of pickup games such as Frisbee and flag football.
High School (9 to 12): Recreation activities such as basketball and volleyball; other activities based on student interests like cross-country, flag football, soccer, and more.

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Connecticut River Academy at Goodwin University is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Applying as a Child of a Goodwin University Staff Member
- Applying as a Child of a Goodwin University Student
- Applying from a Direct Pathway School: Riverside Magnet School at Goodwin University

Direct Pathway
Riverside Magnet School at Goodwin University 5th grade students have a direct pathway option to attend 6th grade at Connecticut River Academy at Goodwin University. To be considered for this direct pathway placement, you must submit an on-time 2022-23 RSCO online application with Connecticut River Academy at Goodwin University as your first choice.
What is unique about Environmental Sciences?
Recognized as a Magnet School of Excellence, Environmental Sciences Magnet School at Mary Hooker (ESM) embraces 21st century learning through the use of advanced technology, minds-on problem solving, and theme based instruction focused on environmental sciences to challenge students and prepare them for high school and beyond. Environmental Sciences Magnet School provides a rigorous curriculum in all core subject areas and infuses the environmental sciences theme across the various disciplines to fuel students’ passions and deepen their ability to investigate, explore, problem-solve and engage in critical thinking. The award-winning program provides a rich elementary and middle school experience that prepares students to excel in all subject areas through small class sizes, hands-on learning, effective instruction, and a passionate, dedicated faculty.

How do students learn about Environmental Sciences?
The building and campus provide many different eco-systems and labs that brings learning to life! Students work side-by-side with a resident marine scientist and horticulturalist, exploring local living organisms from plants to butterflies. 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.

What are a few of Environmental Sciences special learning features?
• Lego™ Engineering Lab
• A 1500-square-foot vivarium where students explore natural history, plant, soil and animal biology
• Environmental science enrichment
• Indoor aquatics lab ad Eco-Pond provide an interactive learning experience
• Interactive science theatre
• Community garden
• Nature trail

How do service learning projects play a role in student learning?
At ESM, all students participate in service learning projects that provide hands-on field experiences, and are linked to our environmental sciences theme and community-based partnerships. Students work side by side with Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), Trinity College, the Farmington Watershed Council, and many other community organizations. These opportunities connect learning to the real world and inspire civic-mindedness.

What clubs, sports and activities are available to Environmental Sciences students?
Weekly self-selected, interest-based enrichment groups that meet for 8 weeks community service, cross-country, photography, environmental action team, forensics, journalism, robotics club

Before and After School Care Information
Before and after school care is available. Fees may vary.

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Environmental Sciences Magnet at Hooker School is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
• Applying as a Sibling
• Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
• Lives in Hartford Residential Zone 3
• Lives in Hartford Residential Neighborhood
• Applying From a Pathway School: Hartford PreKindergarten Magnet School Pre-K4 students applying to Kindergarten
What is unique about GEMS?
At Global Experience Magnet School, the world — and all of its language and cultural diversity — is the classroom. Warmly referred to as “GEMS” by the school community, GEMS affords students a private school experience through uniquely small class sizes and a customized education to ensure every student reaches their maximum academic and social potential. Students have the opportunity to immerse themselves in different languages and travel the globe to connect the classroom to the world around them. GEMS begins college preparation as early as 6th grade to ready students to excel in college and the fast-paced, global economy. Students interested in traveling the world, an individualized and challenging curriculum, and personal attention — GEMS is the school for you!

How does GEMS get students college and career ready?
Starting as early as 10th grade, students can earn up to 27 college credits, tuition-free Advanced classes, and access to diverse languages

What are a few of GEMS’s exceptional Academic Features?
• Private school class size in a public school setting
• Small class size, approximately 15:1 student to teacher ratio, provides a challenging and customized education
• Unique instruction focused on developing each student as a responsible, civic-minded, global citizen
• Second language offerings in Mandarin Chinese, French, and Spanish
• At least one international travel experience to Asia, Africa, Central America, or Europe

How does GEMS give back to the community?
GEMS seeks to empower students to create positive change in the world around them. From community volunteer days to partnering with Habitat for Humanity and other local, national and international charities and organizations, GEMS staff provides opportunities for students to explore their passions and make a difference.

What Clubs and Activities are available to students?
National Honor Society/National Junior Honor Society, GEMS Society (Honor Society), Student Government Association, Hiking/Ski Club, GSA (Gender Sexuality Alliance), Dungeons & Dragons (virtual cosplay), Social Activism Club, Chess Club, Yearbook Club, Environmental Club, Theatre Club

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants with one or more of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Global Experience Magnet School is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
• Applying as a Sibling
• Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member

We make the world our classroom.
“The reason I chose GEMS was because, one, it’s a small and diverse school, but also the staff here is very attentive to their students”
— Ja’Den, student
What is unique about Great Path Academy?
Great Path Academy, located on the campus of Manchester Community College, offers a middle college high school model that encourages college-ready high school students by immersing them into the college community, as well as to provide access to college coursework and up to 30 tuition-free college credits.

What is the learning experience like at Great Path Academy?
The middle college high schools are part of a nationally growing trend to establish high schools on college campuses. Great Path Academy provides an innovative learning environment that supports students from diverse backgrounds in developing the values, self-discipline, work habits, academic and life skills needed to achieve success in college and beyond.

How does Great Path Academy prepare students for college and career?
• Personalized learning community, with real-world application and college readiness
• Full immersion in the college campus allows for a unique educational and social experience
• Earn up to 30 tuition-free college credits while taking advantage of the resources the college has to offer
• Articulated courses aligned with the college course standards offer additional opportunities to earn college credit within high school classes

What are some of the clubs and activities?
Over 15 club options that occur during the day, including Art Club, Drama, Film, Gaming Club, GSA, Jazz Band, and Student Council.

What are some special features does Great Path Academy offer to students?
• Great Path Academy offers a rigorous academic curriculum.
• Classes include articulated courses, honors-level courses, and college prep courses.
• Great Path Academy is a 1 to 1 device school that has state of the art computer
• Science labs that provide students with various opportunities for innovate projects.

A few of the school’s accomplishments:
• U.S. News and World Report Best High Schools, 2020
• Magnet School of Excellence, 2018
• U.S. News and World Report Best High Schools, 2017

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Great Path Academy at MCC is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
• Applying as a Sibling
• Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
• Applying as a Child of a Manchester Community College Staff Member
• Applying from a Pathway School:
  — Breakthrough Magnet School, South
  — Environmental Sciences Magnet at Hooker School
  — Renzulli Gifted & Talented Academy
  — STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School
  — Webster Micro Society Magnet School

“We look forward to collaborating with you as we help your child strengthen their academic, social, and emotional skills so they can meet their full potential for college and career success.”
— Dr. Jessica Fitzgerald, Principal
What is unique about Arts High—Full Day?
Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts High School – Full Day is an arts-focused magnet school, rated the “Best Magnet School” four years in a row in Hartford Magazine, Best of Hartford. By integrating traditional academics with an arts focus, students prepare for the rigor and challenges of college and professional life through a high-quality core curriculum while fueling their passions through their own artistic path – taught by seasoned and respected professional artists. Students learn in a unique educational environment equipped with film and recording studios, dance studios, music practice rooms, actor spaces, and dance studios to grow their artistic talents. GHAA values diversity of expression and fully supports students through personalized attention to ensure all students perform at the highest standards.

What is the classroom experience like at Arts High—Full Day?
Throughout the school day, student learning infuses with professional artistic training. Students choose from a variety of specialized courses taught by professional artists, including Music, Dance, Media Production, Creative Writing, Graphic Design, and Theater. Through the celebration and study of artists from all backgrounds, the design of the classes brings out the full creative voice of each student.

How does Arts High—Full Day get students college and career ready?
Students have the opportunity to present media projects and written works, as well as participate in exhibitions for graphic design and movement. The majority of graduates continue their artistic journeys in college and professional careers in the arts.

What are a few of Arts High—Full Day clubs?
GSA Club, Student Voices (school government) Saturday Academy, BMales, CT Nonviolence

What are a few of Arts High—Full Day exceptional academic features?
• Arts-infused Project-Based Learning instructional model
• Pre-professional artistic training provided by professional artists
• Unique learning environment with film and recording studios, dance studios, music practice rooms, actor spaces, and dance studios

What are a few of Arts High—Full Day awards and academic achievements?
• Best of Hartford “Best Magnet School” four consecutive years
• Students have won Wallace Stevens Poetry Competition for eight consecutive years Faculty featured in Hartford Fringe Festival, Hartbeat Ensemble, and in local mural projects
• 94.6% four-year graduation rate

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Greater Hartford Academy of Arts High School—Full Day is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.

• Applying as a Sibling
• Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
• Applying from a Direct Pathway School: Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Middle School
• Applying from a Pathway School:
  — Academy of Computer Science and Engineering Middle School (formerly Two Rivers Magnet Middle School)
  — Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts High School—Half Day
What is unique about Arts High—Half Day?
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. Students attend their district high school for core academic classes in the morning and then join practicing artist professionals in the afternoon.

What is the learning experience like at Arts High—Half Day?
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 and career paths.

Full-Time High School Information: Hartford residents that are interested in applying to Arts High School—Half Day must enroll at Bulkeley High School for their academic classes in order to enroll in this half-day program.

Non-Hartford residents that are interested in applying to Arts High School—Half Day program 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 Arts High School—Half Day.

What are a few of the school activities?
- 6x6: Six Plays in Six Days Choreographers’ Showcase
- Visual arts department exhibitions Senior Visual Arts Exhibition Chamber Music Concert Series Jazz Band
- Jazz choir Chamber orchestra
- Student-directed plays Movement rep

What are some of the school’s special features?
- Pre-college and pre-professional training in dance, music, musical theater, theater, theater design and production, and visual arts
- Access to multiple performance and rehearsal spaces
- Robust performance season for students to apply class work to showcase their training
- All classes taught by practicing artist-instructors who are recipients of many prestigious arts awards

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Greater Hartford Academy of Arts High School—Half Day is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Applying from a Pathway School:
  - Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts High School — Full Day
  - Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Middle
What is unique about Arts Middle?
Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Middle School (Arts Middle) provides a safe and caring education space for rigorous academics and artistic expression, all in a new state-of-the-art facility geared to hands-on artistic opportunities taught by professional artists. Students prepare for high school and college through a high-quality and challenging core curriculum tailored to their individual needs that integrates an art-themed focus to grow artistic abilities and promote individual interests. The arts curriculum exposes students to every aspect of the arts from dance to digital arts, film making, instrumental music, theater, musical theater, creative writing, coal music and visual arts. Students succeed at Arts Middle because the exceptional group of educators that work there value students and put students’ educational, emotional and social progress as their number one priority!

What is the classroom experience like at Arts Middle?
Students choose from a variety of specialized courses taught by professional artists, including acting, dance, digital media, film making, instrumental and vocal music, musical theater, technical theater, and the visual arts. All students have the option to participate in a variety of specialty classes within these disciplines, which change and rotate throughout the year.

What are a few of Arts Middle’s exceptional special features?
• Over an hour of art instruction daily with professional artists
• A daily College Preparatory block, individualized to allow focused time for support, intervention, enrichment, and extension, ensuring individual student success
• Three (3) major performances per year, as well as several smaller performance opportunities through classwork
• The school fosters a culture of caring and commitment to equity by challenging students to address world problems and become engaged, informed citizens
• Staff and faculty love working with children and encourage students to achieve their personal best

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Greater Hartford Academy of Arts Middle School is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
• Applying as a Sibling
• Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
• Applying from a Pathway School: — 5th grade students enrolled at:
  » Academy of Aerospace & Engineering Elementary School
  » Academy of International Studies Elementary School (formerly International Magnet School for Global Citizenship)
  » Discovery Academy
  » Glastonbury-East Hartford Magnet School
  » Montessori Magnet School (CREC)
  » Museum Academy
  » Reggio Magnet School of the Arts
  » University of Hartford Magnet School

Two great schools in one new, state-of-the-art building!
In the 2021-22 school year, Greater Hartford Academy of Arts Middle School is moving and joining Ana Grace Academy of the Arts Elementary School at its permanent location at 29 Griffin Road North, Bloomfield, CT 06002. Ana Grace Academy of the Arts 5th grade students will automatically remain enrolled in the new school location and do not need to complete a RSCO on-line application for the 2022-23 school year.

Direct Pathway
Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Magnet Middle 6th grade students have a direct pathway option to attend 9th grade to either Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts High School—Full Day. To be considered for this direct pathway placement, you must submit an on-time 2022-23 RSCO online application either the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts High School—Full Day as your first choice school.
What is unique about HMTCA?
Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy (HMTCA) is proud to offer an Early College program with a focus on the Arts and Sciences, providing students with a high-quality academics and a rich selection of courses and enrichment programs in music, theater, visual arts, dance, computer science, engineering and advanced mathematics to prepare students for the challenges of college by immersing them in a college-ready environment in high school. 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 to prepare students for high school while exploring their interests in arts and sciences.

What is the classroom experience like at HMTCA?
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 “TrinPrep” program provides opportunities for students to engage in enrichment and club activities, as well as, access to support and extra help sessions.

How does HMTCA prepare students for college and career?
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 Advanced Placement (AP) Courses and college credit through Trinity College, UConn Early College Experience (ECE), and Capital Community College.

Does HMTCA provide before and after school care?
Before and after school care are available. Fees may vary.

What clubs and activities are available to students?
Anime Club, Bee Keeping Club, Black Student Union, Botany Club, Chess Club, Debate Club, Drama Club, Everything in Between, Girl’s Club, Girls who code, JROTC, Mock Trial, Model UN, National Honor Society, National Jr. Honor Society, Pep Band, Video Game Club, Yearbook

What sports and athletics (interscholastic) can students participate in?
Middle school sports: soccer, swimming, girl’s volleyball, cross country, outdoor track, basketball, baseball, softball, cheerleading (club)
High school (part of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference [CIAC], All Varsity sports): soccer, football, swimming, girls’ volleyball, indoor track, outdoor track, cross country, tennis, basketball, baseball, softball, golf, cheerleading, crew

What are some additional academic offerings?
- Mandarin, virtual high school and lifeguard training
- Our exceptional performing arts program includes marching and pep band, orchestra, chorus, jazz band, theater and dance.

Placement Priorities
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Applying as a Child of a Trinity College Staff Member
- Applying from a Pathway School:
  - Breakthrough Magnet School, North 5th grade students applying to 6th grade
  - Montessori Magnet School (CREC) 5th grade students applying to 6th grade, 6th grade students applying to 7th grade
  - Montessori Magnet at Batchelder 6th grade students applying to 7th grade
What’s unique about Kinsella?
Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts offers a prekindergarten through Grade 12 continuum education opportunity. Kinsella is not just a school—it’s a feeling! When walking through our school or attending one of our many performances, it is clear that the “feeling” is special. The performing arts theme makes academic content relevant and pertinent in the lives of our students.

What is the classroom experience like at Kinsella?
Our staff is ready and willing to provide all the facilities and opportunities for your child’s creative educational and performing arts growth. Students have the opportunity to play a musical instrument, create through stagecraft, and experiment with drama, dance and movement. These learning experiences encourage problem solving, critical-thinking skills, individual learning, and empower students to arrive at conclusions independently.

How do arts play a role in your education?
Creativity begins at Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts, where our students create because they love it and share it to bring joy to the entire community. Let Kinsella Magnet School be the vehicle- making all of the arts relevant, pertinent, and fun for your child. The arts are a medium of exploration and inquiry and provide opportunities for learning, communication and creative expression.

What are some of Kinsella’s activities?
Students may participate in school enrichment activities such as sewing, drama, vocal, dance, and theater.

What are some of Kinsella’s accomplishments?
- Awarded as a School of Excellence and Distinction by Magnet Schools of America
- 100 % four-year graduate rate

Which sports and athletics are available?
Fall sports: boys soccer, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, football, cheerleading
Winter sports: boys basketball, girls basketball, boys and girls indoor track, cheerleading
Spring sports: softball, baseball, boys and girls outdoor track, boys and girls tennis

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Applying from a Pathway School:
  - 6th grade students at: Montessori Magnet at Batchelder
  - 8th grade students at: Breakthrough Magnet School, South
  - Environmental Sciences Magnet at Hooker School
  - STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School
  - Webster Micro Society Magnet School

‘As a parent, Kinsella Magnet school for Performing Arts was one of the best decisions I have made for my son who is 22 now. My son graduated in 2016 and Kinsella Magnet School is more than just the arts. It instilled confidence and fueled his imagination as well as having an open mind!’
– Parent from Class of 2016

Performances:
Theatrical, Dance, and Vocal!

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Continuing the Magnet Experience!

Students enrolled in 8th grade at Montessori Magnet at Fisher School may receive a priority when applying to the following schools:

- Capital Preparatory Magnet School
- Classical Magnet School
- Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts
- Sports and Medical Sciences Academy
- University High School of Science and Engineering

“Our first child was accepted into AFM. How amazing it was to now be a part of such a wonderful environment. Before long, our daughter was enmeshed in the Montessori approach to addressing the “whole child”—socially, emotionally, academically, and practically—in a diverse, welcoming and loving community. A short two years later, it was not a question that we would choose AFM for our son as well.” — Parent

What is unique about Montessori Magnet at Fisher School?

Montessori Magnet at Fisher School is a PK3 to grade 8 school that celebrates the fact that every child learns differently, and through experimental hands-on work, children can have the ability to develop concentration, motivation, persistence, and discipline. Recognized as a Magnet School of Excellence in 2020 and awarded the highest level of recognition by the Association Montessori International, the school uses the acclaimed Montessori Method, based on the highly successful theories of Dr. Maria Montessori, Italy’s first female physician, who believed that children learn best by doing.

What are the benefits of a Montessori Education?

Montessori materials encourage exploration of five major areas: Practical Life, Sensorial Experience, Math, Language and Culture. Students learn in multi-age classrooms where children at various stages of development learn from and with each other. 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.

What is the learning experience like?

A child’s inherent love of learning is encouraged by giving them the opportunities to engage in spontaneous, meaningful activities. Students work collaboratively in small groups throughout the day on interdisciplinary projects. Indoor and outdoor learning settings of all levels of Montessori education creates an ideal educational environment.

What are some of the school’s special features?

- Offers half-day PK3 and full-day PK4 programming
- 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
- Indoor/outdoor learning
- A few of the school’s accomplishments:
  - Awarded “recognition” status by the Association Montessori International (AMI) — highest level of recognition
  - Magnet Schools of America Magnet School of Excellence 2020

Does Montessori Magnet at Fisher provide before and after school care?

Before and after school care is available. Fees may vary.

Which priorities are used in the placement process?

Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Montessori Magnet at Fisher School is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.

- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Montessori Magnet at Batchelder School 6th grade students applying to 7th grade
- Montessori Magnet School (CREC) 5th grade students applying to 6th grade and 6th grade students applying to 7th grade
What is unique about Pathways?
Pathways Academy of Technology and Design (Pathways), located in a new building on the Goodwin University campus in East Hartford and affiliated with the Academy of Information Technology (AOIT) for several years, prepares students for college and career opportunities in 21st century advanced technology, such as cutting-edge programming, database design, digital video production, networking, and web design. In order to ready students for the global marketplace, the school’s career exploration features a 9th grade career fair, 10th grade job shadowing, 11th grade internships, and partnerships with local IT firms to apply learning to the real world.

What is the learning experience like at Pathways?
Pathways students benefit from a unique, personalized college preparatory education program where students learn in all their subject areas through creative projects that integrate advanced technology, including graphic design, digital video and media, programming, and robotics. Each student is equipped with a personal laptop computer and belongs to a small advisory group where a teacher gives them close attention and keeps families well informed. Through the unique curriculum and advisory program, Pathways offers a personalized learning experience that sets students up for success.

How does Pathways prepare students for college and career?
Students are able to earn dual-credit with a variety of our secondary education partners such as Capital Community College, Goodwin University, UConn, and more. 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.

School Activities
Student Government, Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), Athletic Club, Video Game Club, Dungeons and Dragons Club, Soccer Club, FIRST Robotics Program

Additional Academic Offerings
SAT prep, Advance Placement (AP) courses

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Pathways Academy of Technology and Design is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Applying from a Direct Pathway School: Betances STEM Magnet
- Applying from a Pathway School:
  - 8th grade students enrolled at:
    - Breakthrough Magnet School, South
    - Environmental Sciences Magnet at Hooker School
    - STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School
    - Webster Micro Society Magnet School

Direct Pathway
Betances STEM Magnet 8th grade students have a direct pathway option to attend 9th grade at Pathways Academy of Technology and Design. To be considered for this direct pathway placement, you must submit an on-time 2022-23 RSCO online application with a Pathways Academy of Technology and Design as your first choice.
Sport and Medical Sciences Academy
Huyshope Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106

Grades 6 to 12

7:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.
agiuliano@hartfordschools.org
860-695-6900
www.smsatigers.org

What is unique about SMSA?
The Sport and Medical Sciences Academy (SMSA) engages 6th through 12th grade students in exciting 21st Century themes focused on Sport and Medical Sciences and gets them ready for college through an early college preparatory experience starting in the middle school.

Recognized as a National School of Distinction by Magnet Schools of America and one of the “Best Schools in America” by US News & World Report, SMSA is an educational family where all staff members are invested in all students’ academic success.

What is the learning experience like at SMSA?
Students receive a rigorous foundation in Science, Language Arts, and Mathematics and teachers apply the theme with hands-on, experiential learning. SMSA embeds its four core beliefs — Dedication, Responsibility, Discipline and Respect — into each student’s educational experience to develop social consciousness and leadership skills as they learn and grow.

How does SMSA prepare students for college and career?
Students get a head-start on their college work by earning tuition-free college credits while still in high school through the College Board and UConn, giving students an edge in college applications and the start to college. Learning takes place beyond the classroom through job shadowing and internships in the sports and medical sciences fields.

Special features and highlights
SMSA is located in a state-of-the-art facility, featuring 10 science labs, two gymnasiums and two fitness centers.

Engaging experiential learning opportunities to supplement students’ academic experiences through UConn Medical and Dental Schools, UConn, CCSU, and ECSU.

Which sports and clubs are available?
Students may participate in a rich and exciting variety of after-school clubs and varsity sports to enhance their academic experience:

Football (Varsity & JV), indoor track (Varsity), soccer boys (Varsity), soccer girls (Varsity), volleyball girls (Varsity & JV), basketball boys (Varsity, JV, & freshmen), basketball girls (Varsity, JV, & freshmen), baseball (Varsity), softball (Varsity), cheerleading, middle school volleyball, middle school co-ed soccer, middle school outdoor track

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Sport and Medical Sciences Academy is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
• Applying as a Sibling
• Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
• Applying from a Pathway School:
  — Breakthrough Magnet School, North 5th grade student applying to 6th grade
  — Breakthrough Magnet School, South 8th grade student applying to 9th grade
  — Montessori Magnet at Fisher School 8th grade student applying to 9th grade
  — Webster Micro Society Magnet School 8th grade student applying to 9th grade

“What’s special about SMSA is the community aspect; you have a purpose and you are part of a family. You are accepted and welcomed into a great community that wants to help you grow into a successful person.”
— Elon, High School Student

“Since coming to SMSA, I have learned about different cultures and the diversity is great. You should keep an open mindset, try new opportunities because SMSA has a lot to offer.”
— Aidelyn, Middle School Student

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Sport and Medical Sciences Academy
What is unique about STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School?
STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School is a very special learning community where students are valued, challenged and supported. Our curriculum utilizes a laser-like focus on mathematics, the sciences, Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Implementation, technology integration, inquiry, and problem-based learning through a Comprehensive K-8th STEM Program. STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School is a very dynamic place where all children can learn and grow!

What is the learning experience like at STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School?
Our school community provides a collaborative, rigorous, and positive learning environment in which staff, families, and community partners inspire and prepare students to achieve at high levels, to succeed in college and career, and to be leaders in the global economy.

In grade 6-8, students take Project Lead the Way’s Gateway to Technology, a pre-engineering program that supports students interested in engineering make the transition into high school and college engineering programs.

What are the benefits of a STEM education?
Our unique STEM+ programming infuses science, technology, engineering and math through the curriculum to prepare students for the 21st century technological world. Our STEM+ program allows students to self-select courses that interest them within the STEM disciplines. Courses such as beginner Lego, Lego Robotics, Lego Mania, CPEP, Math Challenges, Student Governments, Leadership, Odyssey of the Mind, Solar Systems, Human Body, and more, enhance the learning experience and ignite students’ passions to investigate, explore, problem-solve, and think critically.

What are some of the school activities?
- Full day Kindergarten
- STEM EXPO participation in grades K-2, 5-8
- A science exploratory curriculum with exposure to engineering connections
- Invention Convention participation in grades 3 and 4
- Technology training will include the use of Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Google Sketch-Up, Probeware, Keyboariding, the use of iPods and iPads and various Presentation Software, etc.
- Extensive use of technology including lap-top computers, engineering software, CAD, iPods, iPads, Ipods, Google Sketch-up, Dimension 3D printer, and electronic presentations in all classes
- Boys/Girls Basketball

What are some of the school’s special features?
- Engaging STEM-related field trips
- STEM-oriented 8th grade Capstone Project
- Accelerated math course offerings for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders

Does STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School provide before and after school care?
Before and after school care are available. Fees may vary.

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.

- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Lives in Hartford Residential Zone 1
- Lives in Hartford Residential Neighborhood

Continuing the Magnet Experience!
Students enrolled in 8th grade STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School may receive a priority when applying to the following schools:

- Great Path Academy at MCC
- Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts
- Pathways Academy of Technology and Design
- University High School of Science and Engineering

Direct Pathway
STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School 8th grade students have a direct pathway option to attend 9th grade at University High School of Science and Engineering. To be considered for this direct pathway placement, you must submit an on-time 2022-23 RSCO online application University High School of Science and Engineering as your first choice.
What is unique about UHSSE?
University High School of Science and Engineering (UHSSE) is an early college high school on the campus of the University of Hartford with a focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)
At UHSSE we are a “Kettle” (community) of Hawks!
H-High expectations
A- Appreciation of diversity
W- Well-being
K- Knowledge and it’s applications
S- Safe environment

What is the learning experience like at UHSSE?
Students have the unique opportunity to experience the on-campus college experience through UHSSE’s partnership with the University of Hartford. 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 limits. UHSSE SAT scores consistently exceed the CT state averages.

What are some of UHSSE exceptiona academic achievements?
• Accredited by New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)
• Earn tuition-free college credits with University of Hartford and University of Connecticut courses.
• Rigorous theme-based honors curriculum
• Nation’s top magnet high school — Magnet Schools of America, 2012

What types of sports are available?
Fall: football (JV/Varsity), soccer (Varsity), cross country (Varsity), girl’s volleyball (Varsity), e sports (Varsity),
Winter: boys’ basketball (Freshman/JV/Var-sity), girls’ basketball (Varsity), indoor track & field (Varsity), swimming (Varsity),
Spring: girls’ softball (Varsity), boys’ baseball (Varsity), outdoor track & field (Varsity), golf (Varsity), e sports (Varsity)

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and University High School of Science and Engineering is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
• Applying as a Sibling
• Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
• Applying as a Child of a University of Hartford Staff Member
• Applying from a Direct Pathway School: STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School
• Applying from a Pathway School:
  — 8th grade students enrolled at:
    » Montessori Magnet at Fisher School
    » Breakthrough Magnet School, South
    » Environmental Sciences Magnet at Hooker School
    » Webster Micro Society Magnet School

Direct Pathway
STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School 8th grade students have a direct pathway option to attend 9th grade at University High School of Science and Engineering. To be considered for this direct pathway placement, you must submit an on-time 2022–23 RSCO online application with University High School of Science and Engineering as your first choice.
What is unique about Webster MicroSociety Magnet School?
Webster MicroSociety Magnet School, recognized for its high-quality programming as a School of Distinction by Magnet Schools of America, is a community of active learners who are accepted and safe to learn and flourish in a microsociety of the real world. We embrace the MicroSociety theme and pride ourselves in its integration of mathematics, writing, science, and social studies while weaving it throughout our academic day. 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.

What is the learning experience like at Webster MicroSociety Magnet School?
Our teachers work to create voice and choice in our classrooms to help create relevance for the work in school as it connects to the larger society. We encourage students to be productive and responsible citizens within our learning community. Students are employed in ventures where each classroom is a small business and with teacher support, create the model, develop the business elements, work to earn money and then share their products with other students. Our students are given a voice and choice through the student government that is active in decision-making and plans school-wide events.

What are a few of Webster’s exceptional academic features?
- Magnet Schools of America School of Distinction 2020
- MicroSociety Four-Star Award 2019

What clubs and activities are available to students?
- Instrumental music and vocal music
- Afterschool programs: art and yoga for lower elementary grades

What types of interscholastic and intramural sports are available to students?
- Interscholastic middle school boys basketball and girls volleyball, grades 4–8.
- Intramural: Basketball (grades 4 and 5), Dodgeball (grades 7 and 8), Volleyball (grades 7 and 8) and Cheerleading (grades K–5).

Does Webster MicroSociety provide Before and After School Care?
Before and after care is available and options vary by partial (3 day) or full-week (5 day) participation. After school care is also available on half days. Financial assistance is available, contact the school for more information.

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time and Webster MicroSociety Magnet School is the first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.
- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying as a Child of a School Staff Member
- Lives in Hartford Residential Zone 1
- Lives in Hartford Residential Neighborhood
- Applying From a Pathway School:
  - Hartford PreKindergarten Magnet School Pre-K 4 students applying to Kindergarten

Continuing the Magnet Experience!
Students enrolled in 8th grade at Webster MicroSociety Magnet School may receive a priority when applying to the following schools:
- Classical Magnet School
- Great Path Academy at MCC
- Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts
- Pathways Academy of Technology and Design
- Sports and Medical Sciences Academy
- University High School of Science and Engineering

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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 and experiences 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) through grade 10 for Hartford residents, and for students entering kindergarten through grade 12 for non-Hartford residents.
Open Choice Districts for Hartford Residents
PreK4 through 10th Grade Options Available

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

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

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.

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 86–87 and review the Hartford Resident Zone Map.

What districts are in my residential zone?

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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.

Which priorities are used in the placement process?
Applicants who qualify for one of the following priorities may have an increased chance of receiving a placement, as long as the application is submitted on time school district is your first choice. Please refer to page 13 for definitions.

- Applying as a Sibling
- Applying to only Open Choice school districts
- Applying from a Pathway School: Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School Pre-K4 students applying to Kindergarten

Before School Care and Fee: No
After School Care and Fee: No
Transportation: Provided at no cost
Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics: Yes

District Description Legend:

1. Residential Zone
2. Email Contact
3. Website
4. Telephone Contact
5. Student:Teacher Ratio
6. Distance from Hartford
Greater Hartford Regional School Choice Office

Zone 3
- Hartford Residency Zone 3
  - Berlin
  - Farmington
  - Plainville
  - Southington
  - Wethersfield

Zone 4
- Hartford Residency Zone 4
  - Berlin
  - Cromwell
  - Glastonbury
  - Newington
  - Portland
  - Rocky Hill
  - Wethersfield

Legend
- Hartford Resident Zone
- Zone Boundary
- Interstate
- State Routes
- Local Roads

Revised: December 2020
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 86–87 to view the Hartford Resident Zone Map.
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.

**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

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.

**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 School District**

33 Turkey Hills Rd., Box 674, East Granby, CT 06026

**PK4 to Grade 12**

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East Granby Public Schools is comprised of four schools that engage students in high-quality learning experiences: The Carl D. Allgrove School (PK–grade 2), R.D. Seymour School (grades 3–5), East Granby Middle School (grades 6–8), and East Granby High School (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.

**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
- Partners 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 & World Report, Gold Rating, ranked #3 in CT, #294 in U.S.A.

**Academic Features & Success:**

- 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

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**Granby School District**

15-B North Granby Road
Granby, CT 06035

**PK3 to Grade 12**

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Granby Public Schools, a professional learning community, provides a comprehensive educational program for about 1,800 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 40 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.

**Special Features and Offers:**

- Unified Sports/athletic programs/extracurricular clubs & activities
- Chromebooks provided to students in Grades 6-12
- Dedicated Equity Team designed to support the Anti-Bias/Anti-Racism Action Plan
- Commitment to social/emotional growth in students
- Commitment to high levels of achievement for all students
- Prioritization of minority teacher recruitment and retention
- 22 AP course offerings and curricula focused on 21st century skills
- Summer Enrichment Academy in partnership with the Granby YMCA
Simsbury School District
933 Hopmeadow St., Simsbury, CT 06070

PK4 to Grade 12

1 Hartford Residential Zone 860-651-3361
lshellman@simsbury.k12.ct.us 20:1
www.simsbury.k12.ct.us Approx. 11 miles west of Hartford

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.

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 School District
350 Mountain Rd., Suffield, CT 06078

PK4 to Grade 12

1 Hartford Residential Zone 860-668-3800
jberry@suffield.org 11:1
www.suffield.org Approx. 20 miles north of Hartford

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.

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
"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.

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 U.S. 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)
• Districtwide Social Emotional Learning/Social Justice Education
• Office of Equity Advancement and District-Wide Equity and Diversity Council (EDC)
• Family Resource Centers
• 94.1% 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 86–87 to view the Hartford Resident Zone Map.
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.

**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, 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.

**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
- Spirit 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 School District
70 South Main St., East Windsor, CT 06088

**PK4 to Grade 12**

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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.

**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 School District
47 Main Street, Ellington, CT 06029

**PK4 to Grade 12**

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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.

**Special Features & Offers:**
- Mastery-based learning
- Equitable opportunities
- Innovative practices
- Personalized learning
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 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.

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
Somers School District
1 Vision Blvd., Somers, CT 06071

PK4 to Grade 12

Hartford Residential Zone
Dina.Senecal@somers.k12.ct.us
www.somers.k12.ct.us
860-749-2270
Varies by school
Approx. 25 miles north of Hartford

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.

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 school wide PBIS/SEL
- 92.4% four-year graduate rate

South Windsor School District
1737 Main St., South Windsor, CT 06074

PK4 to Grade 12

Hartford Residential Zone
schamberlain@swindsor.k12.ct.us
www.southwindsorschools.org
860-291-1200
20:1
Approx. 12 miles northeast of Hartford

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.

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
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.

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 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.

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, and Southington

To find your resident zone, please go to pages 86–87 to view the Hartford Resident Zone Map.
Berlin School District
238 Kensington Road, Berlin, CT 06037
PK4 to Grade 12
Hartford Residential Zones
dbatista@berlinschools.org
www.berlinschools.org
860-828-6794
13:1
Approx. 15 miles south of Hartford

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.

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 School District
One Monteith Drive, Farmington, CT 06032
PK4 to Grade 12
Hartford Residential Zone
terrasavagec@fpsct.org
www.fpsct.org
860-673-2618
20:1
Approx. 13 miles west of Hartford

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.

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 and activities
• Student voice & 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 School District
131 Cedar Street, Newington, CT 06111
PK4 to Grade 12

- Hartford Residential Zone
- 860-665-8630
- sforsis@npsct.org
- www.npsct.org
- Approx. 7.5 miles west of Hartford

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. A one-on-one technology initiative pairs students in kindergarten through grade 2 with iPads that remain in the classroom, while students in grades 3 to 12 are issued Chromebooks that can be taken home. Beginning in grade 5, all students are enrolled in the district’s science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) exploratory program, where they are exposed to engineering in a dynamic, flexible environment. In grade 7, students interested in the STEM exploratory program may apply to one of two extended day STEM academies: biomedical sciences or aerospace. Newington High School is undergoing a $2.5 million renovation that will house the high school STEM academy programs. It includes genomics, health services, aerospace, and art design labs, a commons area, and a 120-seat culinary and hospitality center. Students may begin their college career while at the high school by taking up to two free courses per semester at Central Connecticut State University.

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, 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
- 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 School District
1 Central Square, Plainville, CT 06062
PK4 to Grade 12

- Hartford Residential Zone
- 860-793-3200
- gryuct@plainvilleschools.org
- www.plainvilleschools.org
- Approx. 14 miles west of Hartford

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.

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
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.

**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
Open Choice Hartford Residents

Zone 4

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

Cromwell, Glastonbury, Portland, Rocky Hill, and Wethersfield

To find your resident zone, please go to pages 86–87 to view the Hartford Resident Zone Map.
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.

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, 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 and about 7,000 students are enrolled in the district.

Special Features & Offers:
• Safe and welcoming schools
• Diverse course offerings and rigorous curriculum
• Many sports and after school activities
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.

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 to 1 Devices
• A thriving musical arts program
• 90.5% four-year graduate rate

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.

Activities:
• Opportunities to participate in intramural and interscholastic sports Clubs and extracurricular activities for a vary 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
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.

Activities:
- Wide array of extracurricular 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

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 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

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

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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Read on for information on the schools that serve your student’s grade level.
What is unique about Dwight-Bellizzi Dual Language Academy?
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. We are proud to offer a Dual Language program in our school which ensures that our students’ home language is a strength whether it is English, Spanish or another language. Our school is driven to aligning priorities with the defining characteristics of the surrounding community.

What are the benefits of a Dual Language Program?
Students become fluent in two languages. All students in the Dual Language program 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 for all of their core academic classes.

What clubs and activities are available to students?
- Girls volleyball
- Boys/girls basketball
- Boys and Girls Club after school program
- Latinos in Action

Does Bellizzi provide Before and After School Care?
After school care is available, provided by Boys and Girls Club. Fees may vary.

“The teachers and staff are always willing to help and they have taken a real interest in me. In many ways, they have been more like friends than just teachers, and I believe this atmosphere makes us want to work harder and do well in our studies.” — Student

“From the very first moment I enrolled my sons in the Academy, the staff has treated us like a part of their family. Every teacher pays close attention to the individual needs of their students, and they always keep me informed about [my son’s] progress and any concerns they might have before anything becomes a real issue.” — Parent

“I believe that all children are capable of being successful students and are willing to give you as much effort as you give to them. My most important job as a teacher is to help my students develop a love of learning so that they want to work hard and they want to succeed. Regardless of the challenges they may face at home, we never allow students to use these issues as an excuse. We encourage them to rise above it to be the best they can be.” — Teacher

Connect with us on Social Media
@DwightBellizzi
What is unique about Expeditionary Learning Academy at Moylan School?
At Moylan School, we foster students’ joy of learning and passion for helping others to develop thinkers and leaders who positively contribute to the community. As an Expeditionary Learning (EL) school, students participate in learning expeditions, fieldwork, and service learning. All students have access to 1 to 1 technology.

What is the learning experience like at Moylan School?
Students engage in in-depth learning “Expeditions” that integrate reading, writing, and service learning. We partner with parents to ensure the academic success of their child through Student-Led Conferences. These meetings give students the opportunity to share and explain their learning, and set future goals with parents and teachers. Students participate in a project-based, hands-on approach to learning that encourages them to effect positive change in their community.

Does Moylan provide Before and After School Care?
After school care is available, fees may vary. We have a partnership with Boys & Girls Club of Hartford, which busses a limited amount of students to their site after school.

What are some of the special features at Moylan?
- Students may select from multiple activities after school that are with our Community Partners.
- We hold weekly community meetings that support the development of the whole child.
- Our community partnership with Hartford performs allows us to integrate the arts into our curriculum.
- We also partner with Trinity College, the Boys & Girls Club of Hartford, Community Farm of Simsbury, and Horizons at Westminster.

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.
Global Communications Academy
85 Edwards Street, Hartford, CT 06120

K to Grade 8

Global Communications Academy
85 Edwards Street, Hartford, CT 06120
8:05 a.m. to 3:25 p.m.
TAdams@hartfordschools.org 860-695-6020
sites.google.com/hartfordschools.org/global
Yes

What is unique about Global Communication Academy?
Global Communications Academy embraces the diversity of our students, staff, families and communities. As part of the Association of IB (International Baccalaureate) World Schools, offering the Primary Years Programme in Grades K-5, we prepare our students for world citizenship. This challenging program develops academic, social and communication skills.

What is the learning experience like?
We promote student’s individual and shared voice and a respect for humanity and the environment. Students learn about global issues, global systems and global cultures. Our International school program offers a rigorous curriculum which fosters curiosity and provides an array of opportunities to cultivate inquiry.

What are some of the clubs and athletics?
• STEM Club Dance Club
• Middle School (grades 6-8): basketball, track, volleyball, soccer

Global Communications Academy scholars are future world leaders!
What’s unique about Renzulli Gifted and Talented Academy?
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.

What is the learning experience like for our students?
SEM provides enriched learning experiences and higher standards for all children through three goals:
• Developing talents in all children;
• Providing a broad range of advanced-level enrichment experiences for all students;
• Providing follow-up advanced learning for children based on interests.
SEM emphasizes engagement and the use of enjoyable and challenging learning experiences constructed around students’ interests and learning styles.

What are some of our sports and activities?
• Boys and girls middle school basketball
• Girls middle school volleyball
• Boys and girls track and field
• Boys and girls middle school soccer
• Award-winning band and instrumental program
• Community Project Lit. Book Club
• Talent show/art show
• Composition Night
• Math Night
• Science Night
• Homework Club
• Chess Club
• Anime Club
• Storytelling Club
• Coding Club
• Enrichment Clusters

What are some of our special features?
• 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

Continuing the Choice Experience!
Students enrolled in 8th grade Renzulli Gifted and Talented Academy may receive a priority when applying to the following schools:
Classical Magnet School
Great Path Academy at MCC
To enroll, students must apply and be accepted through Renzulli’s separate admissions process after placement through RSCO. Any student that does not meet the administration criteria will be return to the waitlist.

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RenzulliAcademy
Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS)

Technical High Schools in the Greater Hartford Region
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 credentials. 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 school as a region during the application process and rank the schools in order of preference.

Common Questions to Consider about CTECS

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

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.

How do placement priorities help in CTECS placements?
Placement priorities (such as alumni, 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.

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CTECS technical high schools provide students in grade 9 to 12 with the opportunity to master skills in a career and technical education (CTE) program while completing core academic subjects. They offer state-of-the-art classrooms; latest instructional technology and industry-standard equipment give students a well-rounded, 21st century education. Students graduate with a high school diploma and a certificate in their CTE program.

**Schools and Locations**
Three technical highs schools located in the greater Hartford Region are part of the RSCO application. Families with children entering ninth grade who are interested in attending one of these schools must apply using the RSCO application and rank the all three schools in order of preference.

- **A.I. Prince Technical High School**, Hartford
- **E.C. Goodwin Technical High School**, New Britain
- **Howell Cheney Technical High School**, Manchester

**CTE (also known as “trade”) Selection Process**
During the first half of the school year, every ninth grade student takes a course, called Exploratory, which rotates students through each trade classroom for them to gain information about each of the CTE programs. After students complete their course, then the school uses a selection process to assign each student to their permanent CTE program that they will remained enrolled in through their graduation. The CTE programs may vary by school. Review the table (right) for the CTE programs for each school. Visit CTECS website for detailed descriptions of these career and technical education programs.

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**Career and College Readiness**
CTECS prepare graduates for immediate employment, entry into apprenticeship programs and/or admission into a two- or four-year college.

Offering a work-based learning (WBL) program allows students, in grades 11 and 12, to work for at a local trade related employer during the school day in place of trade instructional time. Participants gain hands-on career development experiences that will help them through the transition from school to work and give them an advantage in the competitive workforce. WBL students receive school credit, gain real-world experience, and earn a paycheck!

Participating in the College Career Pathways (CCP) program with local community colleges and the Early College Experience (ECE) program through UConn provides the opportunity for students to earn college credit leading to a post-secondary certificate, associate, and/or baccalaureate degree while enrolled in high school.

**Which priorities are used in the placement process?**
- CTECS Alumni/Graduate
- CTECS Employee/Staff
- Enrolled Sibling
- Technical High School Choice Only

**Accepting 9th Grade Applicants**
**CTECS Early Application Deadline – Apply by January 10, 2022**
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.
## A.I. Prince Technical High School
401 Flatbush Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106

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**Sports (interscholastic athletics)**
Football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, cross-country, cheerleading, baseball, softball, indoor & outdoor track, tennis, lacrosse, golf, and co-op opportunities

**Activities & Clubs**

**Community Involvement**
Capital Workforce Partners Career Connection, CT Youth Forum, Entrepreneurial Club, Girl Power Group, Girl Scouts, Hartbeat Youth Ensemble and Outward Bound

Prince Tech has state-of-the-art classrooms, the latest instructional technology and industry-standard equipment in every trade area to give students a well-rounded, 21st century education.

## E.C. Goodwin Technical High School
735 Slater Rd., New Britain, CT 06053

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**Sports (interscholastic athletics)**
Football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, cross country, swimming and diving, wrestling, baseball, golf, indoor & outdoor track, softball, lacrosse

**Activities & Clubs**
Student Council, National Honor Society, Music Club, SkillsUSA, Green Technology Club, HOBY

Goodwin Tech’s newly renovated classrooms and workshops provide teachers with the best industry-standard equipment for their students’ success.

## Howell Cheney Technical High School
791 West Middle Turnpike, Manchester, CT 06040

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**Sports (interscholastic athletics)**
Football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, cross country, baseball, softball, golf, and outdoor track

**Activities & Clubs**
Student Council, National Honor Society, SkillsUSA and Yearbook

Cheney Tech stays ahead of the technology curve with a student-designed and built energy-efficient e-house, outfitted with a solar energy system.
Agricultural Science and Technology Education Schools (ASTE)
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 14, 2022.

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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.

Activities:
Intramural/interscholastic athletics at Bloomfield High School, 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
Glastonbury Regional Agriscience Center
330 Hubbard St., Glastonbury, CT 06033

Grades 9 to 12

☑ 7:35 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

✉ AgriScience@glastonburyus.org

📞 860-652-7200 (main office)
860-652-7200 ext. 11101 (Ag Center)

🌐 tinyurl.com/GHS-Agsci

☒ No

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

Open House Date
November 13, 2021
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Suffield Regional Agriscience Center at Suffield High School
1060 Sheldon St., West Suffield, CT 06093

Grades 9 to 12

☑ 7:35 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

✉ llaflamme@suffield.org

📞 860-668-3810 (main office)
860-668-3817 (Ag Center)

🌐 suffield.org

☒ No

Special Features & Offers:
• Intramural/Interscholastic athletics
• 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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