Key Dates & Events

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

Apply by **February 28, 2023** at [ChoiceEducation.org](http://ChoiceEducation.org)
- RSCO Phone: 860-713-6990
- RSCO Email: r sco.sde@ct.gov
- Visit RSCO: 450 Columbus Blvd., Suite P28, Hartford, CT 06103-1841

Visit [ChoiceEducation.org](http://ChoiceEducation.org) or [fairs.rsco2.ct.gov](http://fairs.rsco2.ct.gov) to:
- Learn about RSCO’s schools and programs
- Search your choices by grade, theme, location
- Access school and program videos
- Find open houses and events
- Stay up to date with application and placement information

**RSCO Application Periods**

**On-Time RSCO Application**
- Starts: December 5, 2022
- Ends: February 28, 2023

**CTECS Early Application**
- Starts: December 5, 2022
- Ends: January 13, 2023

**Late RSCO Application**
- Starts: March 15, 2023
- Ends: September 15, 2023

Due to production schedules, information included in this catalog may change or be updated. If you have questions, please visit RSCO’s website at [ChoiceEducation.org](http://ChoiceEducation.org) or call 860-713-6990.

**RSCO School Choice Fairs**
Attend a RSCO school choice fair to learn about your options and make informed decisions for your family.

**Fall RSCO School Choice Fair**
- **Date:** Saturday, October 22, 2022
- **Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Dunkin Donuts Park (Downtown Hartford) 1214 Main St., Hartford

**Winter RSCO School Choice Fair**
- **Date:** Saturday, February 4, 2023
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Discovery Academy 176 Cumberland Ave., Wethersfield
- **Snow/weather day:** February 11, 2023

**Spring RSCO School Choice Fair**
- **Date:** Saturday, May 6, 2023
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Connecticut River Academy at Goodwin University, 9 Riverside Dr., East Hartford

**Summer RSCO School Choice Fair**
- **Date:** TBD
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Dunkin Donuts Park (Downtown Hartford) 1214 Main St., Hartford

**RSCO Placement Offers**
Placements continue through the spring and summer and will begin as follows:

**February 2023:** CTECS technical high schools early applications

**April 2023:** CTECS, Magnet Schools and Open Choice Program on-time applications

**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.
We Are All About Choice!

The Connecticut State Department of Education’s Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) offers a broad variety of school choice opportunities that empower families to choose opportunities for their students and to enable student success.

**You have a choice about where your child attends school!** School Choice options extend beyond your own home district and offer families amazing educational opportunities in the Greater Hartford Region, with transportation provided from most areas. RSCO offers students entering pre-kindergarten through grade 12 a wide array of choices, including Open Choice, magnet, technical, and agriculture schools, that meet the individual needs of students and families.

**Make an informed decision for your family by learning more about our programs and your options.**

### Interdistrict Magnet Schools (PK3–Grade 12)

**Students entering grades PK3 to 12th can apply**

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 (PK4–Grade 12)

**Students entering grades PK4 to 10th can apply**

The Open Choice Program is a public school program that allows Hartford-resident students to attend non-magnet public schools in grades PK4-12 in nearby suburban school districts, and non-Hartford resident students to attend certain non-magnet public schools in grades kindergarten–8 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 (Grades 9–12)**

**Students entering 9th grade can apply**

RSCO offers students entering the 9th grade the opportunity to apply to three Hartford Region 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) (Grades 9–12)

**Students entering 9th grade can apply**

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/School-Choice/CT-School-Choice/Agricultural-Science-and-Technology-Education.
Quick Tips to Make the Most of Your RSCO School Choice Application

**Pay attention to deadlines!**

- Apply early for CTECS (by January 13, 2023) to take advantage of early CTECS placements.
- Apply on-time for magnet schools, Open Choice and CTECS (by February 28, 2023).
- Respond by the deadline dates in placement notifications, including for student registration.

**Double-check your application for accuracy!**

- Include accurate and current school information for all children in your family.
- Update your contact information as it changes — this includes phone numbers, email addresses, and residency addresses.
- Make sure you have the correct current and applying grades selected.

**Maximize your priorities!**

- The information on your application is used to identify priorities, including enrolled sibling and pathways. Check the priorities section in the Family Profile to ensure all your priorities are listed.
- Make the school with a placement priority your first-choice school for the best chance of a placement.
- If you are applying for siblings in the same grade range, select the same schools in the same order on every application to increase the chance that they will be placed together in the same school.
- Review the placement priorities definitions on pages 6–7.

**Know the placement rules!**

- Most applicants are only eligible for one placement offer.
- Be sure to only select schools or districts your child would like to attend. Before selecting a school or program, make sure it is a good fit for your family and you consider the location and hours. For example, some schools charge tuition for preschool on a sliding scale based on family income, and the Montessori schools only offer half-day programming for PK3.
- Generally, your best chance of a placement offer is to the school or district you select as your first choice, but you could receive placement at any school or district you select.
- Keep in mind that if you apply to magnet schools and Open Choice, you are not able to indicate which program you prefer. If you receive a magnet offer, you are no longer eligible for an Open Choice placement. If you receive an Open Choice offer, you are no longer eligible for a magnet placement.

**Monitor your waitlists!**

- If you do not receive a placement offer, you will have the chance to modify your application in the spring to add schools and increase you chance of a placement.
- Be sure to check back often to monitor the waitlist size.
1. Only 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. Although there are no guarantees of a placement, priorities may increase your chance of an offer.

3. Choice order matters! Most placement priorities only apply to the first-choice school or district. Even if you are eligible for a priority at more than one school or district, you will generally only receive priority for the school or district you rank as your first choice.

4. There is a feature in the online application that allows you to view the previous year’s number of applications compared to seat availability to assist you in your school and/or district selections. In general, the most seats available are at the entry grade of a school but you can apply for any grade level.

5. While applying to multiple schools and programs increases the chance of a placement, applicants are only eligible to receive one placement offer with a few exceptions. This means that once your child receives an offer, they are removed from all other waitlists so you should only apply to schools and programs that you would accept if your child receives an offer. There are a few exceptions to this one offer rule, which are listed below:
   a. Grade 9 applicants can decline a CTECS offer and remain eligible for a magnet or open choice offer OR decline a magnet or Open Choice offer and remain eligible for a CTECS offer.
   b. Hartford residents can decline their first Open Choice offer and remain eligible for a second Open Choice offer.
   c. If siblings in the same grade range are placed in separate schools or programs, parents may decline the offer for one child and request to keep that child on the waitlist for a placement in the sibling’s school.

6. There are specific age requirements for students applying to grades PK3, PK4, and kindergarten for the 2023–24 school year.
   a. PK3 (Prekindergarten Age 3): Child was born between September 1, 2019 and December 31, 2020;
   b. PK4 (Prekindergarten Age 4): Child was born between September 1, 2018 and December 31, 2019;
   c. Kindergarten: Child was born between September 1, 2017 and December 31, 2018 OR child was born between September 1, 2016 and August 31, 2017 and has no previous schooling.

7. 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 13, 2023. Applying by the early deadline increases the chance of a CTECS placement. The majority of CTECS placement offers go to early applicants.

8. For magnet schools and the Open Choice program, submitting an on-time application is one of the best ways to increase your chance of placement. There is no advantage to submitting early for these programs, but an on-time application has a much higher chance of placement than a late application.

9. You may only submit ONE completed application for each child for the 2023–24 school year, either an on-time application or late application.

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

### Understanding how it works

It is important to understand how the placement process affects your application and your chance of receiving a placement offer. Review the scenarios related to the Placement Process carefully, especially if you are applying for more than one program (e.g., Magnets plus Open Choice, Magnets plus CTECS, Open Choice plus CTECS, or Magnets plus Open Choice plus CTECS), to help inform your application decisions.

*Parents of siblings applying together in the same grade range should be aware of a specific rule that allows parents to decline an offer for one child and request to keep the child on the waitlist for a placement in the sibling’s school IF the siblings are placed in separate schools or programs.*

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Placement Priorities

Learn about your 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. These priorities do not guarantee placement at a school or program, but they may increase your chance of a placement offer for your child.

Most placement priorities only apply to the first-choice school or district. Even if you are eligible for a priority at more than one school or district, you will generally only receive priority for the school or district you rank as your first choice.

CTECS Alumni/Graduate
Priority is given to an applicant applying to the 9th grade who has a parent/legal guardian, sibling, or grandparent who graduated from A.I. Prince, E.C. Goodwin or Howell Cheney Technical High School.

CTECS Early Application Deadline
Applicants entering 9th grade must apply to the technical high schools by January 13, 2023 to be eligible to receive an early notification of a technical high school placement opportunity in February 2023.

CTECS Only
Applicants applying to the three Hartford Region Technical High Schools (A.I. Prince, E.C. Goodwin and Howell Cheney) as their only school choice option may receive priority based on available seats.

Direct Pathway
Some magnet schools offer a prekindergarten (PK) to grade 12 continuum experience through a shared theme and curriculum. Students attending an elementary or middle school with a direct pathway will 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.

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.

Former Resident Priority (Open Choice Program Only)
Priority may be given to applicants who move in or out of Hartford and apply to continue attending their Open Choice district or school.

Open Choice Only
Applicants who only apply to the Open Choice program may receive priority based on available seats.

Residential Neighborhood
Priority may be given to an applicant based on how close the applicant lives to a nearby Magnet school that uses a neighborhood priority.
### Placement Priorities

**Pathway School**
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. This increases 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. In addition, Hartford resident students enrolled in PK4 at Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet may receive a pathway to Kindergarten to an Open Choice District associated with their residential zone.

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

**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:** RSCO tries to place siblings together who share at least one biological parent or legal guardian and are in the same grade range. The siblings must submit an application during the same application period (either on-time or late) to the same schools/Open Choice districts in the exact same order of preference. If seats are not available in the same school, siblings may be placed in different schools. When this happens, families may contact RSCO to decline one placement and request to keep that child on the waitlist for the sibling’s school. Placement depends on available seats and is not guaranteed.

- **Enrolled Sibling:** RSCO tries 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 their sibling 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 or be in the final grade of that school or district. You must select the enrolled sibling’s school as your first choice to take advantage of this priority.

- **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 during the same application period (either on-time or late) to the same schools/Open Choice districts in the exact same order of preference during the same application period.

**Residential Zone**
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, or Breakthrough Magnet School North
- **Zone 2** and applying to Capital Preparatory Magnet School (Grades PK3–Grade 5 only) or Hartford PreKindergarten Magnet School, North
- **Zone 3** and applying to Breakthrough Magnet School South, Environmental Sciences Magnet at Hooker School, Hartford PreKindergarten Magnet School, South or Montessori Magnet at Batchelder School
- **Zone 4** and applying to Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts: PK–8 Campus, Betances Learning Lab Magnet School, or Dwight-Bellizzi Dual Language Academy (Grades PK4 and kindergarten only)
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 based on updates for 2022–23.

RSCO’s Primary School Choice Application Assistance Sites

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

CREC Welcome Center
111 Charter Oak Ave.,
860-509-3700
www.choosecrec.org
Hours: Mon–Fri, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
or by appointment

Hartford Public Schools Office of Enrollment and School Choice
330 Wethersfield Ave., 1st Floor, Hartford
860-695-8876
Hours: Mon–Fri, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Hartford Public Library Locations:
Hartford Public Library (HPL)
Downtown Branch
500 Main St., Children's Room, Hartford
schoolchoiceoffice@hpltc.org
860-695-6325
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
860-695-7380
Mon–Thurs, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.;
Fri, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

HPL Barbour Branch
261 Barbour St., Hartford
860-695-7400
Mon–Thurs, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.;
Fri, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

CRT (Connecticut Renewal Team)
Early Care and Education Centers:
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
860-560-5460

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

CRT-Thomas T D Ritter
555 Windsor Street, Hartford
860-297-7800

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

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

Hartford Communities That Care
2550 Main Street, Hartford
860-580-6831
Hours: Mon–Fri, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Literacy Volunteers of Greater Hartford
30 Arbor St., Hartford
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
860-236-4511, ext. 3416
Hours: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Asylum Hill Family Center
896 Asylum Ave., Hartford
860-244-9944

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

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

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

SS Cyril & Methodius Child Development Center
45 Groton St., Hartford
860-206-9265
Getting Started on Your Way to a School Choice Opportunity

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

The process involves four important steps:

- **Explore**
- **Apply**
- **Respond**
- **Register**

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

**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?

**Explore the School Choice Options**

- 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 & RSCO application at [ChoiceEducation.org](http://ChoiceEducation.org).

**Make an informed decision that fits your family. Consider:**

- Things that are important to you such as school themes, distance from home, enrollment, extracurricular activities, before/after school programs, school hours, or preschool tuition;
- Grade level and number of seats available (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.

Have questions? We are here to help!

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Step 2: Apply

RSCO has an exciting new online application platform that makes applying to multiple schools and programs easier for everyone! There is always help available, so please reach out for assistance!

**The on-time application period is December 5, 2022 to February 28, 2023.** There are NO placement advantages to applying early except for 9th graders applying for early placement to CTECS by the January 13, 2023 early deadline! **The late application period is March 15, 2023 to September 15, 2023.**

**To Apply:**
- Visit [www.rsco2.ct.gov](http://www.rsco2.ct.gov) or [ChoiceEducation.org](http://ChoiceEducation.org) and select “Apply.”
- Create a RSCO account or login to your existing account.
- Create or modify your Guardian and Family Profiles.
- Start your application for each child.
- Select schools and programs that fit your child’s interests and skills.
- Submit your application for each child.

It’s important to keep your account contact information up to date to ensure you receive time sensitive communications.

Step 3: Respond

The RSCO placement process will begin February 2023 for CTECS Early applicants and April 2023 for Magnet Schools and the Open Choice Program and continue to run through September 30, 2023. Families are contacted via email and text message of either a placement offer or waitlist notification.

**To Respond:**
- Respond to a RSCO placement announcement by visiting [www.rsco2.ct.gov](http://www.rsco2.ct.gov) or [ChoiceEducation.org](http://ChoiceEducation.org).
- Log into your online application using your account email and password.
- Go to Your Dashboard and select “Go to Details.”
- Select your response (Accept or Decline) for each child.
- You will receive a confirmation email after you make your selection.

Step 4: Register

Once you accept your offer, start the registration process immediately. Refer to your offer letter for school contact information to begin the process. Unfortunately, failure to register within the deadline may result in the removal of your child’s placement offer.
New Process to increase the chance of a placement!

RSCO offers high quality school options for nearly 5,500 applicants but we receive more applications than there are available seats. 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. We know this is disappointing news for families but RSCO continues to send out placement notifications during the spring and summer months as seats become available. RSCO has also developed a new process to increase the chance of a placement. Read on for information about this new process.

Eligibility for the New Waitlist Process

In general, only applicants who have not received an offer are eligible to add new schools to their application. There are two exceptions:

1. Applicants who received and declined a CTECS offer are eligible to add magnet schools and Open Choice districts to their application.
2. Hartford residents who declined their first Open Choice offer are eligible to add additional Open Choice districts to their application.

New School and Program Selection Information

The new process is designed to help increase chances of a placement opportunity for applicants on school and program waitlists. When families add new programs and schools to their application, it will not change their original school and program selections or their waitlist status. The features listed below will help families with their decision process:

• All the schools and programs will be categorized by large (red), medium (yellow), and small (green) waitlists.
  ✓ This information will update on a real time basis, so families know the size of the waitlist at any given time.
  ✓ Choosing schools with a small waitlist increases your likelihood of a placement!

• Families will be able to indicate their order preference for their school/district selections per program type (magnet schools, Open Choice, CTECS). Based on your choice order, the system will attempt to place you in your preferred schools or districts first before moving to the other selections.

Check out the new process!

Families who have not received a placement can use the new process to increase their chance of a placement. After the initial placement announcements, applicants on the waitlist will have the option to go back into their application and add new schools and programs. RSCO will notify families in the spring when this feature is available.

Remember: If an applicant accepts an offer, they are no longer eligible for another placement offer. In most cases, receiving an offer also removes the application from all waitlists. Exceptions apply to CTECS and the Hartford Resident Open Choice Program.
**Magnet Schools**

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering PK3 through grade 12 use the [RSCO application](#) to apply to these quality schools with unique themes that develop the natural talents and interests of students and fuel their passions.

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* CREC’s Preschool at Progress Drive (PK3-PK4) provides direct pathways to kindergarten at three of CREC’s PK-Grade 5 magnet schools: Academy of Aerospace and Engineering Elementary (Theme: STEM), Glastonbury/East Hartford Magnet School (Theme: STEM), and University of Hartford Magnet School (Theme: Multiple Intelligences).

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The Hartford Region Open Choice Program: Hartford Residents
Hartford residents entering pre-kindergarten (age 4) through grade 10 apply using the RSCO application to attend certain Open Choice school districts based on their residential zone.

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The Hartford Region Open Choice Program: Non-Hartford residents
Non-Hartford residents entering kindergarten through grade 8 apply using the RSCO application to attend these public schools located in Hartford with special programming.

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*Interested suburban families must complete a separate application with Hartford Public Schools for this school.

Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS)
Greater Hartford Region residents with students entering grade 9 apply using the RSCO application for these three Hartford area technical high schools as a region.

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Agricultural Science and Technology Education (ASTE)
Hartford residents with students entering grade 9 must use the ASTE Application to apply. Please go to the ASTE section for more information.

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School Locations, Programs, and RSCO Transportation Zone Map

- Indicates towns where magnet schools are located
- Indicates districts that participate in the Hartford Region Open Choice Program for Hartford residents
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## Transportation Information

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<td>RSCO does not provide transportation for PK3 and PK4 non-Hartford resident students who attend a magnet school. Families who transport their PK child to and from school are eligible for a reimbursement stipend. Complete an online reimbursement form, available at crec.org/transportation/forms.php before June 15, 2023.</td>
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| **Open Choice (K–12)**                    | Transportation is provided but may vary depending on the Open Choice District and bus routing as follows:  
- Neighborhood stops are located in or near the student’s neighborhood.  
- Central locations are established in or near the student’s resident town, often located in a public place, as a meeting place for transportation services.  
- The towns of Plainville and Wethersfield provide transportation services for Hartford Open Choice students attending their schools. |                                                                                                    |
| **Magnet (K–12)**                         | Transportation is provided but may vary depending on student’s residence and bus routing as follows:  
- Neighborhood stop is located in or near the student’s neighborhood.  
- Central location in or near the student’s resident town, often located in a public place.  
- Students who enroll in a magnet school within their local district will receive in-district transportation. For additional information, contact your district’s transportation office. |                                                                                                    |
| **CTECS (9–12)**                          | Transportation is provided, but services may vary depending upon student’s residence. |                                                                                                    |
| **ASTE (9–12)**                           | Transportation is provided to Hartford residents. |                                                                                                    |
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