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School Choice Office

School Year 2025-2026
**RSCO School Choice
Resource Guide and Directory**

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Prekindergarten to Grade 12

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RSCO Application Checklist

The 2025-26 RSCO School Choice Application for magnet schools, the Open Choice program, and technical high schools in the Greater Hartford Region opens on December 3, 2024.

This School Choice Directory is intended to provide important information to school staff and community-based organizations to help support students and families with exploring school choice options and completing the application process. Along with application rules, strategies and timelines, this Directory provides detailed information about each program (magnets, Open Choice and Hartford Region Technical High schools that are part of the Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS)) and informational pages for each school and district within the Greater Hartford Region School Choice system.

For up-to-date RSCO information visit ChooseYourSchool.org and contact RSCO at 860-713-6990 or rso.sde@ct.gov with specific questions.

Apply by February 7, 2025

Families should apply by the on-time period to increase their chance of a placement offer. In mid-March 2025, the extended application will open on a limited basis.

Before Applying, Families Should:

- Know school choice options.** Consider magnet schools, Open Choice, CTECS.
- Explore schools.** Go to ChooseYourSchool.org.
- Consider transportation.** Review options by program, age, and town.
- Learn the application and placement rules.** Understand priorities, placement rules, eligibility.

To Apply, Families Should:

- Create or update their RSCO Account.**
- Add or update profiles for each child.**
- Check priorities. Make sure they are flagged as expected.**
- Choose schools. Rank by order of preference.**
- Submit application. By February 7, 2025, for the on-time period.**

After Applying, Families Should:

- Monitor account for communications from RSCO.**
- Accept offer if received, and register by the deadline.**
- Monitor waitlist if they did not receive an offer.** Offers continue through September.

Top 5 Things Families Should Know

1

Guardian Must Be a Connecticut Resident and Legal Guardian to Apply

Applications submitted by anyone other than a legal guardian may be deleted.

2

Submit Only One Application and Apply During the On-Time Period

Families should submit one per child for the 2025-26 school year and apply on time by February 7, 2025, for the best chance of a placement.

3

One Offer Rule

Families should only apply to schools where they would accept an offer, since applicants may receive only one placement offer for the 2025-26 school year. Once their child receives an offer, their application is removed from all other waitlists and they are ineligible for any other offers for the 2025-26 school year.

4

Choice Order Counts

Families should rank school/district selections by preference. Most placement priorities apply only to their first choice selection.

5

No Guarantees of an Offer

We have more applicants than available seats. Submitting an application does not guarantee a placement offer.

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About RSCO

Your future, your choice!

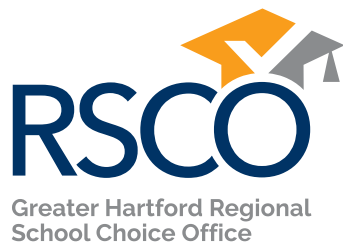
Families have the power to make a choice about where their student attends school, even outside of their home district. The Greater Hartford Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) gives families the opportunity to choose a free, public school that provides the academic challenge and specialized instruction to set their child up for success for their future.

We believe every student should have a choice of schools and the ability to explore different types of learning experiences aligned with their interests, passions, and talents. When that happens, new paths and opportunities open up, not just for their careers, but their lives. RSCO is here to help make that happen, by ensuring students and parents know their options and how to choose the perfect school for them.

Who we are: RSCO is the office established by the Connecticut State Department of Education to help families access school choice opportunities in Greater Hartford as an alternative to the public school in their home district.

What we do: We are a centralized resource for information about unique, high-quality, public prekindergarten through grade 12 school choice options for students in the Greater Hartford Region.

How we help families: We manage the application and placement process for magnet schools, the Open Choice Program, and Hartford Region Technical High Schools in the Greater Hartford Region.



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Countless Opportunities!

40+
 Towns Represented

44
 Magnet Schools

26
 Open Choice School Districts

3
 Regional Technical High Schools

Why RSCO School Choice?

Shaping a student's tomorrow

The perfect fit for students. Unlock a student's potential at a school that matches their unique needs and interests.

Dynamic, enriching learning environment. Smaller school communities and project-based learning keep students interested and motivated to learn.

Diverse, inclusive school communities. Open students' eyes to a rich range of cultures, perspectives, and experiences.

Think beyond borders. Students join peers from over 40 towns across Connecticut.

Academics and extracurriculars. Students have access to engaging academics and a wide array of enriching extracurriculars, including clubs, sports, arts, and community activities.

Future ready. A wide range of courses prepares students with valuable skills and knowledge, getting them ready for their choice of college or career.

More choice. Gives students the opportunity to drive their learning and choose the school they want to attend to pursue their passions.



Did you know?

Students educated in diverse learning environments:

- Show high levels of creativity, problem-solving, and critical thinking.
- Develop strong leadership qualities.
- Develop as active and responsible citizens.
- Excel in teamwork and collaboration.
- Are valued by college admissions.

RSCO's School Choice Programs

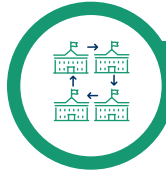
School choice programs offer a world of possibilities, right here in Greater Hartford.



Interdistrict Magnet Schools

PK3-Grade 12

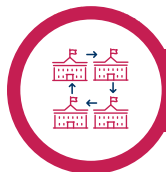
These specialized schools provide advanced learning opportunities that emphasize a specific theme, like Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), performing arts, global studies, Montessori, computer programming, and many more.



The Hartford Region Open Choice Program for Hartford Residents

For Hartford Residents: PK4-Grade 12

Through this program, Hartford residents have an opportunity to attend public schools in nearby school districts, with full access to challenging academic programming, extracurriculars, and athletics.



The Hartford Region Open Choice Program for Non-Hartford Residents

For Non-Hartford Residents: KG-Grade 8

This program gives students across Greater Hartford a chance to attend select Hartford public schools that offer specialized curricula and themes.



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

Grades 9-12

Combining core academics and career/technical education, these schools prepare students for immediate employment, apprenticeship programs, and college and career opportunities.



Agricultural Science and Technology Education (ASTE) Schools

Grades 9-12

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. Students entering 9th grade may apply to an ASTE school using a separate application.



Application Timeline and Placement Process

How RSCO School Choice works

Understanding the available options, how to apply, and the likelihood of placement can be overwhelming. Please encourage families to **follow these five important steps**.

Step 1: Explore

Explore our wide range of schools and program options to find the right fit for each student and their family.

Step 2: Choose and Rank

Families narrow down selections based on preferences and eligibility.

Step 3: Apply

Families apply during the on-time period for the best chance of a placement.

On-time Application Period: December 3, 2024 – February 7, 2025

In mid-March 2025, the extended application opens on a limited basis.

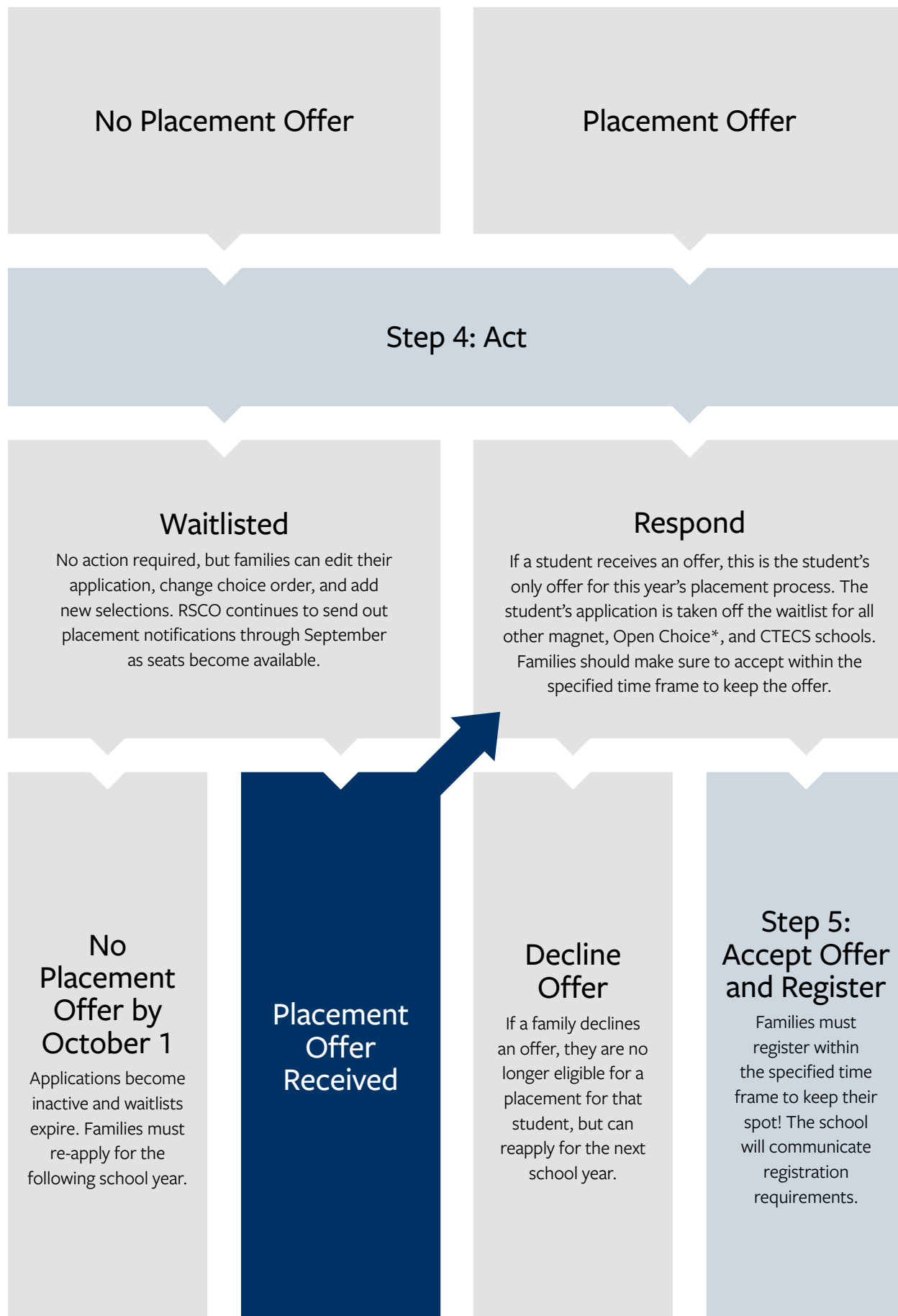
First Round Placement Announcements

February

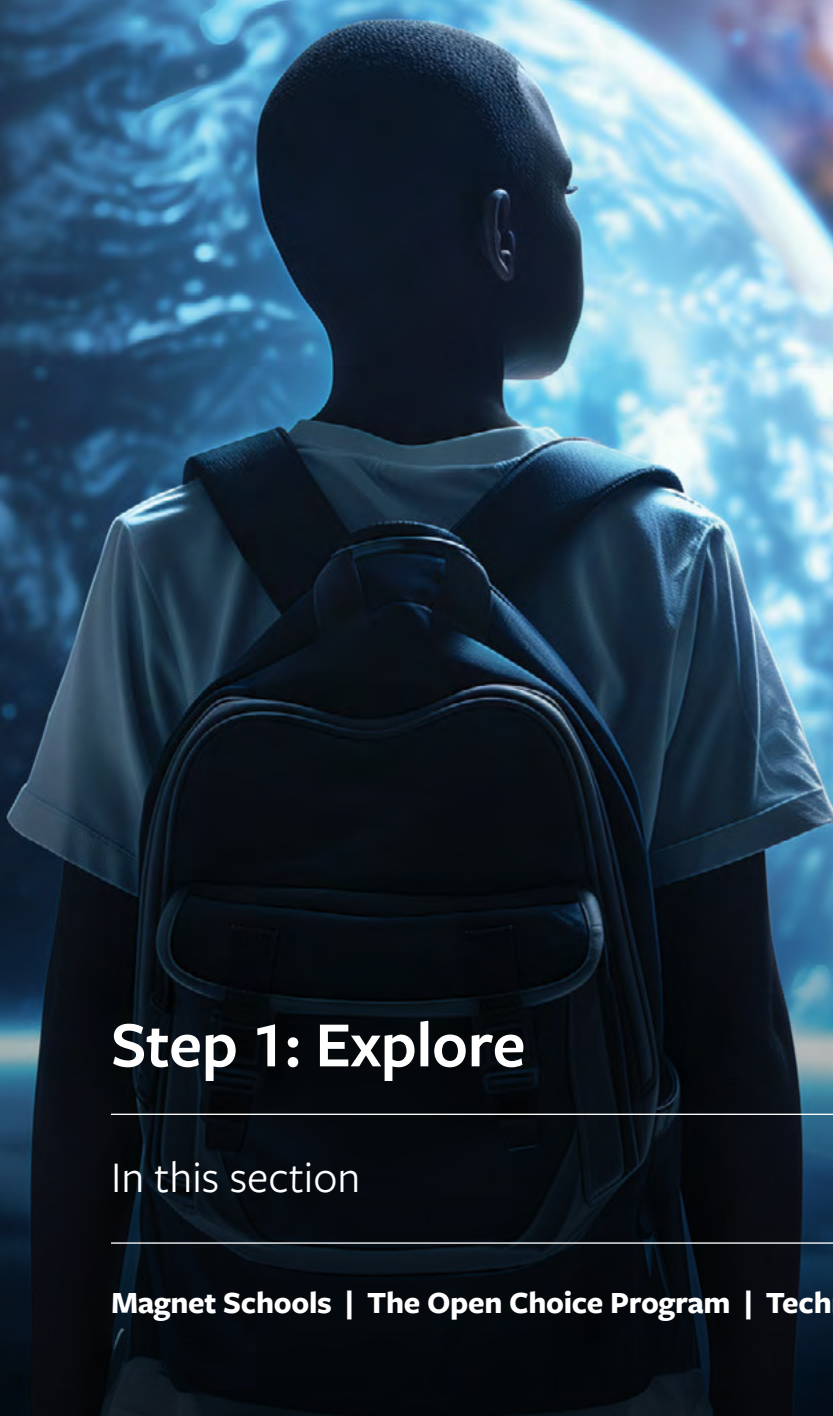
CTECS Applicants

March

Magnet and Open Choice Applicants



*Hartford residents can decline their first Open Choice offer and remain eligible for a second Open Choice offer.



Step 1: Explore

In this section

Helping Families Explore Their Options

Finding the right fit

Before applying to a school or program, families should explore all the different options available to find the best fit for their child and family.

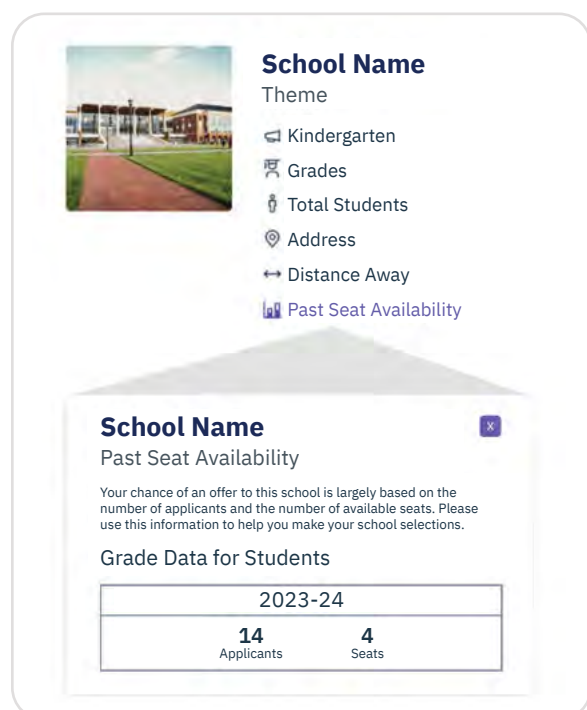
Here are some ways to learn more:

1. Browse RSCO's online school choice directory

Visit ChooseYourSchool.org to find detailed information about different programs and schools. Filters and the map feature can help families identify the options that might be a good fit. *Go to the School Programs section on page 62 for detailed descriptions of the four School Choice programs and informational pages for each school and district.*

2. View last year's application numbers

Families should review last year's application and open seats numbers to estimate the likelihood



The screenshot shows a school profile card with a photo of a school building. To the right of the photo is a list of filters: Theme, Kindergarten, Grades, Total Students, Address, Distance Away, and Past Seat Availability. Below the filters is a section titled 'School Name' with a close button. Underneath is 'Past Seat Availability' with a note: 'Your chance of an offer to this school is largely based on the number of applicants and the number of available seats. Please use this information to help you make your school selections.' Below this is a table for 'Grade Data for Students' for the 2023-24 school year.

2023-24	
14 Applicants	4 Seats

of an offer from a particular school. Typically, a school's entry grade—like PK/KG for elementary schools, 6th grade for middle/high schools, and 9th grade for high schools—offers the most seats, but there are limited seats available at non-entry grades as well. Families can find the numbers when selecting schools for their RSCO school choice application.

3. Attend RSCO events

Families can learn more, ask questions, and discover exactly what School Choice is all about! From large fairs to school-based open houses and family-friendly application assistance nights, RSCO has an event for everyone.

Note about events:

Check out our events calendar to stay up to date.



4. Contact us

Have questions? We're here to help. Families can connect to the RSCO Parent Resource Center, RSCO Partner Welcome Centers, Hartford Public Library, or a RSCO satellite site to discuss the options and ask questions.

RSCO Parent Resource Center

450 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT 06103-1841
860-713-6990

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Go to [page 59](#) for additional information on the resources available to families.



Interdistrict Magnet Schools

Grades: PK3-12

Magnet programs offer hands-on learning experiences focused on specific themes or specialized programs, like Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), visual and performing arts, International Baccalaureate, Montessori, and many more.

Along with teaching core academic subjects, each school weaves the particular theme into the curriculum, boosting engagement and providing advanced, in-depth learning opportunities in specific areas of interest. Additionally, teachers further enrich learning through innovative and creative methods such as project-based learning, collaborative projects, and real-world experiences.

There are 45 interdistrict magnet schools in the Hartford region, operated by either Bloomfield Public Schools (BPS), the Capitol Region Education Council (CREC), East Hartford Public Schools (EHPS), Goodwin University Magnet School System (GUMSS), or Hartford Public Schools (HPS)

Go to **pages 54-168** and learn more about RSCO's magnet schools.

Prekindergarten tuition

Magnet schools operated by the Capital Region Education Council and Goodwin University Magnet School System charge prekindergarten tuition based on a sliding scale. Tuition varies with family income.

Go to **page 38** for more information.



Important tips about how placements work:

- The RSCO application process is different from a traditional application process. While families can apply to multiple options, a student is eligible for only one placement offer. So, if a placement offer is made, the student is automatically removed from all other waitlists.
- We try to place students in their top choices, but this is not always possible. A placement offer could be made for any option on an application.

Magnet School Application Tips

Who can apply: Students entering grades PK3 through 12th grade.

Applicants should apply only to schools that are a fit for their family. Families are eligible to receive only one magnet offer, so they should make sure they would accept an offer to any school they select. They do not have to apply to the maximum number of schools.

If a family is only interested in magnet schools, they should apply only to magnet schools. Families do not have to apply to the other program options (Open Choice, CTECS).

If families have a placement priority they should make the school with a priority the applicant's first choice for the best chance of a placement.

Applicable placement priorities:

- Direct Pathway
- Enrolled Siblings
- Placed Siblings
- Staff
- Pathway School
- Residential Neighborhood
- Residential Zone

Learn more about placement priorities on page 39.

**Other Things to Know**

Students moving up to another magnet school may get priority through pathway schools.

Pathways support students as they transition within the magnet system. If a student is moving from elementary to middle or middle to high school, priorities are available between specific magnet schools to help increase the chance of placement and keep groups of students together.

Magnet Schools PK-12

Prekindergarten (PK) Only Schools	Grades	Town	Theme	Operator ^a	Page
CREC Preschool at Progress Drive PK\$ (With direct pathways to Academy of Aerospace and Engineering Elementary, Glastonbury-East Hartford Magnet School, and University of Hartford Magnet School)	PK3-PK4	Wethersfield	Early Childhood	CREC	67
Hartford Prekindergarten Magnet School – North Campus	PK3-PK4	Hartford	STREAM	HPS	69
Hartford Prekindergarten Magnet School – South Campus	PK3-PK4	Hartford	STREAM	HPS	71
Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School	PK3-PK4	Bloomfield	Early Childhood	BPS	73

Elementary and Elementary – Middle Schools	Grades	Town	Theme	Operator ^a	Page
Academy of Aerospace & Engineering Elementary PK\$	PK3-5	Rocky Hill	STEM	CREC	77
Academy of International Studies Elementary School PK\$	PK3-5	South Windsor	International Baccalaureate (IB)	CREC	79
Ana Grace Academy of the Arts School PK\$	PK3-8	Bloomfield	ARTS	CREC	81
Betances Learning Lab Magnet School	PK3-4	Hartford	Early Reading	HPS	83
Breakthrough Magnet School, North	PK3-5	Hartford	Character Education	HPS	85
Breakthrough Magnet School, South	PK3-8	Hartford	Character Education	HPS	87
Discovery Academy PK\$	PK3-5	Wethersfield	STEM	CREC	89
Dwight-Bellizzi Dual Language Academy PK4 through Grade 2 ^b	PK4-8	Hartford	Dual Language	HPS	91
Environmental Sciences Magnet at Hooker School	PK4-8	Hartford	Environmental Sciences	HPS	93
Glastonbury-East Hartford Magnet School PK\$	PK3-5	Glastonbury	STEM	CREC	95

Elementary and Elementary – Middle Schools (Cont.)	Grades	Town	Theme	Operator ^a	Page
Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts: PK8 Campus	PK4-8	Hartford	Performing Arts	HPS	97
Montessori Magnet at Batchelder School	PK3-6	Hartford	Montessori	HPS	99
Montessori Magnet at Fisher School	PK3-8	Hartford	Montessori	HPS	101
Montessori Magnet School (CREC) ^{PK\$}	PK3-6	Hartford	Montessori	CREC	103
Museum Academy ^{PK\$}	PK3-5	Bloomfield	Museum Studies	CREC	105
Reggio Magnet School of the Arts ^{PK\$}	PK3-5	Avon	Reggio Emilia	CREC	107
Riverside Magnet School at Goodwin University ^{PK\$}	PK3-5	East Hartford	Reggio Emilia	GUMSS	109
STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School	KG-8	Hartford	STEM	HPS	111
University of Hartford Magnet School ^{PK\$}	PK3-5	West Hartford	Multiple Intelligences	CREC	113
Webster Micro Society Magnet School	PK3-8	Hartford	Micro Society	HPS	115

Elementary – Middle – High Schools	Grades	Town	Theme	Operator ^a	Page
Capital Preparatory Magnet School	PK3-12	Hartford	Social Justice	HPS	119

Middle Schools	Grades	Town	Theme	Operator ^a	Page
Academy of Computer Science and Engineering Middle School	6-8	East Hartford	Computer Science & Engineering	CREC	119
Betances STEM Magnet School	5-8	Hartford	STEM	HPS	125

^{PK\$} Indicates that the school charges prekindergarten tuition based on a sliding scale.

^a BPS = Bloomfield Public Schools, CREC = Capitol Regional Education Council, EHPS = East Hartford Public Schools, HPS = Hartford Public Schools, GUMSS = Goodwin University Magnet School System.

^b For the 2025-26 school year, Dwight-Bellizzi Dual Language Academy is accepting applications for grades PK4, kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade.

Middle – High Schools	Grades	Town	Theme	Operator ^a	Page
Academy of Aerospace & Engineering	6-12	Windsor	STEM	CREC	129
Academy of International Studies	6-12	Bloomfield	International Baccalaureate (IB)	CREC	131
Academy of Science and Innovation	6-12	New Britain	STEM	CREC	133
Classical Magnet School	6-12	Hartford	College Prep	HPS	135
Connecticut River Academy at Goodwin University	6-12	East Hartford	Early College/ College Prep	GUMSS	137
Global Experience Magnet School	6-12	Bloomfield	Global Studies & World Travel	BPS	139
Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy	6-12	Hartford	Arts, STEM, College Prep	HPS	141
Sport and Medical Sciences Academy	6-12	Hartford	Sport & Medical Sciences	HPS	143

High Schools	Grades	Town	Theme	Operator ^a	Page
Academy of Computer Science and Engineering	9-12	Enfield	Computer Science & Engineering	CREC	147
Connecticut IB Academy	9-12	East Hartford	International Baccalaureate (IB)	EHPS	149
Great Path Academy at CT State Manchester	9-12	Manchester	College Prep	HPS	151
Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts High School – Full Day	9-12	Hartford	Arts	CREC	153
NEW! NextTech Academy at Goodwin University ^c	9-12	East Hartford	Career & Technical Education	GUMSS	155

High Schools (Cont.)	Grades	Town	Theme	Operator ^a	Page
Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts: High School Campus	9-12	Hartford	Performing Arts	HPS	157
Pathways Academy of Technology and Design	9-12	East Hartford	Technology & College Prep	HPS	159
University High School of Science & Engineering	9-12	Hartford	STEM	HPS	161

High Schools – Half Day, Dual Enrollment	Grades	Town	Theme	Operator ^a	Page
Early College Advanced Manufacturing Pathway (ECAMP)TM	12	East Hartford	Advanced Manufacturing, Early College	GUMSS	165
Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts High School – Half Day	9-12	Hartford	Arts	CREC	167

^a BPS = Bloomfield Public Schools, CREC = Capitol Regional Education Council, EHPS = East Hartford Public Schools, HPS = Hartford Public Schools, GUMSS = Goodwin University Magnet School System.

^c NextTech Academy at Goodwin University will open in 2025-26 at the 9th grade and will be accepting applications for the 2025-26 school year.



RSCO Magnet School Themes

Magnet schools incorporate academic themes and special programming into the core curriculum to prepare students for the future, including themes like Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), visual and performing arts, International Baccalaureate, and Montessori. Following is a list of just a few of the exciting and inquiry-based themes available to students through interdistrict magnet schools!



Advanced Manufacturing: The Advanced Manufacturing theme provides students with the skills and training required for a career in the high-demand advanced manufacturing field. Through hands-on experience on state-of-the-art technology equipment, students develop the skills to prepare them for future careers and/or advanced education in manufacturing, engineering, logistics, and more.



Arts/Visual and Performing Arts: There are several magnet schools that are specifically geared toward students interested in art, music, dance, digital arts, creative writing, theater design, and other art forms. This theme integrates a rigorous core curriculum with instruction by professional artists focused on fine and performing arts.



Character Education: The Character Education theme combines academic rigor with character development in a warm and welcoming environment to support active and mindful students who are confident, self-aware, cooperative, and responsible decision-makers. The theme prioritizes mindfulness and good character by focusing on educating the whole child to 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 critically important 21st century skills!



Dual Language: A dual language education creates an immersion experience in English and Spanish during all academic class time to develop language skills in English and Spanish, with the goal of bilingual fluency and bilingual literacy for our young learners.



Early College/College Preparatory: 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: The Early Childhood 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 through hands-on learning!



Global Studies: Geared toward the 21st century global environment, the Global Studies theme challenges students with rigorous academics and prepares them to become responsible, civic-minded citizens with intercultural understanding and respect.



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. 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.



Multiple Intelligences: The Multiple Intelligences theme focuses on developing intelligence by allowing students to experience different ways of learning, including through linguistics, logical-mathematical, visual-spatial, musical, bodily-kinesthetic, interpersonal, intrapersonal, and naturalist. These eight areas are integrated in the classroom activities and learning modules to accommodate all learning styles and build on students' individual strengths. This mixture of intelligences provides students with the opportunity for learning based on their needs, interests, and skills.

RSCO Magnet School Themes (cont.)



Museum Studies: This theme transcends the traditional classroom and creates a unique learning environment through partnerships with museums as an educational resource and site for exciting and stimulating excursions. The Museum Studies approach focuses on hands-on, project-based learning that individualizes content to each student's way of learning. Students learn to think for themselves and ask questions through a strong inquiry-based and exploratory learning environment. 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.



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: The Social Justice theme promotes social and individual responsibility, global understanding, community engagement, and student empowerment. Strong academics, field experiences, and leadership skills help students develop tenacity, accomplishment, courage, community wellness, and a commitment to justice.



Sport and Medical Sciences: The Sport and Medical theme integrates academics and advanced technology into the learning experience with a focus on medical science in the sports context. The theme is integrated throughout the core curriculum to prepare students for advanced studies in sport medicine, exercise science, and health management.



STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics): 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 (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics):**

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.



Technology: The Technology theme prepares students for the ever-changing demands of a technologically advanced global society by engaging students in the design, implementation, and support of advanced technological systems and exposing them to 21st century technological skills through the core curriculum and extensive electives, such as graphic digital design, computer coding, and web design.





Open Choice Program for Hartford Residents

Hartford Residents: PK4-Grade 12

The Open Choice program is an incredible opportunity for students to experience strong academic programming and enriching extracurricular options in a school district outside of their town. This free program allows Hartford-resident students to attend high-performing public schools in nearby suburban school districts through graduation from high school. Go to [pages 169-238](#) and learn more about districts that participate in the Open Choice Program.

Open Choice for Hartford Residents Application Tips

Who can apply: Hartford students entering PK4 through 10th grade. Once a student is enrolled in an Open Choice school, they are enrolled through high school graduation as long as they remain a Hartford resident. Families do not need to reapply each year!

Families should apply to the districts available to them in their residential zone. The City of Hartford is divided into four residential zones, with specific districts assigned to each zone. Families living in a specific residential zone apply to the districts assigned to that zone. Families should go to [ChooseYourSchool.org](#) to determine their zone based on their residential address.

If Open Choice is a family's top choice, they should only apply to Open Choice to activate the Open Choice Only Priority. Families do not need to apply to the other program options (magnet schools, CTECS).

Families should apply only to districts where they would accept an offer. Families can decline only one offer.

Families should consider adding other program options (magnet schools, and CTECS for applying 9th graders) to their application if their student is in an upper grade level.

Most available seats are at the lower grades, especially PK4, kindergarten, and 1st grade.

If families have a placement priority they should make the district with a priority the applicant's first choice for the best chance of a placement. Applicable placement priorities:

- Former Resident
- Enrolled Siblings
- Placed Siblings
- Open Choice Only
- Pathway School

Learn more about placement priorities on [page 39](#).



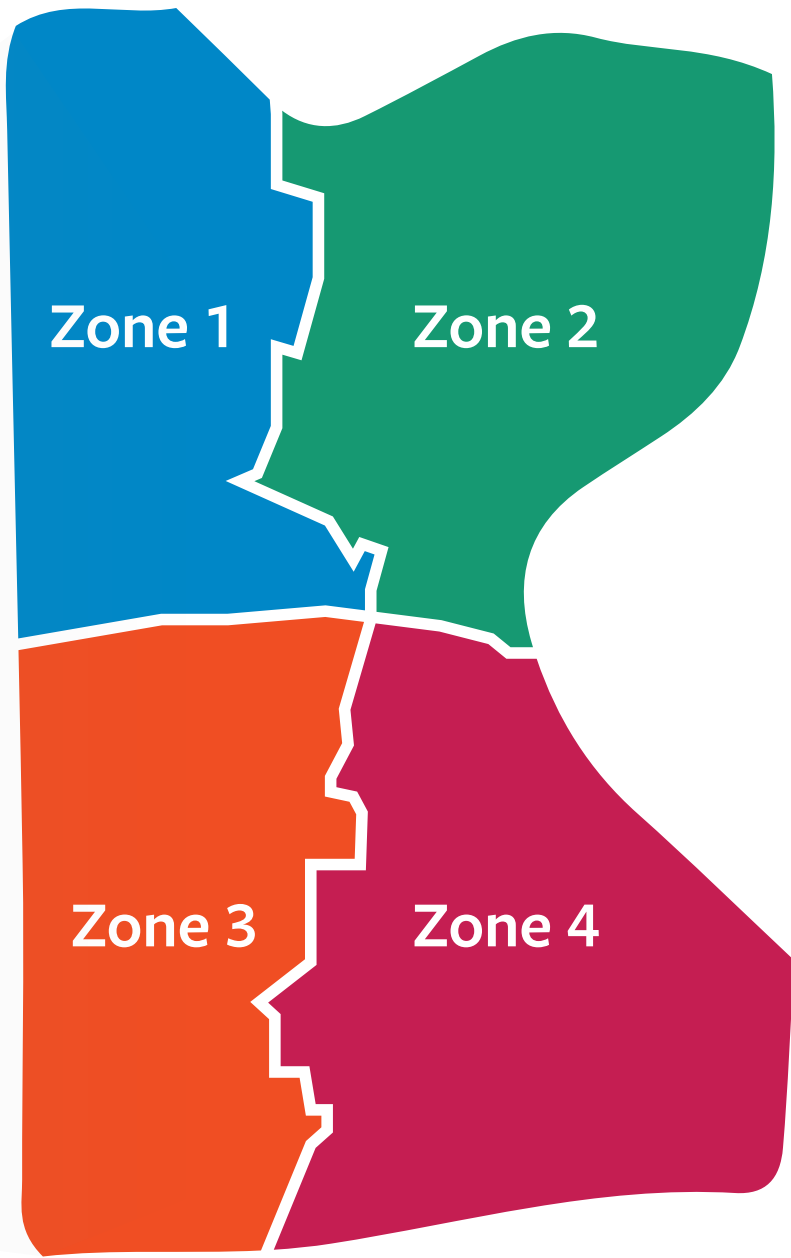
Hartford Residential Zone Map

Open Choice Program

The City of Hartford is divided into four residential zones, with specific districts assigned to each. Families living in a specific residential zone apply to the districts assigned to that zone.



To determine where families can apply, families should go to [ChooseYourSchool.org](https://www.ChooseYourSchool.org) and use the School Finder Tool to determine their zone based on their full street address.



Residential Zone	Open Choice Districts for Hartford Residents	Pages
Zone 1	Avon*, Canton, East Granby, Granby, Simsbury, Suffield, West Hartford*	172-186
Zone 2	Bolton**, Coventry**, East Windsor, Ellington, Enfield, Somers, South Windsor, Tolland, Windsor Locks	188-206
Zone 3	Avon*, Berlin, Farmington, Newington, Plainville, Southington, West Hartford*	208-222
Zone 4	Bolton**, Coventry**, Cromwell, Glastonbury, Portland, Rocky Hill, Wethersfield	224-238

* Avon and West Hartford are available for application for families in Zones 1 and 3.
 ** Bolton and Coventry are available for application for families in Zones 2 and 4.



Open Choice Program for Non-Hartford Residents

Non-Hartford Residents: KG-Grade 8

The Open Choice Program for non-Hartford residents allows students living outside of Hartford to attend certain non-magnet public schools in Hartford from kindergarten through the end grade at the school. This program includes specialized programming tailored to enhance students' educational experiences. Go to [pages 239-246](#) and learn more about Hartford's non-magnet public schools that participate in the Open Choice Program.

Open Choice for Non-Hartford Residents Application Tips

Who can apply: Non-Hartford residents entering kindergarten through 6th grade (depending on the school's grade offerings). Once a student is enrolled in an Open Choice school, they are enrolled through the end grade of the school.

If Open Choice is a family's top choice, they should only apply to Open Choice to activate the Open Choice Only Priority. Families do not have to apply to the other program options (magnet schools).

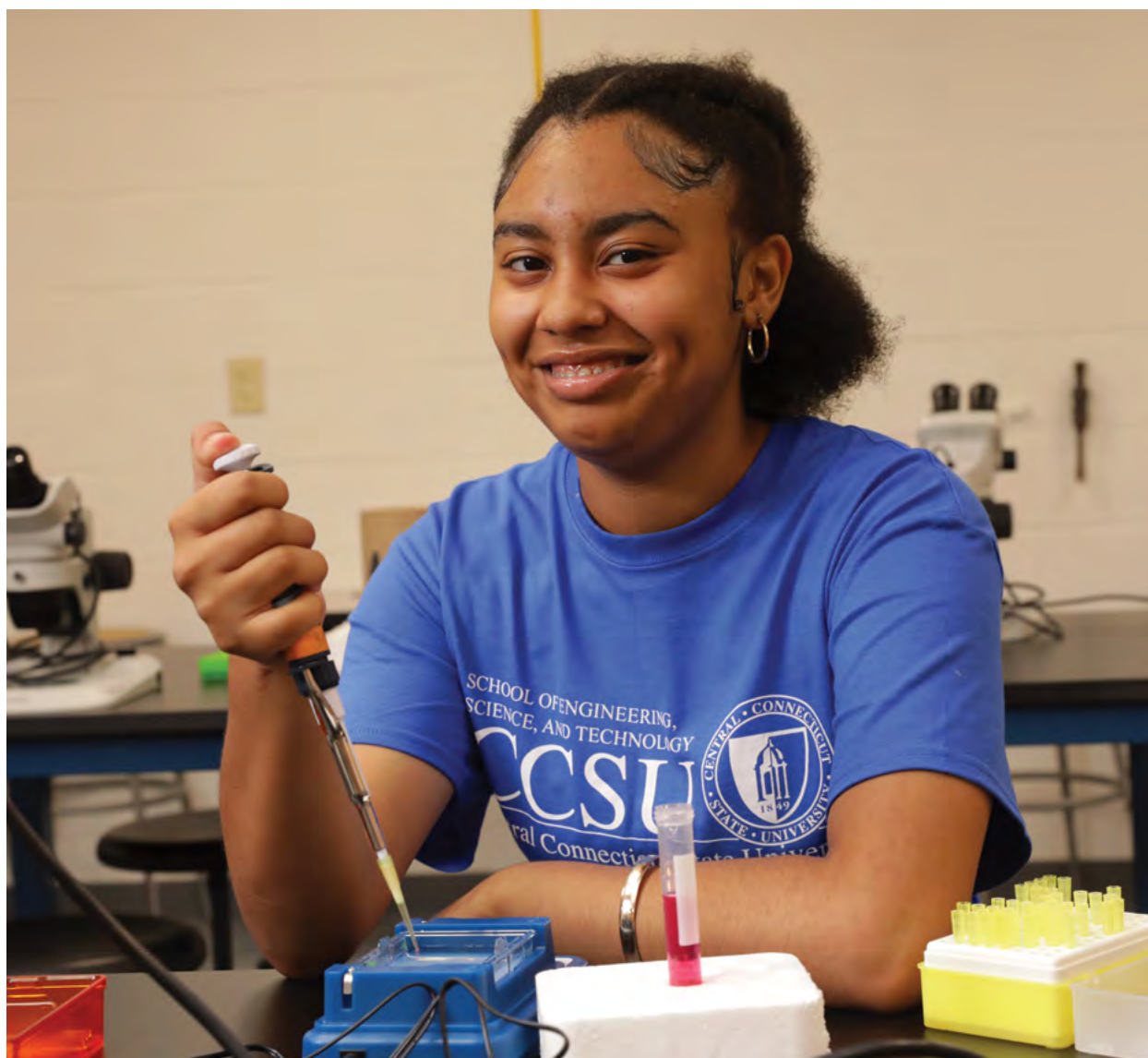
If families have a placement priority, they should make the school with a priority their first choice for the best chance of a placement.

Applicable placement priorities:

- Former Resident
- Placed Siblings
- Enrolled Siblings
- Open Choice Only

Learn more about placement priorities on [page 39](#).





Open Choice Hartford Public Schools	Grades	Town	Theme	Operator	Page
Expeditionary Learning Academy at Moylan School	KG-5	Hartford	Expeditionary Learning	HPS	241
Global Communications Academy	KG-8	Hartford	International Baccalaureate (IB)	HPS	243
Renzulli Gifted and Talented Academy ^a	4-8	Hartford	Gifted & Talented	HPS	245

^a Non-Hartford resident families must complete a separate application with Hartford Public Schools for Renzulli Gifted and Talented Academy. Please find the application at <https://www.hartfordschools.org/o/renzulli/page/admissions-process>.



Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS)

Grades 9-12

There are three Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS) high schools in the Greater Hartford Region: A.I. Prince Technical High School, E.C. Goodwin Technical High School, and Howell Cheney Technical High School. With a combined emphasis on practical skills and traditional academic subjects, students participate in hands-on learning and career-focused training to prepare them for immediate employment, apprenticeships, and college. *Go to pages 247-254 and learn more about the three Hartford region technical high schools.*

CTECS Application Tips

Applying 9th graders only. Students entering 9th grade apply to all three Hartford region technical high schools together.

Rank the schools in order of preference. Families must make sure to rank the schools in order of preference. Even though the technical schools are grouped as a region, they can and should rank the three schools.

If CTECS is a families top choice, they should apply only to CTECS technical high schools to activate the CTECS Only priority.

If family's have a placement priority, they should make the school with a priority their first choice for the best chance of a placement.

Applicable placement priorities:

- Enrolled Siblings
- Employee/Staff
- Placed Siblings
- CTECS Only

Learn more about placement priorities on [page 39](#).

Note for applying 10th graders:

Students entering 10th grade should contact the technical school directly.



Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs	A.I. Prince	E.C. Goodwin	Howell Cheney
Aerospace Component Manufacturing	X		
Architecture	X		
Automotive Collision, Repair, and Refinishing	X		
Automotive Technology	X	X	X
Carpentry	X	X	X
Criminal Justice and Protective Services	X		
Culinary Arts	X	X	X
Diesel and Heavy-duty Equipment Repair			X
Digital Media	X		X
Electrical	X	X	X
Graphic Design	X		
Hairdressing and Cosmetology	X	X	
Health Technology	X	X	
Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning (HVAC)		X	X
Information Technology	X	X	X
Landscape Design, Installation, and Equipment		X	
Masonry	X		
Mechanical Design and Engineering		X	X
Plumbing and Heating	X	X	
Precision Machining		X	X
Robotics and Automation		X	X
Welding and Metal Fabrication			X



Agricultural Science and Technology Education (ASTE)

Grades 9-12

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. Specific programs vary across each of the three ASTE centers. These programs, located in Bloomfield, Glastonbury, and Suffield, provide opportunities for students to receive college credit in high school. Go to [pages 255-262](#) to learn more about each school.

ASTE Application Tips

Hartford students entering the 9th grade may apply to the ASTE schools in Bloomfield, Glastonbury, and Suffield.

To apply, families must use the separate ASTE application, not the RSCO application.

Note about applying:

Please use the separate ASTE application.





Agricultural Science and Technology Education (ASTE) Schools	Grades	Town	Theme	Page
D.F. Harris Sr. AgriScience Center at Bloomfield High School	9-12	Bloomfield	College & Career Readiness	257
Glastonbury Regional Agriscience and Technology Center at Glastonbury High School	9-12	Glastonbury	College & Career Readiness	259
Suffield Regional Agriscience Center at Suffield High School	9-12	Suffield	College & Career Readiness	261



Step 2: Choose

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Eligibility Requirements | Considerations for Prekindergarten and Kindergarten
How Placement Works | Transportation Options

Choosing Where to Apply

Eligibility requirements

As families think about choosing schools and programs through their RSCO application, it is important to understand the eligibility requirements to know what is available to their family. There are specific age and residency requirements for RSCO's school choice programs. Some schools accept applications only from students entering certain grades or from specific towns.

Note:

A P.O. box cannot be used to prove residency, and applications submitted by anyone other than a legal guardian may be deleted.

Who can apply?	Residency	Application Grades	Callouts
Magnet Schools	Connecticut Residents Only	PK3-12	
Open Choice for Hartford Residents	Hartford Residents Only	PK4-10	Applications accepted only through grade 10, though students remain enrolled through high school graduation.
Open Choice for Non-Hartford Residents	Non-Hartford Residents Only	KG-6	Applications accepted up to grade 6, depending on the end grade for the school, though students may remain enrolled through the end grade of the school (which is either 5th grade or 8th grade, depending on the school).
CT Technical Education and Career System High Schools	Connecticut Residents Only	Grade 9 Only	Applying to Grade 10? Contact the school directly to apply.

Considerations for Prekindergarten and Kindergarten Applicants

Age eligibility requirements

Prekindergarten

PK3 (Prekindergarten Age 3):

Child must turn 3 on or before September 1, 2025 (born on or between September 2, 2021, and September 1, 2022)

PK4 (Prekindergarten Age 4):

Child must turn 4 on or before September 1, 2025 (born on or between September 2, 2020, and September 1, 2021)

Kindergarten

With previous schooling:

Child must turn 5 on or before September 1, 2025* (born on or between September 2, 2019, and September 1, 2020)

With no previous schooling:

Child was born between September 2, 2018, and September 1, 2019

Important note:

There are no exceptions to the age requirements for PK3 or PK4.



Exceptions to the Kindergarten Age Requirements

Connecticut law requires children to turn 5 years old on or before September 1 to be automatically eligible for kindergarten. The law allows parents to request early enrollment in kindergarten if their student does not meet the age requirement.

Under the law, students who do not turn 5 years old by September 1 may be admitted to kindergarten if:

The parent submits a written request to the principal of the school to admit their child to kindergarten.

AND

The principal of the school determines the child is developmentally ready for kindergarten based on an assessment.

To submit a kindergarten application for a child turning 5 years old in September, October, November, or December, parents must contact RSCO for assistance. The student's application through the RSCO application system is considered a parent's written request for the school to admit the child to kindergarten and, therefore, satisfies the requirement that a parent submit a written request for early kindergarten enrollment.

Kindergarten placement offers made to students who have not reached the age of 5 on or before September 1 will be conditional, pending the results of the assessment. If the school determines that the student is not developmentally appropriate for kindergarten, the placement offer is removed and the student will be placed back on the waiting list for PK4.



Prekindergarten Tuition

Magnet schools operated by the Capitol Region Education Council (CREC) and Goodwin University Magnet School System (GUMSS) charge prekindergarten tuition on a sliding scale based on a family's income. The fee for prekindergarten is determined annually but will not exceed \$2,351 per child in accordance with Connecticut law. Some schools provide a discount for multiple student enrollment. Families should check with the school for specific details.

Understanding Placements

What we consider during placement

Along with available seats, grade level, socioeconomic factors, and an applicant’s school choice order, a student’s “placement priorities” are a key consideration during placement. Priorities are the different connections a student has to a school or program—like when a sibling is enrolled in a program or their middle school shares a specific theme with a high school.

How Placement Priorities Work

Priorities don’t guarantee placement at a school or program, but they can increase the chance of an offer. Most placement priorities apply only to the first-choice school or district. Even if a student is eligible for a priority at more than one school or district, they will generally receive priority only for the school or district they rank as their first choice. However, placement at a school is always dependent on seat availability and the number of other applicants.

Placement Priorities by Program

Not all programs/schools offer the same priorities. The RSCO placement protocol orders priorities for each program based on the priority order below. Applicants without priorities are ordered after priority applicants, so understanding what priorities apply to a student is important.

Magnet School Applicant	Open Choice Applicant	CTECS Technical High School Applicant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct Pathway • Enrolled Siblings • Placed Siblings • Employee/Staff • Pathway School • Residential Neighborhood • Residential Zone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former Resident • Enrolled Siblings • Placed Siblings • Open Choice Only • Pathway School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolled Siblings • Placed Siblings • Employee/Staff • CTECS Only

Note:

Go to RSCO’s online school choice directory, available at ChooseYourSchool.org, to review the school descriptions to see which priorities apply to each school.

Factors That May Give an Applicant Placement Priority

Priority definitions

Where the student's guardian works or sibling attends school

- **Staff Priority:**

- ▶ 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, CT State Community College Manchester, CT State Community College Capital, and Trinity College, as well as students of Goodwin University, may receive priority for their children when applying to their partner magnet school.

- **Sibling(s) Priority:** We try to keep together siblings who share at least one biological parent, legal guardian, or stepparent and are in the same grade range. To be sure a family's application is flagged for the priority, all siblings must have a profile in RSCO's application platform and be connected as siblings through a guardian account.

- ▶ **Enrolled siblings:** Applicants receive priority when they apply to the same school or Open Choice district their sibling attends. The enrolled sibling must remain enrolled in the following school year or be in the final grade of that school or district.

To be eligible: Families must apply by the on-time deadline and select the enrolled sibling's school as their first choice.

- ▶ **Placed siblings:** Applicants receive priority if a sibling in the same grade range accepts a placement offer. This means that we try and place all siblings applying at the same time together, but if only one sibling receives a placement, the sibling(s) on the waitlist will have sibling priority at that school. If siblings in the same grade range are placed in separate schools or programs during the same offer round, a family can decline the offer for one child and request to keep that child on the school waitlist where the other sibling received and accepted a placement. If a sibling is placed in a different school in a later round, they can decline that placement and stay on the waitlist for their sibling's school

Families must contact RSCO to exercise this exception to the one offer rule for sibling placements.

To be eligible: Families must submit all applications during the same application period with the same schools/Open Choice districts in the exact same order of preference.

- ▶ **Twins/multiples:** The placement process is designed to place twins/multiples together.

To be eligible: Families must mark students as twins/multiples on the student profile and submit their applications during the same application period with the same schools/Open Choice districts in the exact same order of preference.

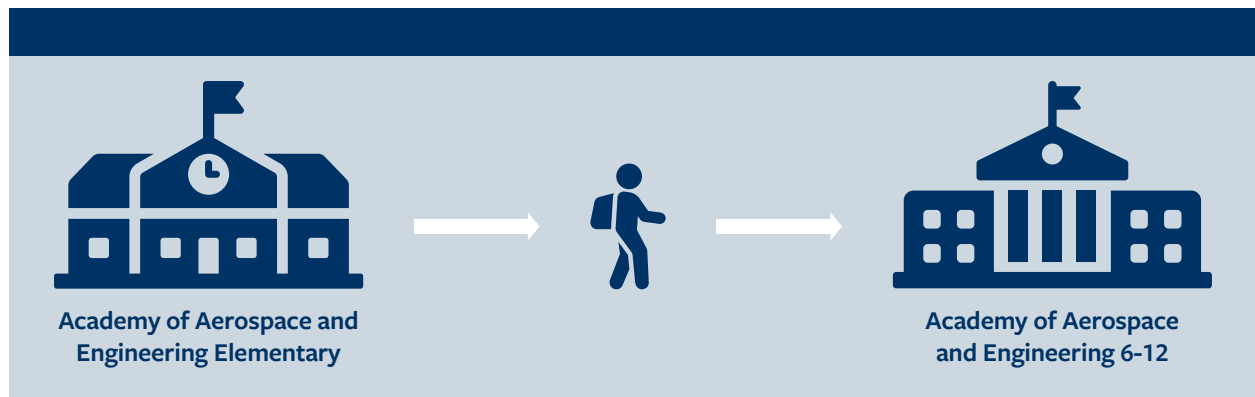
Where Applicants Apply

- **CTECS-Only Applicants:** Students who only apply to CTECS.
- **Open Choice-Only Applicants:** Students who only apply to the Open Choice program.

Where an Applicant Attends School

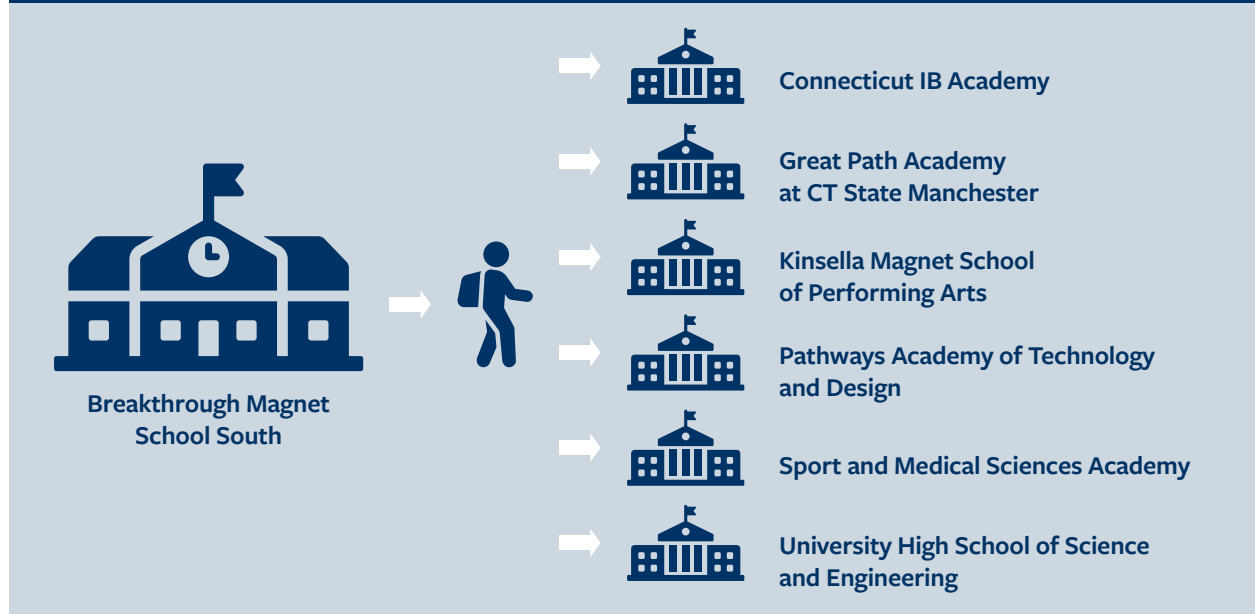
Direct Pathway Priority: Some magnet schools offer a prekindergarten to grade 12 continuum through direct pathways between schools. Students attending an elementary or middle school with a direct pathway will receive the highest priority when applying to their direct pathway school.

To be eligible: Families must submit an on-time RSCO online application with their direct pathway school as their first choice.



- **Pathway Priority:** Applicants in transition grades have priority when moving between specific magnet schools. This increases a family’s chance of remaining in the magnet system as students move from elementary to middle and middle to high school.

Pathway Priority Example: Students who attend Breakthrough South and are applying for 9th grade have a priority to the school listed on the right.



Go to RSCO’s Online school choice directory available at ChooseYourSchool.org to see which priorities apply to each school.

Where an Applicant Lives

- **Neighborhood Priority:** Hartford residents applying to elementary schools located within a half mile of their house or Enfield residents applying for the Academy of Computer Science and Engineering receive neighborhood priority.
- **Former Residents Priority (Open Choice Program Only):** Applicants receive priority as a former resident if they move into Hartford and wish to continue attending their Open Choice Non-Hartford school district or move out of Hartford and wish to continue attending their Open Choice Hartford school.
- **Partner Districts:** Some schools have partnerships with specific towns where a set number of seats in specific grades are reserved for residents of the partner town.
- **Residential Zone Priority:** Hartford residents living in specific zones and applying to certain schools receive priority:
 - ▶ **Zone 1:** Montessori Magnet at Fisher School, STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School, Webster Micro Society Magnet School, or Breakthrough Magnet School North.
 - ▶ **Zone 2:** Capital Preparatory Magnet School (PK3-Grade 8 only) or Hartford Prekindergarten Magnet School North.
 - ▶ **Zone 3:** Breakthrough Magnet School South, Environmental Sciences Magnet at Hooker School, Hartford Prekindergarten Magnet School South, or Montessori Magnet at Batchelder School.
 - ▶ **Zone 4:** Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts: PK-8 Campus, Betances Learning Lab Magnet School, or Dwight-Bellizzi Dual Language Academy (Grades PK4, kindergarten, first grade, and second grade only).

Note for Zones:

Unsure about a family's zone? Go to ChooseYourSchool.org to access the online school choice directory.

Other Factors

- **New to RSCO School Choice:** Students not currently enrolled in a choice program in the Greater Hartford Region.
- **Previous Applicants Without Placements:** Students who have applied for multiple years without an offer.

Consider Transportation Options

Understanding how transportation works

Free transportation is generally available for most kindergarten through grade 12 students participating in school choice. But understanding the eligibility requirements and how transportation works is an important part of a family's research.

Note about bus stops:





RSCO does not provide door-to-door transportation but generally uses centralized bus stops. Typically, centralized bus stops are not within walking distance of a student's home but are located a few miles away in a public location, such as a town library or school parking lot. Parents/guardians are responsible for transportation to the bus stop.

Transportation Zones




The RSCO Transportation Zone establishes the list of towns where students receive transportation to RSCO School Choice schools and programs within the Greater Hartford Region. Refer to the map below for the towns within the RSCO Transportation Zone.

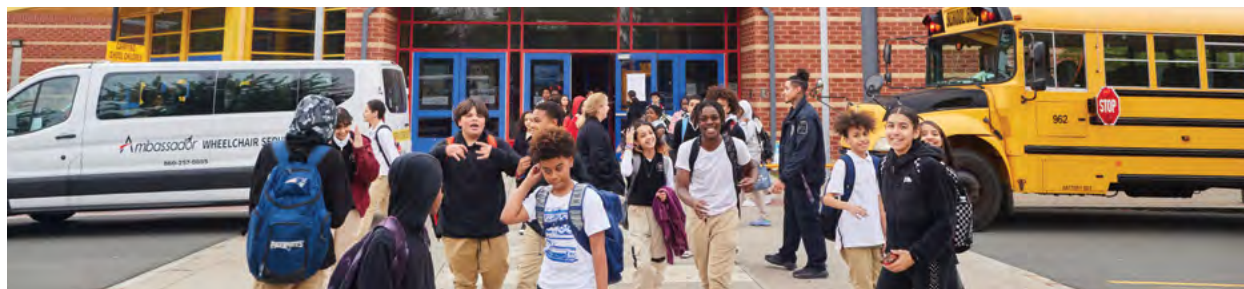


Transportation Options by Program

	Bus Transportation Provided	Hartford residents attending a magnet or Open Choice School <i>outside</i> of Hartford.
	No Bus Transportation Provided	Hartford residents attending a magnet school located in Hartford.
	No Bus Transportation Provided	Non-Hartford Residents attending a magnet school <i>outside</i> of their town. <i>Reimbursement stipend available.</i>
	No Bus Transportation Provided	Non-Hartford Residents attending a magnet school in their town.

Magnet Schools (KG-12)

	Bus Transportation Provided	Students Living <i>Inside</i> the Transportation Zone Bus stops vary and may include stops in the student’s neighborhood or centralized locations in or near their town. Parents/guardians are responsible for transportation to the bus stop.
	Bus Transportation Provided <i>(In-District Transportation)</i>	Hartford Residents Attending a Magnet School in Hartford and Non-Hartford Residents Attending a Magnet School in Their Town Students receive in-district transportation. Families must contact their district’s transportation office for more information.
	No Bus Transportation Provided	Students Living <i>Outside</i> the Transportation Zone Families can pursue two options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport their child to an existing bus stop near them (contact RSCO Transportation for information), or • Bring their child to and from the magnet school (reimbursement stipend available).



Transportation Options by Program (cont.)

Open Choice Program (PK4-12)



Bus Transportation Provided

Students Living *Inside* the Transportation Zone

Bus stops vary and may include stops in the student's neighborhood and centralized locations in or near their town. Parents/guardians are responsible for transportation to the bus stop.



Bus Transportation Provided

Students Attending Plainville and Wethersfield Schools

The town provides transportation services. Families should contact their district's transportation office for more information.

A.I. Prince Technical High School Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS) (9-12)



Bus Transportation Provided

Hartford Residents

Transportation provided by Hartford Public Schools. Neighborhood bus stops are in or near the student's neighborhood.



Bus Transportation Provided

Non-Hartford Residents

Non-Hartford residents *inside* the transportation zone.



No Bus Transportation Provided

Non-Hartford Residents *Outside* the Transportation Zone

Families can pursue two options:

- Transport their child to an existing bus stop near them (contact RSCO Transportation for information), or
- Bring their child to and from the technical school (reimbursement stipend available).

E.C. Goodwin Technical High School and Howell Cheney Technical High School Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS) (9-12)



Bus Transportation Provided

Hartford Residents

Centralized bus stops are located in or near the student's resident town, often located in a public place. Parents/guardians are responsible for transportation to the bus stop.



Bus Transportation Provided

Non-Hartford Residents

Resident towns provide transportation—but not all towns provide transportation to all technical high schools. Families should contact their local school district for more information.

Transportation reimbursement stipend

If bus transportation isn't provided and a family is responsible for bringing their child to school outside their town of residence, they may be eligible to receive a \$5 per day reimbursement, based on their student's attendance, and depending on the school choice program and school location. The transportation reimbursement stipend is not available to families who transport students to a magnet school located in their town of residence.

To receive the reimbursement, parents/guardians must:

- A.** Meet the eligibility requirements;
- B.** Transport their child for the entire school year; and
- C.** Complete an online reimbursement form, available at crec.org/transportation/forms.php, before June 15th.





Step 3: Apply

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How to Apply

Application process overview

RSCO's user-friendly online application platform makes it easy and convenient for families to manage applications for all their children.

After creating their RSCO account, families should use the same account every year to submit applications. The placement process gives priority to applicants who have applied for multiple years without an offer. Using the same account is essential to being identified for this priority.

To apply, families should:

- Go to ChooseYourSchool.org.
- Create a RSCO account or log in to their existing account if they are a returning applicant.
- Create or modify their family's Guardian Profile.
- Create or update Student Profiles for all children in their household.
- Select schools and programs that fit their child's interests and skills and rank them in order of preference.
- Remember, families are NOT required to submit applications for all available programs.
- Families should apply only to programs and schools they would accept if they receive an offer.
- Families must keep their information updated so that they receive time-sensitive communications.

Important note about duplicate accounts:

- An applicant may create only one RSCO account
- Duplicate RSCO accounts and applications will be deleted



Application Tips and Strategies

Helpful hints for a successful application

Here are some helpful tips to consider as you help families navigate through the RSCO application process and explore their options.

Pay Attention to Deadlines

Don't miss out on an opportunity because of a late application or missed deadline.

- **Apply during the on-time application period (by February 7, 2025).** This is the best way families can increase their chance of an offer!
- There will be limited options for late applications based on waitlist size, so families should be sure to apply on time to maximize their options and chance of a placement.
- After families receive a placement notification, they must respond by the deadline, including completing student registration!
- Missed deadlines will result in automatic declines.

Important note:

Apply during the on-time application period **(by February 7, 2025)**.

Maximizing Priorities

Many schools and programs consider “priorities” based on an applicant’s connection to a school or program during the placement process—including enrolled sibling, staff, pathways, and more. To increase the likelihood of a placement, it is important for families to know their priorities and make sure they are flagged in their RSCO Account Family Profile.

Families should:

- **Check the priorities** on each Student Profile to ensure that all their priorities are listed
- **Make the school with a placement priority their first choice to activate the priority.** This will give them the best chance of a placement.
- **Applying for twins or siblings in the same grade range?** Families should select the same schools in the same choice order on every application to increase the chance that they will be placed together.
- **Interested only in CTECS?** Families should apply only to CTECS technical high schools to activate the CTECS Only priority.
- **Only interested in Open Choice?** Families should apply only to the Open Choice program to activate the Open Choice Only priority.

Go to **page 39** for detailed information on placement priorities.

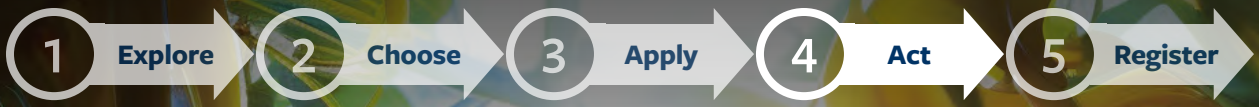
Know the Placement Rules

The “One Offer Rule” means applicants are eligible for only one placement offer for the 2025-26 school year. Once an applicant receives an offer for any of the schools they apply to, they are removed from all other waitlists and are ineligible for any other placement offer for the 2025-26 school year. Families should make sure to select only schools or districts their child would like to attend. They do not have to apply to the maximum number of schools/districts.

Choice order matters with schools and districts. Generally, an applicant’s best chance of a placement offer is their first choice school or district. However, an applicant could receive placement at any school or district on their application, so families should make sure to select only schools their child would like to attend.

No preference between programs. When families apply to CTECS, magnet schools, and/or Open Choice, they can’t indicate which program they prefer. If they are interested in only one program, they should limit their selections to that program.





Step 4: Act

In this section

Responding to a Placement Offer

What to expect during placement

The RSCO placement process begins in February 2025 for CTECS and March 2025 for magnet schools and the Open Choice Program, and continues through September 30, 2025. RSCO will notify families by email or text message if their child receives a placement offer or is on the waitlist. Read on for specific information about placements and what steps families should take upon receiving an offer.

An Applicant Received a Placement Offer. What Happens Next?

It's great news when a family receives an offer. It is important for families to accept the offer by the deadline, or the offer expires and is automatically declined.

To accept or decline an offer, families should:

- 1. Go to ChooseYourSchool.org.**
- 2. Select “View Offer”** on the student card.
- 3. Review the placement letter**, which is linked under the offer.
- 4. Accept or decline** by the deadline. The guardian will receive a confirmation email after they make their selection.



One Offer Rule

Generally, applicants are eligible to receive only one placement offer. If an applicant receives an offer, their application will be removed from all other waitlists (Magnet, Open Choice, and CTECS) and they are no longer eligible for another placement offer for the 2025-26 school year, whether they accept or decline the offer.

There are two limited exceptions:

Exception 1

Open Choice for Hartford Residents

Hartford residents can decline their first Open Choice placement offer, and remain eligible for a second Open Choice placement offer in a district from their other Open Choice selections if a seat becomes available. If an applicant receives a second Open Choice offer, they are not eligible for any other placement offers for the 2025-26 school year, whether they accept or decline the offer.

Exception 2

Placed siblings

If siblings in the same grade range are placed in separate schools or programs during the same offer round, a family can decline the offer for one child and request to keep that child on the school waitlist where the other sibling received and accepted a placement.

If only one sibling receives a placement, the waitlisted sibling(s) gets placed sibling priority at that school. If the sibling is placed in a different school in a later round, they can decline that placement and stay on the waitlist for the school where they have placed sibling priority.

Note: Families must contact RSCO to request application of this exception to the one-offer rule for sibling placements.



Managing Waitlists

The waitlist process

If an applicant does not receive a placement offer, we will notify them by text and/or email that their child's application is on the waitlist for the schools and programs they selected on their application. Applicants who apply during the late application period are automatically added to the waitlists of their selected schools and programs.

The waitlist process is designed to increase the chance of a placement for:

- On-time applicants who did not receive a placement in the first round of placement offers; and
- Applicants who apply during the late application period.

Read on for more information about how the waitlist works.

An Applicant didn't Receive a Placement Offer. What Happens Next?

For the first round of placements, RSCO makes offers only for a family's first-choice school or district. So even if an applicant doesn't receive an offer in the first round, their child still has a chance for an offer in later rounds. We will automatically add them to a waitlist for the schools and programs they selected on their application.

Magnet and Open Choice placements continue throughout the spring and summer, typically every other week.



What Are an Applicant's Chances of an Offer?

After the first round of placements in March 2025, we assign all schools and programs on the application an indicator based on their child's position on the waitlist. Families can log in to their RSCO account to view the indicators for each of their school and program selections.

Waitlist Indicators

SMALL

Small (Green): Good chance of an offer, if seats are available

What it means: The applicant is among a small number of applicants who are likely to receive a placement if seats become available. If seats are declined in a round or a current student withdraws, the applicant has a good chance of receiving an offer.

What the family should do: If they are still interested in this school, they should think about moving it to their top choice. If they are not interested in receiving a placement, they should move it down their list or remove it from the application.

MEDIUM

Medium (Yellow): Offer unlikely in the next round of placements

What it means: There are a medium number of other applicants who are likely to be placed before their student and an offer is unlikely in the next round of placements. But if seats are declined throughout the placement process, there is a possibility their student may receive an offer in a later round.

What the family should do: Review their school selections and consider changing their choice order or adding schools that have a green indicator to boost their chances of a placement.

LARGE

Large (Red): Offer unlikely

What it means: There are a large number of applicants who are likely to receive placement before their child. While the waitlist can change, it is unlikely that their student will receive a placement offer at this school.

What the family should do: Review their school selections and consider changing their choice order or adding schools that have a green indicator to boost their chances of a placement.

Other Things to Know

- **For each waitlist round, offers are made on a limited basis, depending on seat availability.** Not every magnet school or Open Choice district offers seats in each round and/or at all grades.
- **Families should regularly monitor the applicant's RSCO account to check current waitlists.** Indicators are updated on a real-time basis and can change if other applicants decline an offer or a current student withdraws.
- **Families should change their selections to increase their likelihood of a placement.** Families should choose schools with a small (green) waitlist to boost their chances!
- **There are no set numbers for small, medium, and large waitlists.** The cutoff can vary by grade and the number of available seats.
- **Entry grades typically have the most available seats.** Open seats in non-entry grades are more limited.
- **Waitlists expire on September 30, 2025.** Waitlists don't carry over from year to year, so families must submit a new application each year if they are interested in a placement for the upcoming school year.

Maximizing the Chance of an Offer in the Next Round

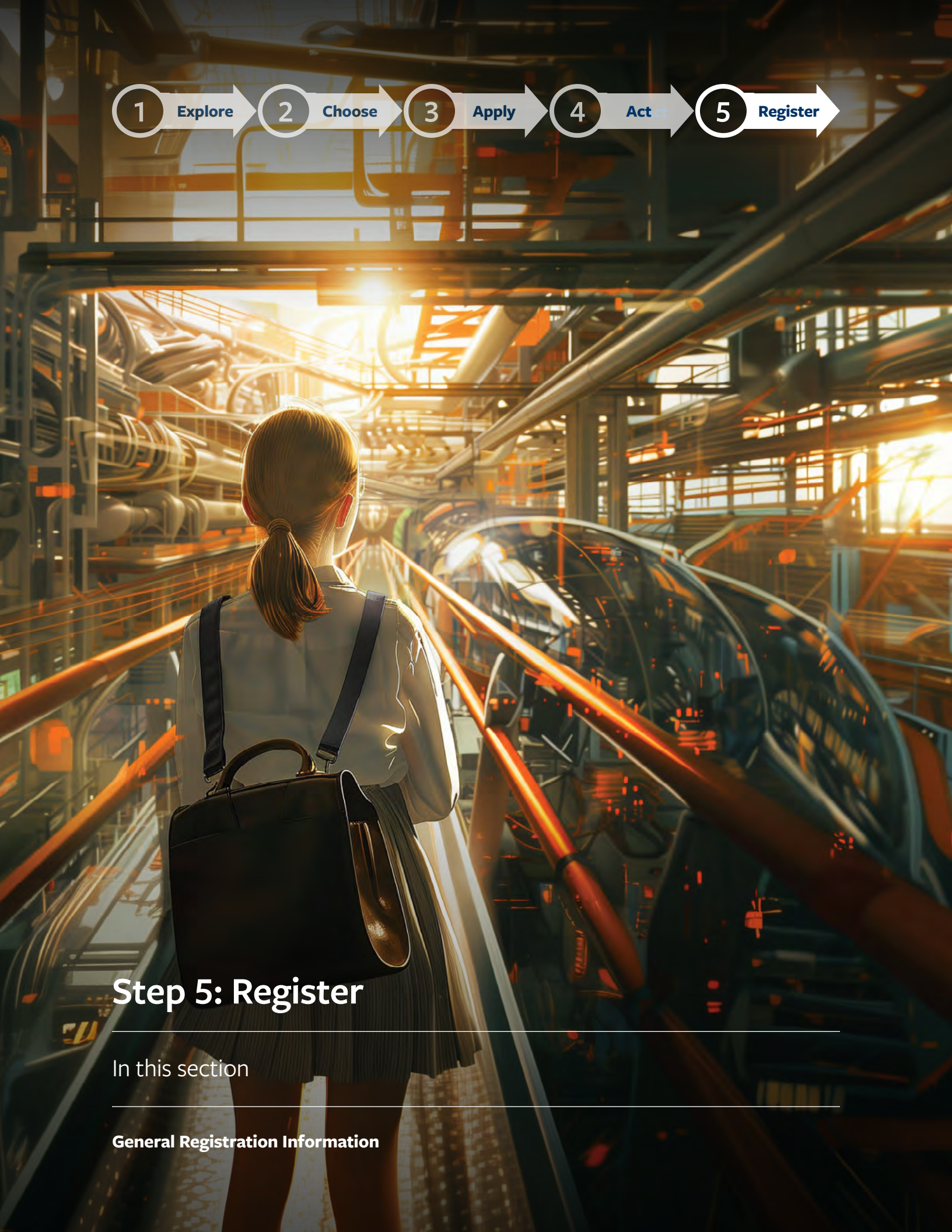
Now that families have a better sense of their child's likelihood of an offer, they have the option to adjust their on-time application to increase their chances. They can add new schools and/or change the choice order of their original selections.

When a guardian adds new schools, their child will be placed on the waitlist after on-time applicants. The waitlist indicator in the school directory lets them know how many applicants are currently on the waitlist for the school or district. After adding selections to their application, the indicator will update in real time to show their child's likelihood of a placement if a seat becomes available. The indicator may change depending on choice order and the number of other applicants also adding the school to their application.

Based on their choice order, the system will attempt to place an applicant in their preferred schools or districts first before moving to the other selections. Since the placement process prioritizes choice order, adjusting the order of their selections could change their waitlist size.

Submit a late application

Missed the on-time application deadline? Families can apply to schools and programs during the late application period beginning in March 2025, but they may have fewer choices. **Because new applicants are generally added to the waitlist after on-time applicants, open schools and grades will be limited based on waitlist size.**



Step 5: Register

In this section

General Registration Information

Registering a Student

General registration information

Once a family accepts their offer, it's important that they start the registration process with the school immediately. The placement letter and offer details provide contact information to start the registration process.

Parents/guardians have a deadline of 14 days or less to register their student once a placement offer has been accepted, so it's best to start the process as soon as they accept the placement. It is important to register by this deadline, because **placement offers are administratively declined if the applicant does not register by the date specified by the school or school operator.**

Questions about registration?

The child's new school is the main point of contact. Families should contact the school directly.

Registration Documents


The registration process is handled at the school or district where the child will attend. During the registration process, families must provide the appropriate documents as directed by the school or district to verify that their child is eligible to attend the school. Listed below are examples of registration documents that schools and districts may request.


Child's Age	Parent/Guardian Identity	Town of Residency
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photograph of birth certificate • Earlier school records • State-issued identification document • Driver's license, passport, etc. • Parent's affidavit or unsworn statement as to a student's age • Physician's certification verifying a student's age • Immunization records 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A current State of Connecticut photo identification • Passport • Out-of-state driver's license • Out-of-state learner's permit • Out-of-state non-driver photo identification • Military ID • Alien registration card (green card, permanent resident, visa) • National/state/country identification card • Any other form of government issued ID (national or foreign) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A current apartment or home lease agreement, mortgage document, property tax record, rent receipt, homeowners insurance • A current Connecticut driver's license, automobile registration, automobile insurance • A current (within the past 90 days) utility bill (electric, gas, water), cable, home or cell phone bill, insurance correspondence • Current (within the past 90 days) proof of government benefits (disability, Medicare, Supplemental Assistance Nutrition Program (SNAP)) or other government correspondence showing an address • Note: Documents that only list a post office box number as an address will not be accepted to verify residency

Application Assistance


We encourage families to connect with us to understand their options, ask questions, and talk through strategies for selecting schools and programs that give their child the best chance of placement. We are here for families every step of the way!


RSCO Parent Resource Center


 450 Columbus Blvd., Hartford

 860-713-6990

 rsco.sde@ct.gov

 [ChooseYourSchool.org](https://www.chooseyourschool.org)

 Mon–Fri, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

 Mon–Thurs, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment



On-street on Columbus Blvd.

(Fee required)

Available in 2-hour intervals from 6:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Morgan Street Garage


(Fee required)

Take elevator to street level, then use crosswalk to reach entrance.

Primary RSCO School Choice Application Assistance Sites


CREC Welcome Center

 111 Charter Oak Ave., Hartford

 860-509-3700


 schoolchoice@crec.org


 [choosecrec.org](https://www.choosecrec.org)

 Mon–Fri, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
or by appointment


Hartford Public Schools

Office of Enrollment and School Choice

 280 Trumbull St., Ground Level, Hartford

 860-695-8876

 [hartfordschools.org](https://www.hartfordschools.org)

 Mon–Fri, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.




Hartford Public Library




HPL Downtown

Temporarily closed for renovations.
Go to hplct.org for updates.




HPL Campfield Branch

-  30 Campfield Ave., Hartford
-  860-695-7440
-  Mon–Thurs, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Fri, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.




HPL Albany Branch

-  1250 Albany Ave., Hartford
-  860-695-7380
-  Mon–Thurs, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Fri, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.




HPL Dwight Branch

-  7 New Park Ave., Hartford
-  860-695-7460
-  Mon–Thurs, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Fri, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

HPL Barbour Branch

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

HPL Park Branch

-  603 Park St., Hartford
-  860-695-7500
-  Mon–Thurs, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Fri, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Important note about application assistance resources:

RSCO continues to partner with other sites for information and application assistance. Go to ChooseYourSchool.org/application-assistance for the latest information on all of the sites available for information and support. Sites and information are subject to change.



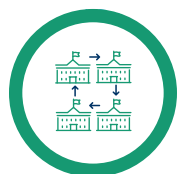
RSCO School Programs Directory

School directory



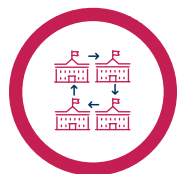
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Middle Schools
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High Schools
Half-Day High Schools



Open Choice Districts for Hartford Residents

Residential Zone 1 District Profiles
Residential Zone 2 District Profiles
Residential Zone 3 District Profiles
Residential Zone 4 District Profiles



Open Choice Schools for Non-Hartford Residents

All Schools



Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS)

All Schools



Agricultural Science and Technology Education (ASTE)

All Schools



Interdistrict Magnet Schools

PK3-Grade 12

Magnet programs offer hands-on learning experiences focused on specific themes or specialized programs, like Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), visual and performing arts, International Baccalaureate, Montessori, and many more.

There are 45 interdistrict magnet schools in the Hartford region, operated by either Bloomfield Public Schools (BPS), the Capitol Region Education Council (CREC), East Hartford Public Schools (EHPS), Goodwin University Magnet School System (GUMSS), or Hartford Public Schools (HPS).

Unlocking Unique Educational Opportunities

RSCO magnet schools provide a unique learning experience that helps kids explore their interests and get ready for the future. Here's how a magnet school can benefit a student:

Specialized Curriculum: Core educational programming incorporates specific themes or subjects, such as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), performing arts, international studies, or languages, allowing students to delve deeper into areas they are passionate about.

Innovative Teaching Methods: Teachers use innovative teaching methods tailored to the specific theme or focus, like project-based learning, experiential education, hands-on learning and specialized extracurricular activities.

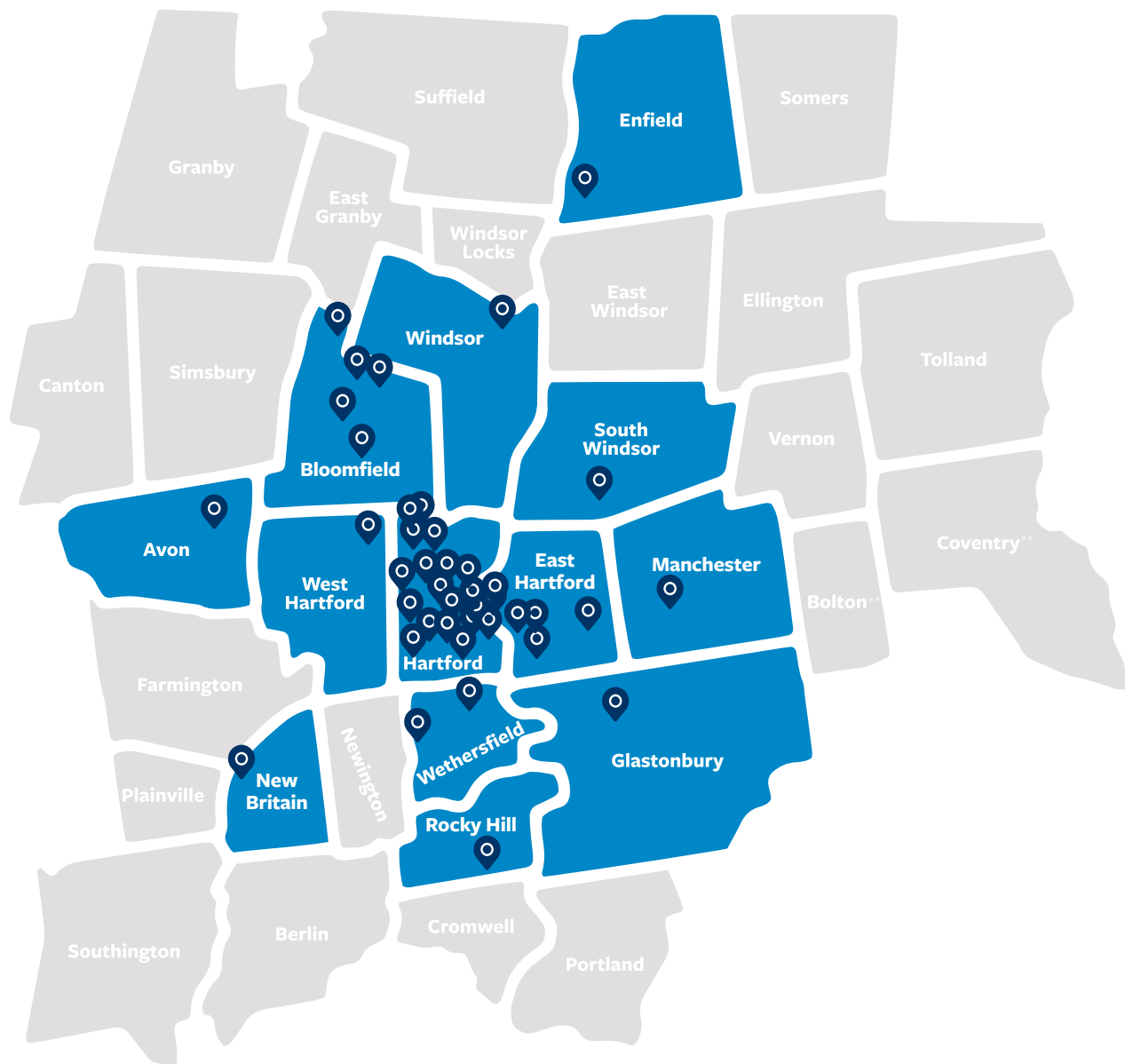
Diversity: Schools strive to develop student bodies that reflect the surrounding community, exposing students to a wide range of perspectives, experiences, and cultures to enrich their overall education.

Community Partnerships: Strong community partnerships, including partnerships with businesses, cultural institutions, and universities, provide unique opportunities for real-world experiences and internships.

Preparation for Specialized Careers: Students get a solid foundation in specific fields, giving them an advantage if they choose to pursue further education or careers in those areas.

Small Learning Environments: A smaller learning environment ensures students get individualized attention that supports their learning style.

Magnet Schools Map



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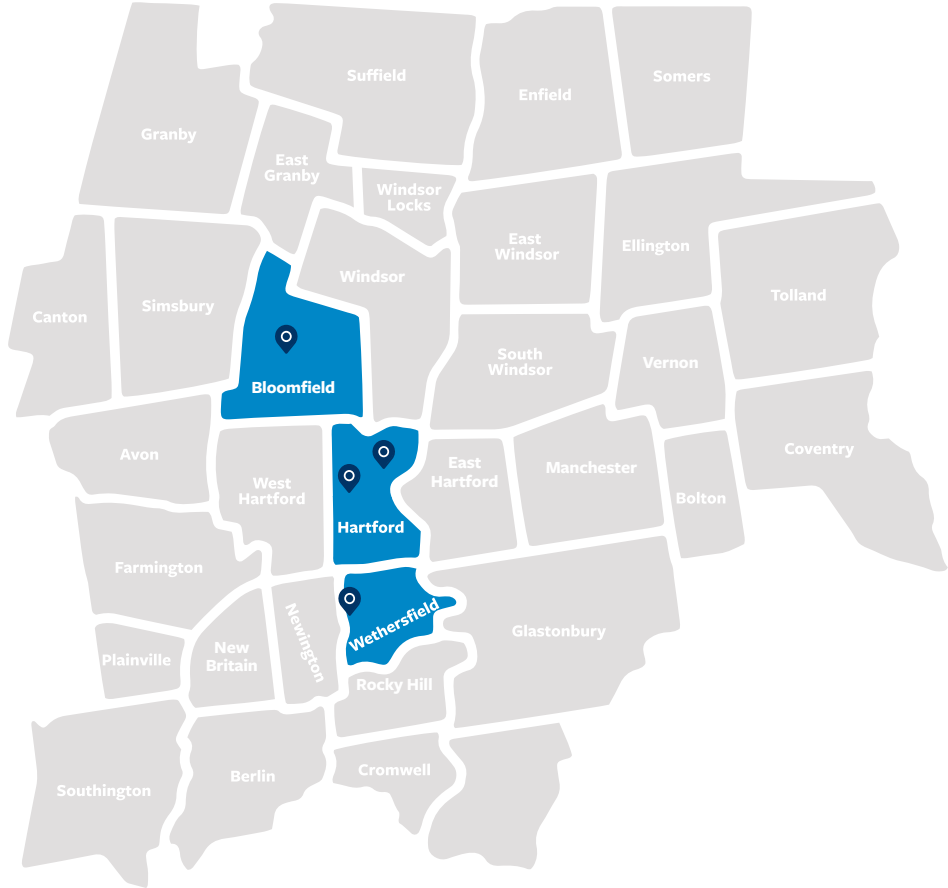
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Prekindergarten (PK) Schools

Explore PK Magnet Schools



Prekindergarten (PK) Only Schools	Grades	Town	Theme	Operator ^a	Page
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PK\$ Indicates that the school charges prekindergarten tuition based on a sliding scale.

^a BPS = Bloomfield Public Schools, CREC = Capitol Regional Education Council, EHPS = East Hartford Public Schools, HPS = Hartford Public Schools, GUMSS = Goodwin University Magnet School System.

CREC Preschool at Progress Drive



CITY: Wethersfield, CT
GRADES: PK3-PK4
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Early Childhood–Play-based Curriculum



Get a play-based learning environment that nurtures creativity, respects diversity, and promotes social, emotional, and intellectual development.

CREC’s Preschool at Progress Drive is an extension of three CREC magnet schools: Academy of Aerospace and Engineering Elementary, Glastonbury-East Hartford Magnet School, and University of Hartford Magnet School. In partnership with our families and community, we shape the social, emotional, and intellectual development of our preschool students. We provide a developmentally appropriate play-based learning environment that nurtures and encourages uniqueness and creativity and respects equity, diversity, and inclusion. Play-based learning helps children grow in all areas while having fun. When kids build and sort during play, they learn about sizes and solving problems, boosting their thinking skills. Playing with others teaches them how to share, work as a team, and understand each other’s feelings. It also helps them to express their own emotions and manage them in different situations. Through activities that spark curiosity, children explore, ask questions, and think creatively. Plus, play often mirrors real life, helping kids learn practical skills like organizing and making decisions, all while enjoying their day. We strive to create a positive, safe learning environment where children learn, play, grow, and thrive together. Our philosophy emphasizes respect for self, others, and the classroom environment.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Unique opportunity for direct pathways to three CREC magnet schools
- > Developmentally appropriate play-based learning environment
- > Strong partnership with families and community to support student growth

FUTURE READINESS

Our curriculum uses the State of Connecticut Early Learning and Development Standards (CT ELDS) as a guideline for curriculum development. The CT ELDS are learning and developmental outcomes to be intentionally addressed through planned experiences, materials, and interactions. Learning outcomes are achieved through hands-on discovery activities, responsive staff who meet individual needs, reflective practices creating an inclusive environment, and partnerships with families fostering reciprocal relationships. Our students develop caring, creativity, and curiosity, preparing them for future educational success.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Developmentally appropriate play-based learning environment
- > Strong emphasis on equity, diversity, and inclusion
- > Hands-on discovery activities and responsive staff
- > Reflective practices creating an inclusive environment
- > Partnerships with families fostering reciprocal relationships

SCHOOL MOTTO

Learn. Play. Grow. Thrive.



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering PK3 and PK4 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.



CONTINUING THE MAGNET EXPERIENCE

Once enrolled at the CREC Preschool at Progress Drive, families of PK4 students who are interested in continuing their magnet experience to kindergarten should submit an on-time RSCO online application and select their direct pathway school as the first choice. Applicants are only eligible for a direct pathway priority for the school associated with their preschool placement. For example, if your student receives a placement offer for CREC Preschool at Progress Drive for Glastonbury-East Hartford Magnet School Pathway, they are only eligible for the Direct Pathway priority at Glastonbury-East Hartford Magnet School.

ADDRESS

123 Progress Drive
Wethersfield, CT 06109

HOURS

8:40 AM – 3:35 PM

UNIFORM

No

PK TUITION

Yes (sliding scale)

BEFORE & AFTER CARE

Yes (fee-based)

WEBSITE

cppd.crecschools.org

SOCIAL MEDIA

 @CRECPreschool

CONTACT

Principal: Maxine Ursery Ed.D.

Family & Community
Engagement Specialist:
Kelsie Ramos

crecpreschooloffice@crec.org
860-240-6615

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Hartford Prekindergarten Magnet School: North Campus



CITY: Hartford, CT

GRADES: PK3-PK4

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet

SPECIALIZATION: Early Childhood; Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STREAM)



Cultivate curiosity, confidence, and a love for lifelong learning with a nurturing and engaging preschool education.

At Hartford Prekindergarten Magnet School (HPKM-No.), we understand that preschool years are crucial to a child's social and academic development. Our school provides the perfect learning environment to encourage curious, confident, and engaged lifelong learners. Our students participate in an instructional program that develops communication skills through the exploration of concepts using art, music, drama, science, technology, and mathematics, supported by interactive experiences with children's literature. Our curriculum is designed to foster a love for learning and prepare children for future academic success.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > HPKM-No. is a unique community comprised solely of early learners in PK3 and PK4.
- > Our school provides a learning environment that nurtures natural proclivity to learn, experiment, and explore.
- > The core curriculum is driven by STREAM, fostering cross-curricular teaching in science, technology, reading, engineering, arts, and mathematics.

FUTURE READINESS

We extend the boundaries of learning through a thoughtfully developed curriculum in language, literacy, mathematics, and science. Children participate in programs that develop communication skills through art, music, drama, science, and mathematics, supported by interactive experiences with literature. Our integrated curriculum ensures children are well-prepared for kindergarten and beyond, laying a strong foundation for future academic success.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > NAEYC accredited
- > Strong community partnerships, including Hartford Performs
- > Tuition-free full-day program for PK3 and PK4
- > LEGO™ Learning Lab for hands-on learning and creative play
- > Two educators in every classroom (1 teacher and 1 teaching assistant)
- > Incorporated best practices for promoting literacy, mathematics, and science
- > Integration of educational, cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering PK3 and PK4 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

CONTINUING THE MAGNET EXPERIENCE

PK4 students enrolled in Hartford Prekindergarten Magnet School North Campus 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
- > Dwight Bellizzi Dual Language Academy
- > Environmental Sciences Magnet at Hooker School
- > Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts (PK-Grade 8)
- > Montessori Magnet at Batchelder School
- > Montessori Magnet School at Fisher School
- > STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School
- > Webster Micro Society Magnet School

ADDRESS

85 Edwards Street
Hartford, CT 06120

HOURS

7:30 AM – 2:40 PM

UNIFORM

Yes

PK TUITION

No

AFTER CARE

Limited after care available (fee-based)

WEBSITE

hartfordschools.org/o/hpkm

SOCIAL MEDIA

 @hartfordmagnet

CONTACT

kearl001@hartfordschools.org
860-695-5820

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Hartford Prekindergarten Magnet School: South Campus



CITY: Hartford, CT

GRADES: PK3-PK4

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet

SPECIALIZATION: Early Childhood; Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STREAM)



Get a nurturing and engaging preschool education that fosters curiosity, confidence, and a love for lifelong learning.

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WHY CHOOSE US?

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FUTURE READINESS

We extend the boundaries of learning with a carefully crafted curriculum in language, literacy, mathematics, and science. Children engage in programs that enhance communication skills through art, music, drama, science, and mathematics, supported by interactive literary experiences. Our integrated approach ensures children are well-prepared for kindergarten and beyond, building a strong foundation for future academic success.



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- > Webster Micro Society Magnet School

ADDRESS

195 Putnam Street
Hartford, CT 06106

HOURS

7:30 AM – 2:40 PM

UNIFORM

Yes

PK TUITION

No

AFTER CARE

Limited after care available
(fee-based)

WEBSITE

hartfordschools.org/o/hpkm

CONTACT

kearl001@hartfordschools.org
860-695-5820

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Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School



CITY: Bloomfield, CT
GRADES: PK3 & PK4
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Early Childhood; Scientific Inquiry

Wintonbury Early Childhood



Magnet School

Gain experience in early childhood education through a nurturing environment that encourages curiosity, self-regulation, and a love for learning.

Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School helps young minds flourish in an environment designed to ignite a lifelong love for learning. Our program offers an early childhood education with 18 classrooms of preschool children (ages 3 to 5) in a mixed-age, inclusive setting. Children learn in a language-rich environment that supports self-regulation through play and inquiry-based, hands-on learning. Our unique outdoor learning environments, including a courtyard greenhouse and three playground areas, bring our science and inquiry theme to life through collaboration with 4-H Education Center at Auer Farm in Bloomfield.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Classrooms and building designed specifically for young children and their families
- > A predictable daily schedule that supports independence, self-regulation, and language development
- > Strong focus on relationships, creating smaller communities within the school through the design of three pods with six classrooms each

FUTURE READINESS

We prepare children to be lifelong learners, ready to succeed in a global society by using the world around them as their classroom. Learning is made relevant and meaningful through the child's interests, with strong family and community connections. Our focus on self-regulation and language development encourages communication and independence, laying a strong foundation for future academic success.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Recognized as the “Most Loved” preschool in 2020 and 2021 by Hulafrog
- > NAEYC accredited school designed with young children in mind, featuring abundant natural light, an open courtyard, on-site greenhouse, and three playground areas
- > Partnerships with community organizations supporting “farm to table” education, with students growing food and plants on-site and participating in the “Try-Day” program
- > A science and inquiry theme in collaboration with the 4-H Education Center at Auer Farm, with each class visiting the farm 12 times per year



SCHOOL MOTTO

Nurturing the Seeds of Knowledge Through Wonder and Discovery

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Residents within Avon, Bloomfield, East Granby, Granby, Hartford, Simsbury, and West Hartford, with students entering grades PK3 and PK4, may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.



CONTINUING THE MAGNET EXPERIENCE!

Hartford resident students enrolled in PK4 at Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School may receive a priority when applying to kindergarten in the following schools and programs:

- > Academy of International Studies Elementary School
- > Betances Learning Lab Magnet School
- > Environmental Sciences Magnet at Hooker School
- > Glastonbury-East Hartford Magnet School
- > Riverside Magnet School at Goodwin University
- > Open Choice School Districts

ADDRESS

44 Brown Street
Bloomfield, CT 06002

HOURS

8:40 AM – 2:20 PM

UNIFORM

No

PK TUITION

No

BEFORE & AFTER CARE

Yes (fee-based)

WEBSITE

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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“Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School is a true gem; a place where children can grow and develop as respected, engaged, and contributing citizens. It is a place of care and safety, of intellectual pursuit, and curiosity for all learners.”

– *Samantha Straker, Principal*

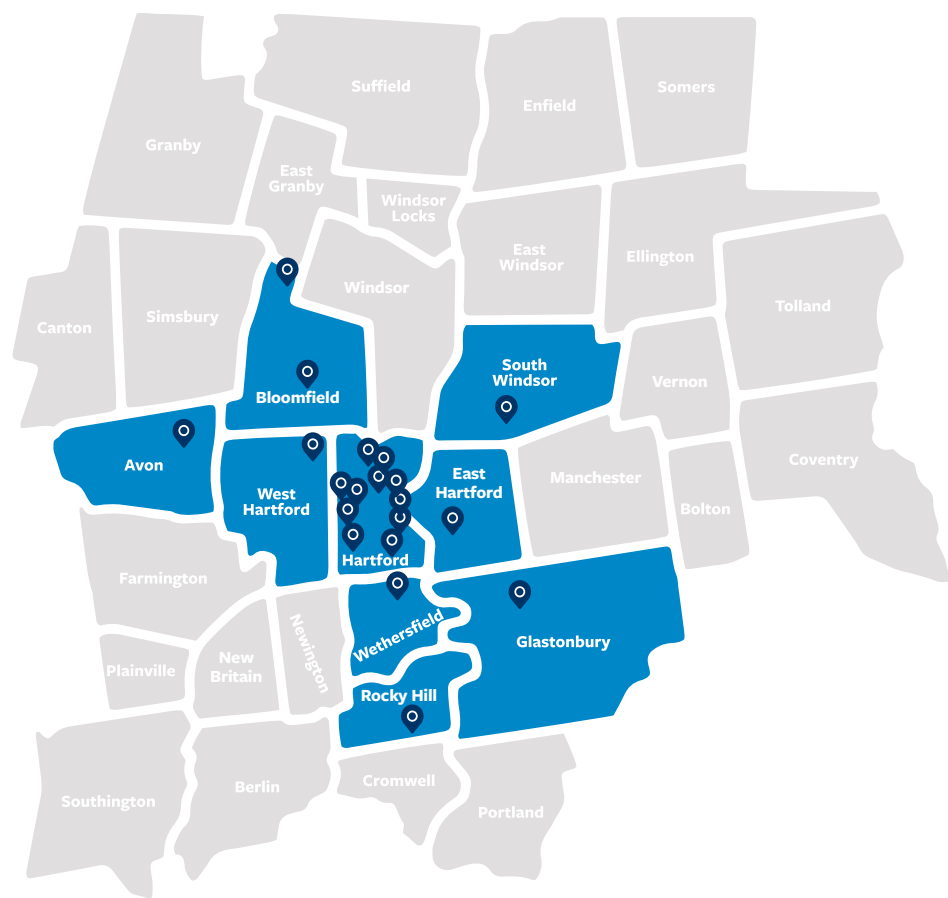


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Elementary and Elementary – Middle Schools

Explore Elementary (PK-8) and Elementary – Middle Magnet Schools



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Glastonbury-East Hartford Magnet School ^{PK\$}	PK3-5	Glastonbury	STEM	CREC	95
Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts: PK8 Campus	PK4-8	Hartford	Performing Arts	HPS	97
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Riverside Magnet School at Goodwin University ^{PK\$}	PK3-5	East Hartford	Reggio Emilia	GUMSS	109
STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School	KG-8	Hartford	STEM	HPS	111
University of Hartford Magnet School ^{PK\$}	PK3-5	West Hartford	Multiple Intelligences	CREC	113
Webster Micro Society Magnet School	PK3-8	Hartford	Micro Society	HPS	115

^{PK\$} Indicates that the school charges prekindergarten tuition based on a sliding scale.

^a BPS = Bloomfield Public Schools, CREC = Capitol Regional Education Council, EHPS = East Hartford Public Schools, HPS = Hartford Public Schools, GUMSS = Goodwin University Magnet School System.

^b For the 2025-26 school year, Dwight-Bellizzi Dual Language Academy is accepting applications for grades PK4, kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade.

Academy of Aerospace & Engineering Elementary



CITY: Rocky Hill, CT
GRADES: PK3-5
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)



Ignite your passion for discovery and get the skills and confidence to explore the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).

At Academy of Aerospace and Engineering Elementary School (Aerospace Elementary), our STEM-focused approach sparks our students' curiosity, cultivates advanced problem-solving skills, and builds confidence to explore. Science comes alive in state-of-the-art classrooms within our brand-new facility. In addition to traditional core subjects, our students develop an extraordinary foundational knowledge in the four parts of STEM literacy—Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. This equips them with the skills to conduct investigations, gather and use information, and tackle challenges using scientific methods and technology as valuable tools.

WHY CHOOSE US?

Dedicated faculty members inspire active engagement in STEM-based activities

- > Field studies to enriching locations like the Eli Whitney Museum, the Science Center of CT, and the Peabody Museum
- > Our butterfly garden and partnerships with local STEM companies offer hands-on learning experiences

FUTURE READINESS

Our students explore new materials and create in state-of-the-art Maker Labs, and participate in leadership opportunities such as Town Hall meetings, Safety Patrol, and the Student Action Team. These experiences prepare them for the future by fostering imagination, collaboration, and strong community involvement.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Aerospace STEM Night brings students and families together to complete various aerospace challenges
- > Our Action Team contributes solutions to make our school and local community better
- > Parent groups create opportunities for cross-connection between families and the school community
- > Fly Away Isles is a playful space on campus created by visionary artist Hebru Brantley and students from Brother-Sister Soul in Harlem, sponsored by the LEGO Group

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Our school provides a wide range of student-led clubs, activities, and field trips, such as Chess Club, STEM Club, Yoga, Dance, and visits to Riverside Reptiles Education Center, Dinosaur State Park, and Lutz Children’s Museum. Activities may vary by grade level.



FUN FACT

Our facility is designed as a giant sundial featuring designated places throughout the building to view the Equinox as well as the summer and winter solstices.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering PK3 through grade 5 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

CONTINUING THE MAGNET EXPERIENCE!

Academy of Aerospace and Engineering Elementary 5th grade students have a direct pathway to 6th grade at Academy of Aerospace and Engineering 6-12. To be eligible, applicants must submit an on-time RSCO School Choice Application with Academy of Aerospace and Engineering 6-12 as their first choice. Grade 5 students may also receive pathway priority when applying to the following schools:



- > Academy of Computer Science and Engineering Middle School
- > Academy of International Studies
- > Academy of Science and Innovation
- > Ana Grace Academy of the Arts Magnet School

ADDRESS

7 Gardner Way
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

HOURS

8:40 AM – 3:35 PM

UNIFORM

No

PK TUITION

Yes (on a sliding scale)

BEFORE & AFTER CARE

Yes (fee-based)

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“Our school community is strong, and we strive to build connections with families.”

– Gayle Hills, Principal



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Academy of International Studies Elementary School



CITY: South Windsor, CT
GRADES: PK3-5
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: International Baccalaureate (IB)



Jumpstart the journey to becoming an intelligent, independent, and globally minded citizen with our acclaimed IB Primary Years Programme.

At Academy of International Studies Elementary School, we develop intelligent, independent, globally minded citizens at the very outset of their education. Recognized as a Magnet School of Excellence, our school provides the highly acclaimed International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP) to deepen academic development and cultivate global citizens who take action for a better, more peaceful world. Starting from prekindergarten, our students engage with the IB PYP program, achieving academic excellence and evolving into global citizens who value diversity and are poised for success in the 21st-century world.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > High-quality, challenging educational programs starting at age 3
- > Encourages critical thinking, personal development, and academic achievement
- > Connects students and families to a global network

FUTURE READINESS

Students in PK3-grade 5 discover the interconnectedness of the world through the arts, foreign language, and multicultural education. Our teachers and staff inspire a lifelong love for learning while fostering critical thinking, empathy, and intercultural understanding. The focus on the whole child prepares students to be successful 21st-century citizens who understand the impact of “one” on an ever-changing society.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > International Partnership with Doshisha International Academy in Kyoto, Japan
- > Partnership with Girls on the Run
- > After-school enrichment program for KG-5 students

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Changemaker/Student Leadership Club, Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), Mad Science Club, Sports, Cooking Club, Gardening Club, LEGO Robotics, SteveSongs, AISE Dance Team, and more!



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering PK3 through grade 5 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit ChooseYourSchool.org.

CONTINUING THE MAGNET EXPERIENCE!

The Academy of International Studies Elementary 5th grade students have a direct pathway to 6th grade at Academy of International Studies 6 to 12. To be eligible for this pathway, applicants must submit an on-time RSCO online application with Academy of International Studies 6 to 12 as their first choice. Grade 5 students enrolled in Academy of International Studies Elementary School may also receive a pathway priority when applying to the following schools:

- > Ana Grace Academy of the Arts School
- > Academy of Aerospace and Engineering
- > Academy of Computer Science and Engineering Middle School
- > Academy of Science and Innovation

ADDRESS

625 Chapel Road
South Windsor, CT 06074

HOURS

8:40 AM – 3:35 PM

UNIFORM

No

PK TUITION

Yes (on a sliding scale)

BEFORE & AFTER CARE

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“We are a community that has fun while learning because real-life examples and problems are used in the classroom.”

– Akshita Aswin, 5th grader



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Ana Grace Academy of the Arts



CITY: Bloomfield, CT
GRADES: PK3-8
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Visual and Performing Arts



Get a rigorous and creative education that blends strong academics with artistic training, helping you discover and develop new passions and talents.

At Ana Grace Academy of the Arts (Ana Grace), we provide a rigorous and creative educational program featuring strong academics and artistic training in our remarkable new facility. Our school offers instruction in traditional core subjects infused with a love of the arts, a formula designed to discover and develop new passions and talents. Highly specialized art classes and collaborations with community partners like The Ana Grace Project, Hartford Stage, and Hartford Symphony Orchestra enrich our students’ experiences. Students explore dance, voice, instrumental music, visual art, digital art, theater, and much more.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Committed educators and professional artist instructors
- > Individualized curriculum tailored to each student’s needs
- > “State-of-the-arts” facility with a media center, black box theater, professional dance and theater studios, a full-sized gym, and a mainstage performance space

FUTURE READINESS

Our diverse comprehensive curricula provide students with the skills they need for success: inquisitive minds, innovative thinking, effective discussion, and collaboration. We believe all students can achieve at high levels when given the opportunity and resources. Our students are curious, creative, and collaborative, exploring various art forms, using their imaginations to grow and learn, and respecting different perspectives and experiences that strengthen every group.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Full-day PK and kindergarten classes
- > Unparalleled arts exposure: dance, filmmaking, digital music, drawing, painting, sculpture, instrumental music, voice, musical theater, theater, voice, and songwriting
- > “State-of-the-arts” facility with performance spaces, a remarkable media center, and advanced 1:1 technology in all academic classrooms
- > Starting in 1st grade, students begin Suzuki string classes up through 5th grade
- > Starting in 4th grade, students can choose to play strings, woodwind, brass, or percussion
- > Starting in 6th grade, students can specialize in a specific art form

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Art Club, Band, Changemaker/Student Action Club, Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), Instrumental Lessons, Love for All Club, and Student Leadership Club. Clubs and activities offerings are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Please check our website for more information.



FUN FACT

Our students learn from professionals! Every single day, our students work with local professional artists and companies to develop projects and performances. There is ALWAYS a visiting professional artist or arts company in residence at our school.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering grades PK3 through 8 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

CONTINUING THE MAGNET EXPERIENCE!

Ana Grace Academy of the Arts School 8th grade students have a direct pathway to 9th grade at either Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts High School Full-Day or Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Half-Day Program. To be eligible for direct pathway priority, applicants must submit an on-time RSCO application and make either the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts High School Full-Day or Half-Day Program their first-choice school. Students enrolled in grades 5 and 8 at Ana Grace Academy of the Arts may also receive a pathway priority when applying to the following schools:

- > Academy of Aerospace and Engineering
- > Academy of Computer Science and Engineering Middle School
- > Academy of Computer Science and Engineering
- > Academy of International Studies
- > Academy of Science and Innovation

ADDRESS

129 Griffin Road North
Bloomfield, CT 06002

HOURS

8:40 AM – 3:35 PM

UNIFORM

No

PK TUITION

Yes (on a sliding scale)

BEFORE & AFTER CARE

Yes (fee-based)

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“At Ana Grace all students are given opportunities to excel as artists and scholars!”

– Bo Ryan, Principal

Ana Grace Middle School

– Karrie Rinaldi

Ana Grace Elementary School



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Betances Learning Lab



CITY: Hartford, CT
GRADES: PK3-4
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Early Reading Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)



Prepare for a bright future through an innovative education that fosters scholarship, creativity, and academic and personal excellence for every student.

At Betances Learning Lab (BLL) Magnet School we operate with the core belief that young children are highly capable learners, and our school prepares students to be independent, innovative, and responsible members of an ever-changing global world. We focus on early literacy achievement and expose students to all genres of literature from prekindergarten through 4th grade. Alongside the literacy-based focus, we provide integrated arts and hands-on STEM experiences to round out the curriculum. Our 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. Our warm and engaging classrooms give students the opportunity to learn from each other during small multi-age group activities and build long-lasting friendships.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Betances is an innovative learning community fostering scholarship and creativity.
- > Commitment to involving community partners to create an inclusive and inviting learning environment.
- > Developing interventions to support academic and personal excellence for every student.

FUTURE READINESS

We provide exceptional academic instruction in literacy and math to ensure our students exceed their potential. We foster strong relationships with our students and their families, celebrating diversity by teaching an interdisciplinary curriculum that shares multiple perspectives from various cultures. Our dedicated staff guarantees student success by recognizing and celebrating progress every day.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Hands-on STEM-based learning in library and science class
- > Partnership with the Connecticut Science Center
- > Arts integration through our Hartford Performs partnership
- > Small class sizes
- > Partnership with Read to a Child

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Exercise, No Bake Baking, Computer Club, Lego®, Dance, Theater Club, Art Club, STEM Club, Gardening Club, and more! Offerings are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Visit our website for more information.

FUN FACT

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.

SCHOOL MOTTO

Where Wise Readers Become Great Leaders!



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering PK3 through grade 4 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

CONTINUING THE MAGNET EXPERIENCE!

Betances Learning Lab Magnet School 4th grade students have a direct pathway to 5th grade at Betances STEM Magnet School. To be eligible for this pathway, applicants must submit an on-time RSCO application with Betances STEM Magnet School as their first choice.

ADDRESS

42 Charter Oak Avenue
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HOURS

8:30 AM – 3:50 PM

UNIFORM

Yes

PK TUITION

No

BEFORE & AFTER CARE

Yes (fee-based)

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“I firmly believe that high-quality teachers, staff, and the community are what make a school truly great. Because of the amazing staff at Betances Learning Lab, the school has a reputation for a positive school climate and high student achievement.”

– Darpan Patel, Principal



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Breakthrough Magnet School North



CITY: Hartford, CT
GRADES: PK3-5
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Character Education



Receive an education that fosters outstanding character and academic excellence and prepares you for lifelong success through our unique character education program.

Breakthrough North, an award-winning elementary magnet school, has been recognized by Magnet Schools of America as a Merit School of Excellence for five consecutive years from 2019 to 2024. We emphasize strong academics and outstanding character development through our unique education program. Small class sizes ensure one-on-one attention and personalized instruction, preparing students for success in middle school, high school, and beyond as responsible citizens. Our STEAM-focused curriculum (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) engages students with Next Generation Science Standards, readying them for 21st-century challenges.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > We provide students with academic rigor, aesthetic appreciation, technological expertise, and physical expressiveness aimed at contributing to others.
- > We offer students a unique Character Curriculum rooted in Positive Psychology and Mindfulness.
- > We celebrate our global community, ensuring students' lives are marked by vitality, effectiveness, health, and well-being.

FUTURE READINESS

We prepare students for their future by building a strong foundation academically and socially-emotionally. We empower students to develop proactive problem-solving strategies, actively engage in their learning, and participate in real-world applications through STEAM and community service learning. We are pleased to have community partnerships with the Children's Hospital, Hartford Garden Advisory, Hartford Public Library, Joan Dauber Food Bank, Hartford Performs, and the YMCA. We invite students to begin planning and thinking about college and career opportunities!



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > We celebrated our 25th Anniversary as one of the first two magnet schools in Hartford.
- > We are housed in a beautifully renovated and new facility designed with our character theme in mind.
- > Our school boasts a multipurpose room with a rock-climbing wall, enclosed playscape, outdoor classroom space, and a school garden.
- > We gather weekly for community meetings in a renovated auditorium.
- > We offer courses for parents on our Character Curriculum, gardening, and cooking, band, 2-4-1 sports, and unified sports.
- > Student leadership opportunities through student council for grades 3-5.

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Safety Patrol, Gardening Club, Minds in Motion Enrichment programming, Hartford Performs, SteveSongs, 2-4-1 Sports, Unified Sports, and more! Offerings are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Visit our website for more information.

FUN FACT

Breakthrough’s Character Education curriculum raises student awareness in five major areas:

- B** – changing Breakdowns to **Breakthroughs** by applying problem-solving strategies
- R** – taking **Responsibility** for being the author of one’s life by mastering one’s self-talk
- I** – learning how **Integrity** (keeping one’s word) empowers relationships and goals
- C** – creating opportunities for students to **Contribute** within the classroom, school, and community
- K** – engaging students to increase their **Knowledge** in all areas to better inform their choices

Be a BRICK, not a marshmallow!

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering PK3 through grade 5 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

CONTINUING THE MAGNET EXPERIENCE

Students enrolled in 5th grade at Breakthrough North may receive a pathway priority when applying to the following schools:

- > Classical Magnet School
- > Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy
- > Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts (PK-Grade 8)
- > Sport and Medical Sciences Academy

ADDRESS

25 Ridgefield Street
Hartford, CT 06112

HOURS

8:40 AM – 3:50 PM

UNIFORM

Yes

PK TUITION

No


BEFORE & AFTER CARE

Yes (fee-based)

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“I am extremely impressed with the school’s caring environment. The teachers and administration I have worked with are truly dedicated to their students and passionate about their teaching and the school.”

– Alice Gold, Hartford Garden Advisory Community Partner



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Breakthrough Magnet School South



CITY: Hartford, CT

GRADES: PK3-8

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet

SPECIALIZATION: Character Education & Mindfulness and STEAM



Become prepared for lifelong success with an education that fosters outstanding character and academic excellence.

At Breakthrough South, students learn in a warm and nurturing environment that emphasizes community contribution and responsibility. Our educational approach integrates mindfulness and strong character development throughout the learning experience. This ensures that our students grow into active, self-aware, and confident citizens who are cooperative and responsible decision-makers. Our school's motto is captured in the acronym B.R.I.C.K. — we teach students to see challenges as opportunities by changing breakdowns to breakthroughs, taking personal responsibility for being the author of their lives, having integrity by keeping their commitments, approaching situations with an attitude of contribution, and maintaining a growth mindset by developing knowledge of social skills. We have also added the secondary theme of STEAM to strengthen students' 21st-century skills to ensure their success in our ever-changing world!

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > We focus on developing students as models of outstanding character and leadership through our unique character education/SEL theme.
- > Our school supports students in building social-emotional learning strategies through mindfulness and community-building.
- > We also offer a variety of enrichment activities before, during, and after school to provide students with creative outlets and opportunities to learn new skills.

FUTURE READINESS

We foster the development of soft skills in students such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and leadership. Our students become self-aware and develop into culturally and socially independent and responsible citizens. They are prepared to lead others by example, embodying Breakthrough's specialized skills, values, and ethics. Our students leave not only prepared for high school and college/career but, more importantly, as models of outstanding character and leadership.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > National Magnet School of Excellence (2009, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023, 2024)
- > #1 Magnet School in America (2015)
- > Spanish instruction starting in PK
- > Full kitchens in every prekindergarten–3rd grade classroom
- > Mindfulness room & outdoor mindfulness garden
- > Rooftop garden with a greenhouse
- > School-wide opportunities for community service & student leadership
- > Overnight field trips for grades 6-8

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

2-4-1 Sports (Fencing, Sports Sampling, Middle School Girls' Leadership), Running Club, Mini-Cheer, Student Council, Green Gardening Club, Girl Scouts, Elementary Dance Club, STEM Robotics, Chorus, Modern Rock Band, Middle School E-gaming, after-school academic tutoring, and more! Middle School Sports (grades 6-8): Basketball, Cheer, Flag Football, Soccer, Volleyball, and more! Offerings are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Visit our website for more information.



FUN FACTS

- > In 2002, Breakthrough became one of the first two interdistrict magnet schools run by the Hartford Board of Education.
- > Our school sits on 7.5 acres of land in a quiet neighborhood on the West Hartford line.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering PK3 through grade 8 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

CONTINUING THE MAGNET EXPERIENCE!

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

- > Connecticut IB Academy
- > Great Path Academy at CT State Manchester
- > Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts
- > Pathways Academy of Technology and Design
- > Sport and Medical Sciences Academy
- > University High School of Science and Engineering

ADDRESS

290 Brookfield Street
Hartford, CT 06106

HOURS

8:40 AM – 3:50 PM

UNIFORM

Yes

PK TUITION

No

BEFORE & AFTER CARE

Yes (fee-based)

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“Children are taught resilience, respect for themselves and others, and what it means to be part of a greater community.”

– *BMSS proud parent*



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Discovery Academy



CITY: Wethersfield, CT
GRADES: PK3-5
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)



Receive a high-quality, hands-on STEM education that inspires a deep understanding of the world and fosters a lifelong love of learning.

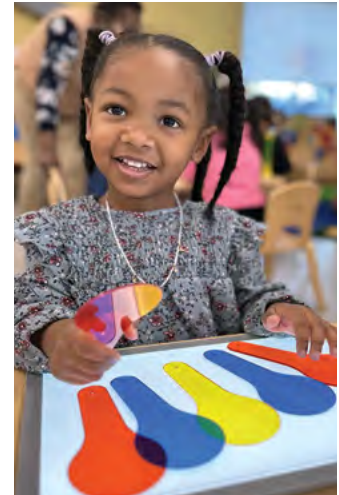
At Discovery Academy, we challenge students with high-quality hands-on learning experiences centered around the STEM theme to develop lifelong learners, encourage exploration, and inspire a deep understanding of the world. Along with traditional core subjects, students receive an integrated educational experience that fosters an extraordinary foundational knowledge in the four parts of STEM literacy—Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. They also gain the skills to conduct investigations, gather and use information, and solve problems using scientific methods of thinking and technology as tools.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > A journey of exploration, creativity, and problem-solving through STEM
- > Hands-on activities like Invention Convention, Take Apart Lab, Pi Day, and Earth Day
- > Empowering students to ask questions, seek answers, and uncover STEM mysteries

FUTURE READINESS

We prepare students academically for the challenges of middle and high school. Our commitment to Social Emotional Learning includes daily class meetings, monthly celebrations, and Inclusion Clubs for all. We believe STEM education should extend beyond classroom walls, and by working with community partners, students engage in additional science experiences and field studies. This deepens their connection to the school theme and the real world, making them critical thinkers and strong problem solvers equipped with skills for middle school, high school, and beyond.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Weekly Design Lab classes specializing in coding, robotics, and engineering
- > Nature trails, planting beds, rooftop garden areas, and a butterfly garden on campus
- > Extended learning opportunities through the Invention Convention, UConn Engineering Ambassadors, and connections with STEM professionals
- > Multiple students sent to the CT State Invention Convention and the National Invention Convention each year
- > Commitment to GSA/Inclusion Clubs recognized with the CEA Human and Civil Rights Award
- > Three-time Magnet Schools of America Merit School of Distinction

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

GSA/Inclusion Club, Chess, Zumba, Paper Football, Drama, Fitness, and Spanish Club, and more! Clubs and activities are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Visit our website for more information.



FUN FACTS

The school completed a nature trail collaboration project with a CREC high school. Students, families, and Wethersfield residents can visit the trail signs to learn about nature, seasons, and yoga.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering grades PK3 through 5 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

CONTINUING THE MAGNET EXPERIENCE!

Discovery Academy 5th grade students have a direct pathway to 6th grade at Academy of Science and Innovation 6 to 12. To be eligible for this pathway, applicants must submit an on-time RSCO application with Academy of Science and Innovation as their first choice. Grade 5 students enrolled in Discovery Academy may also receive a pathway priority when applying to the following schools:

- > Academy of Aerospace and Engineering
- > Academy of Computer Science & Engineering Middle
- > Academy of International Studies
- > Ana Grace Academy of the Arts

ADDRESS

176 Cumberland Avenue
Wethersfield, CT 06109

HOURS

8:40 AM – 3:35 PM

UNIFORM

No

PK TUITION

Yes (sliding scale)

BEFORE & AFTER CARE

Yes (fee-based)

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“The learning is hands-on and scientific. I feel this is what has had my children engaged in learning and wanting to come back to school every day! When learning is fun, the lessons will stick much better!”

– Kelli Green, Discovery parent



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Dwight Bellizzi Dual Language Academy



CITY: Hartford, CT
GRADES: PK4-8
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Dual Language



Build a bilingual foundation with a unique education that ensures you are biliterate and fluent in both Spanish and English by grade 8, preparing you for a diverse global world.

Discover Dwight Bellizzi Dual Language Academy, the Greater Hartford region’s first and only dual language interdistrict magnet school for grades PK4 through 8. Our unique Dual Language program offers students an incredible opportunity to receive both English and Spanish instruction, allowing them to become biliterate and bilingual by grade 8. Our award-winning program prepares students for a diverse, globalized world by nurturing language skills and cultural awareness from an early age. We believe in fostering well-rounded, culturally competent individuals ready for future academic and career success.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Our Dual Language program fosters bilingualism and biliteracy.
- > Students engage with peers in both languages.
- > Our dedicated teachers and engaging curriculum ensure high academic performance.

FUTURE READINESS

We prepare students for their future by teaching second language skills. Our goal is for students to become bilingual and biliterate by the end of 8th grade. Being bilingual improves student performance on standardized tests, enhances cognitive skills, and increases executive function. Being bilingual offers a competitive advantage in college and career readiness.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Significant academic performance and culture/climate gains in Hartford
- > Model for similar dual language programs statewide
- > Beacon School for Imagine Learning 2020-2021

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Girls' Volleyball, Boys'/Girls' Basketball, Track and Field, Student Council, Step Team, Latin Music Program, and more! Offerings are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Visit our website for more information.



FUN FACT

One of the cool features of our school is the box gardens around the building. The fall always brings fresh fruits and vegetables for our community.



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering PK4 through grade 2 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

ADDRESS

215 South Street
Hartford, CT 06114

HOURS

8:15 AM – 3:25 PM

UNIFORM

Yes

PK TUITION

No

AFTER CARE

Yes (fee-based)

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“Being bilingual enhances the learning of other subjects because you are able to multitask better, you’re able to retain more information, and you’re able to communicate better.”

– Mrs. Harrigan, Teacher



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Environmental Sciences Magnet School at Mary Hooker



CITY: Hartford, CT

GRADES: PK4-8

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet

SPECIALIZATION: Environmental Sciences and STEM



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MAGNET SCHOOL
AT MARY HOOKER**

Prepare for high school and beyond with a rigorous environmental science education that integrates advanced technology and theme-based instruction.

As a Magnet School of Excellence, Environmental Sciences Magnet School at Mary Hooker (ESM) pioneers 21st-century learning with cutting-edge technology and a focus on environmental sciences. We challenge students with a rigorous curriculum across core subjects while integrating environmental themes to ignite their passions and enhance their skills in investigation, exploration, problem-solving, and critical thinking. Our award-winning program provides a comprehensive elementary and middle school experience, preparing students to excel in all academic subjects and thrive in the future.



WHY CHOOSE US?

- > We serve students from PK4 through grade 8 in a beautiful building featuring a planetarium, vivarium, greenhouse, aquatics lab, and classrooms equipped with cutting-edge educational technologies
- > Students work side by side with a resident marine scientist and master gardener, exploring local living organisms
- > Students monitor, test, and collect data, noting human impacts on our environment

FUTURE READINESS

We prepare students for the future by equipping them with a strong environmental science education, critical thinking skills, ethical values, and a passion for sustainability. Our service-learning projects provide hands-on learning experiences linked to our environmental sciences theme and community-based partnerships. Students collaborate with the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), Trinity College, the Farmington Watershed Council, and other community organizations. Our students are well-positioned to become future leaders, advocates, and problem solvers in environmental sciences and related fields.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Comprehensive tuition-free preschool program
- > ESM is one of the few schools in Connecticut to earn Platinum Status as a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certified Building
- > All students and staff have opportunities to work with resident scientists through inquiry-based/project-based learning
- > LEGO™ Engineering Lab, indoor aquatics lab, Eco-Pond, interactive science theatre, community garden, and nature trail



SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Girls and Boys Volleyball, Girls and Boys Basketball, Hartford Performs Afterschool Art Program, Family Cooking Club, 3D Printing Club, and more! Offerings are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Visit our website for more information.

FUN FACT

ESM houses a Vivarium, Nature Trail, Planetarium, Community Garden, Aquatic Wet Lab, and Pond, providing an interactive learning experience for our students, families, faculty, and visitors.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering PK4 through grade 8 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Students enrolled in 8th grade at Environmental Sciences Magnet School at Mary Hooker may receive a pathway priority when applying to the following schools:

- > Great Path Academy at CT State Manchester
- > Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts: High School Campus
- > Pathways Academy of Technology and Design
- > University High School of Science and Engineering

ADDRESS

440 Broadview Terrace
Hartford, CT 06106

HOURS

8:40 AM – 3:50 PM

UNIFORM

Yes

PK TUITION

No

BEFORE & AFTER CARE

Yes (fee-based)

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“ESM provides a rich elementary and middle school experience designed to allow the development of critical thinking skills required for success in the emerging fields of medicine, engineering, and environmental sciences.”

– Lindsey Thompson, Principal



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Glastonbury-East Hartford Magnet School



CITY: Glastonbury, CT
GRADES: PK3-5
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM)



Develop the skills to think beyond your immediate environment through exploration, inquiry, and idea-sharing, paving the way to becoming a lifelong learner.

At Glastonbury-East Hartford Magnet School (GEHMS), we ignite a passion for learning by empowering students to take charge of their education through exploration, inquiry, and idea-sharing. Our dynamic core curriculum seamlessly integrates the STEAM theme into every subject to equip students for the demands of our technology-driven world. Our students learn to think beyond the immediate environment through hands-on learning and unique educational opportunities such as studying Mandarin Chinese. Our Science Lab and Planetarium offer exciting interactive learning spaces that build upon children’s innate curiosity and bring learning to life!

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Our Staff: Many have been at GEHMS for over 20 years, creating a diverse, family-like environment
- > Our Families: Active PTO and family engagement teams plan unique activities, with families and students from over 35 towns
- > Our Students: Explore nature and develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills through hands-on scientific activities

FUTURE READINESS

We nurture the next generation of entrepreneurs. Our STEAM curriculum equips students with a range of skills including innovation, creativity, critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration, all of which are critical to success. By integrating the Arts, our STEAM approach sparks imagination and creativity, naturally aligning with STEM learning principles. We prepare students academically and socially for future educational challenges and success.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Full-day preschool
- > State finalists in Invention Convention
- > Audubon Society Grant Recipient
- > Kid Governor finalist
- > Green Leaf School
- > CT Grown for Kids Grant Recipient 2022
- > Family and Community Engagement Space (F.A.C.E. Space 2022)
- > Three teachers invited to NASA Space Center for “Zero Gravity Program”
- > Actual Space Shuttle Tire on display
- > Glastonbury Planetarium offers unique learning environment
- > Partnership with Bushnell Performing Arts Center enhances curriculum and encourages exploration of the arts



CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Changemaker/Student Action Club, Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), Invention Convention, Kid Governor, Kids Lit Quiz, student-led clubs, and more! Clubs and activities are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Visit our website for more information.



FUN FACTS

- > GEHMS is one of the oldest magnet schools in the region.
- > “Rosie The Turtle” of our Life Science Center is over 32 years old.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering grades PK3 through 5 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

CONTINUING THE MAGNET EXPERIENCE!

Students enrolled in 5th grade at Glastonbury-East Hartford Magnet School may receive a pathway priority when applying to the following schools:

- > Academy of Aerospace and Engineering
- > Academy of Computer Science and Engineering Middle School
- > Academy of International Studies
- > Academy of Science and Innovation
- > Ana Grace Academy of the Arts School

ADDRESS

95 Oak Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033

HOURS

8:40 AM – 3:25 PM

UNIFORM

No

PK TUITION

Yes (on a sliding scale)


BEFORE & AFTER CARE


Yes (fee-based)

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“Here at GEHMS we embrace all learners and work collaboratively to support diversity.”

– Kristie Hummel, Principal



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Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts: PK–Grade 8 Campus



CITY: Hartford, CT
GRADES: PK4-8
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Visual and Performing Arts



Prepare for high school and beyond with a specialized education centered on visual and performing arts.

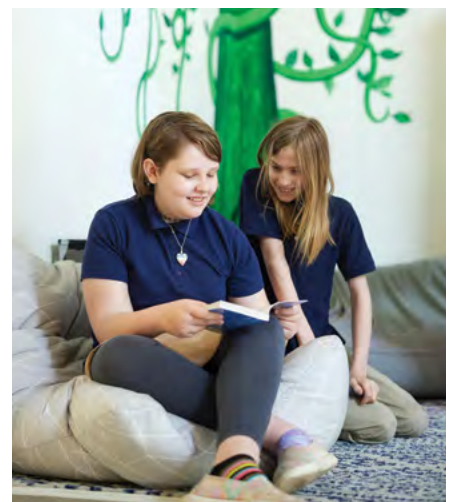
At Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts, we provide a seamless arts-based education from prekindergarten through Grade 12, offering a direct pathway from our arts-themed prekindergarten to the grade 8 campus, and then to our high school program. When walking through our school or attending one of our many performances, it is clear that the “feeling” is special. Our performing arts theme makes academic content relevant and pertinent to the lives of our students. Our staff are dedicated to nurturing your child’s creative, educational, and performing arts growth. Kinsella is not just a school — it’s a feeling!

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Creativity begins at our school.
- > We offer carefully designed lessons where the arts are relevant, pertinent, and fun.
- > At our school, the arts come alive for every student, providing opportunities for learning, communication, and creative expression.

FUTURE READINESS

Comprehensive training, cultural exposure, and arts integration are the three strategic pillars of our approach. The classrooms and hallways come to life as our students actively learn and demonstrate the process of creating, performing, and responding. Our students are taught by certified drama, dance, production, stagecraft, instrumental, and vocal arts educators.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Awarded as a School of Excellence and Distinction by Magnet Schools of America
- > *Best of Hartford* Magnet School Award
- > Receives music awards annually at the Fantastic Festivals
- > HALO Awards: Best Stage Management Team
- > Connecticut Drama Association Awards: Outstanding Actor, All State Cast, Set Design

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Book Club, Dance, Drama Club, Sewing Club, Theater Club, LEGO STEAM, Garden Club. Offerings are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Visit our website for more information.



FUN FACT

A Kinsella alumnus recently opened his own dance studio in Florida.

COMMUNITY

Families and community members support our school in various ways, from advocating for the arts to volunteering, fundraising, sharing expertise, bringing in therapy dogs to support students, and attending productions. We value every contribution from our supporters.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering PK4 through grade 8 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

CONTINUING THE MAGNET EXPERIENCE

Kinsella 8th grade students have a direct pathway to 9th grade at Kinsella Magnet School’s 9-12 campus. To be eligible for this pathway, applicants must submit an on-time RSCO application with Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts 9-12 Campus as their first choice.

ADDRESS

65 Van Block Avenue
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HOURS

8:40 AM – 3:50 PM

UNIFORM

Yes

PK TUITION

No

BEFORE & AFTER CARE

Yes (fee-based)

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“Having spent 13 years at Kinsella through the school’s arts continuum, Tyra is well prepared to attend college to study theater performance. She had quality opportunities with the performing arts and academics that she could not have received anywhere else!”

– Jay and Stephanie



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Montessori Magnet at Batchelder School



CITY: Hartford, CT
GRADES: PK3-6
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Montessori



Gain the skills to become a responsible and impactful leader with an education that fosters independence, confidence, and compassion through the Montessori method.

Montessori Magnet at Batchelder School is Connecticut’s largest public Montessori school. We guide students to emerge as independent, confident, compassionate, and responsible participants and leaders of society. Our classrooms serve specific developmental stages in mixed-age groups, following the highly successful educational methods of Dr. Maria Montessori. Our state and Montessori certified educators guide students to learn at their own pace, exploring and discovering based on their interests through hands-on work. We nurture each child’s creative, educational, and performing arts growth.

WHY CHOOSE US?

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

FUTURE READINESS

Our Montessori curriculum prepares children for the future by fostering independence, critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, and practical life skills. Our education instills values of respect, diversity, and environmental responsibility, essential for navigating a rapidly changing and interconnected world. We aim to equip children with the skills, mindset, and attitudes needed for lifelong learning and success in the future.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Montessori at Batchelder is a NAYEC-accredited program with multi-age classrooms fostering independence, cooperation, self-discipline, and discovery.
- > The school day includes large blocks of uninterrupted time for self-directed work.
- > Children learn in child-centered environments with integrated subjects, allowing students to move freely in the classroom and choose their learning direction, building independence, curiosity, and intrinsic motivation.



CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Finance Club, Baking Club, Sports Club, Spanish Club, Chess Club, and trips to Auerfarm Explorations. Offerings are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Visit our website for more information.



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering PK3 through grade 6 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

CONTINUING THE MAGNET EXPERIENCE

Students enrolled in 6th grade at Montessori Magnet at Batchelder School may receive a pathway 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

ADDRESS

757 New Britain Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

HOURS

8:40 AM – 3:50 PM

UNIFORM

Yes

PK TUITION

No

BEFORE AND AFTER CARE

Operated by OPMAD (fee-based)
 Prog. in the AM: grades PK3-6
 (7:05 AM – 8:40 AM)
 Prog. in the PM: grades PK4-6
 (3:45 PM – 6:00 PM)

WEBSITE

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“Do not tell them how to do it. Show them how to do it and do not say a word....If you show them, they will want to do it themselves.”

– Maria Montessori



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Montessori Magnet at Fisher School



CITY: Hartford, CT
GRADES: PK3-8
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Montessori



Develop skills in creativity, respect for diversity, and social, emotional, and intellectual growth with a Montessori education.

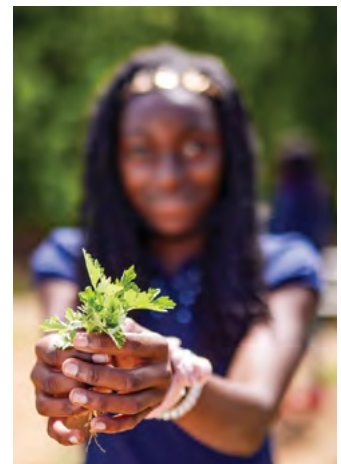
At Montessori Magnet at Fisher School (Montessori at Fisher), we embrace the unique learning styles of every child. Our approach centers on fostering essential qualities such as concentration, motivation, persistence, and discipline through experiential, hands-on learning. Our school earned the prestigious title of Magnet School of Excellence in 2020, attaining the highest level of recognition from the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI). Our curriculum is thoughtfully designed to encourage exploration in five vital areas: Practical Life, Sensorial Experience, Math, Language, and Culture. In our multi-age classrooms, children of various developmental stages collaborate, creating a rich tapestry of learning where they not only learn from dedicated educators but also from one another.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Montessori at Fisher offers a free PK3-grade 8 public Montessori education implemented to the highest standards set by AMI.
- > We believe in nurturing a child’s inherent love for learning by providing ample opportunities for spontaneous and meaningful engagement.
- > Throughout the day, students work collaboratively in small groups on interdisciplinary projects both indoors and outdoors, creating an ideal educational setting.

FUTURE READINESS

We empower students to shape their own lives and the world around them while embracing our racially, ethnically, and economically diverse school community. We foster self-confidence, leadership, and respect for self and others, encouraging students to become self-motivated and intellectually engaged learners.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > AMI Recognized School—highest level of recognition
- > Magnet Schools of America Magnet School of Excellence 2020
- > NAEYC accreditation

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Our school provides a wide range of sports, clubs, and activities to engage students in new and exciting ways, including intramural sports for grades 6-8, Auerfarm Explorations, and more! Offerings are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Visit our website for more information.



FUN FACT

Our Girls’ Basketball Team won the championship in 2023-2024!

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering PK3 through grade 8 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

CONTINUING THE MAGNET EXPERIENCE!

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

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

ADDRESS

280 Plainfield Street
Hartford, CT 06112

HOURS

8:40 AM – 3:50 PM

UNIFORM

Yes

PK TUITION

No


BEFORE & AFTER CARE

Yes (fee-based)

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“Education is acquired not by listening to words but by experiences upon the environment.”

– Maria Montessori



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Montessori Magnet School (CREC)



CITY: Hartford, CT
GRADES: PK3-6
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Montessori



CREC Montessori Magnet School implements the Montessori philosophy that students learn best in prepared environments with multi-age classrooms.

At Montessori Magnet School, also known as CREC Montessori, we are proud to offer top-notch public Montessori education to children ages 3-12 in Greater Hartford. Our nurturing environment encourages curiosity, independence, and a love for learning. Accredited by the Association Montessori Internationale, we provide the same high-quality materials and certified staff as private Montessori programs. Here, children learn to think for themselves, explore with joy and purpose, and find the motivation to grow. Join us as we embark on an exciting educational journey together!



WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Classroom Design: Encourages independence and teamwork
- > Custom Learning: Adapts to each child’s style
- > Learning Environment: Promotes freedom and curiosity
- > Hands-On Learning: Uses sensory materials for natural growth

FUTURE READINESS

Our learning approach combines individual challenges with nurturing support. Our intentional teaching spaces, equipped with materials to ignite learning passion, offer hands-on learning of complex concepts. We foster a supportive and inclusive community, empowering student learning and embracing diversity. Our students develop confidence, persistence, and critical thinking, preparing them for future academic challenges and rigorous educational programs with confidence.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Full-day PK including PK3
- > Custom-built school facility fostering community, with kitchens in each classroom and shared laundry facilities
- > Spacious, homelike, vibrant classroom environments allowing independent and collaborative work
- > Large blocks of uninterrupted time for hands-on, self-directed activities building concentration, coordination, and independence
- > Partnerships with local farms and community organizations
- > History Day Regional Winner 2016-2021
- > 2nd Place National Winners History Day 2019
- > Recognition from Association Montessori Internationale as the first public Montessori school in CT

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Girl Scouts, American Sign Language Club, Kindness Club, Spanish Club, Broadway Club, and more! Clubs and activities are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Please contact us for more information.



FUN FACTS

We are proud to be the first public Montessori School in Connecticut. Our Association Montessori Internationale recognition status is the most esteemed affiliation in the Montessori community.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering PK3 through grade 6 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

CONTINUING THE MAGNET EXPERIENCE!

Students enrolled in 5th or 6th grade at CREC Montessori Magnet School may receive a pathway priority when applying to the following schools:

- > Academy of Aerospace and Engineering
- > Academy of Computer Science and Engineering Middle School
- > Academy of Science and Innovation
- > Academy of International Studies
- > Ana Grace Academy of the Arts School
- > Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy
- > Montessori Magnet at Fisher School

ADDRESS

1460 Broad Street
Hartford, CT 06106

HOURS

8:40 AM – 3:35 PM

UNIFORM

No

PK TUITION

Yes (sliding scale)

BEFORE & AFTER CARE

Yes (fee-based)

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“At Montessori, students are given the freedom and support to question, investigate deeply, and make connections. As a result, they become confident, enthusiastic, self-directed learners. When they leave us, they can think critically, work collaboratively, and develop the self-confidence and skill sets needed for the 21st century.”
– Jessica Leon, Assistant Principal



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Museum Academy



CITY: Bloomfield, CT
GRADES: PK3-5
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Museum Studies



Get the skills and mindset to think beyond the immediate environment through exploration, inquiry, and collaborative idea-sharing, fostering a journey of lifelong learning.

At Museum Academy, we provide an engaging, museum-inspired education for prekindergarten to fifth-grade students. Our Project-Based Learning (PBL) approach focuses on the child's holistic development and incorporates museum studies into the curriculum. Students demonstrate their learning through student-led exhibitions, where they present artifacts as docents. Our partnerships with museums offer students hands-on experiences beyond the classroom with experts facilitating learning. Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS) improve students' critical thinking skills and promote inclusive community—building dialogue through guided discussions of visual images.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Foster deep curiosity, critical thinking, and creativity
- > Empower students to become lifelong learners and responsible global citizens
- > Innovative museum principles and immersive learning experiences through field study and partnerships

FUTURE READINESS

We prepare students for a successful future by providing rigorous integrated units of study that strengthen students' 21st-century skills of critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creativity, and cultural awareness. By incorporating the principles and practices of museum studies, we provide a comprehensive education that prepares our students for a multifaceted world of lifelong learning.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Chosen as one of the top Museum Schools in the nation by the National Association of Museum Schools (2024)
- > Featured as an Exemplary Magnet School in “Magnet Schools: Public Schools of Choice in a Changing Education Landscape” (2021)
- > Magnet Schools of America Merit School of Distinction (2016)
- > Magnet Schools of America Presidents Award (2015)
- > Magnet Schools of America Merit School of Excellence (2015)
- > Partnership with Connecticut Museum of Culture and History
- > Partnership with New Britain Museum of American Art
- > Tri-annual exhibition events led by student docents
- > “Museum Jobs Apprentice Program” for grade 5 students

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

De’Javé Dance Program, Academy of NOISE, STEAM Club, Drama Club, Health & Wellness Club, Youth Empowerment Club, theme-related field trips with the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History, and more! Clubs and activities are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Visit our website for more information.



FUN FACT

Museum Academy has a gallery that is curated throughout the school year. It is a changing exhibition space that showcases the artifacts of Museum Academy students, staff, and local community artists.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering grades PK3 through 5 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

CONTINUING THE MAGNET EXPERIENCE!

Students enrolled in 5th grade at Museum Academy may receive a pathway priority when applying to the following schools:

- > Academy of Aerospace and Engineering
- > Academy of Computer Science and Engineering Middle School
- > Academy of International Studies
- > Academy of Science and Innovation
- > Ana Grace Academy of the Arts School

ADDRESS

11 Turkey Hill Road
Bloomfield, CT 06002

HOURS

8:40 AM – 3:35 PM

UNIFORM

No

PK TUITION

Yes (sliding scale)

BEFORE & AFTER CARE

Yes (fee-based)

WEBSITE

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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LEARN MORE



“It has been my honor and pleasure to tell you how much we love Museum Academy. It is a truly unique place to learn and I genuinely wish every school could work like ours!”

– Jolene M. Bauckman
former Museum parent



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Reggio Magnet School of the Arts



CITY: Avon, CT
GRADES: PK3-5
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Reggio Emilia



Ignite creativity, critical thinking, and a love for learning with an arts-integrated curriculum that empowers young learners to explore, discover, and thrive.

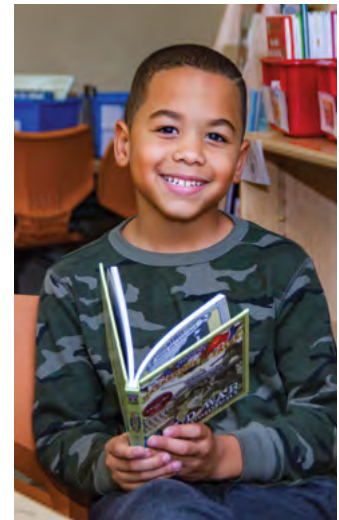
Reggio Magnet School of the Arts empowers students through exploration and discovery, fostering creativity and collaboration. As a Magnet School of Excellence, we embrace the Reggio Emilia theme, allowing students to guide their learning. With an arts-integrated, project-based approach, our students develop skills in reading, math, and science, engaging in diverse learning experiences that promote creativity, critical thinking, and collaborative problem-solving. Photographs, artwork, and stories decorate our classrooms, displaying each student’s progress and creativity. Our Reggio approach also invites parental input in shaping the school community, viewing parents as the child’s “first teacher” and celebrating family experiences in the classroom.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Endless opportunities for exploration and discovery every day
- > Curriculum designed to respect a child’s point of view, inspired by the Reggio Emilia Approach
- > Students’ work is the central focus, documented through photographs, artwork, and stories

FUTURE READINESS

We prepare students for the future by fostering a love of learning and creativity. Our philosophy is based on the belief that young children come to school with skills and knowledge already learned from life experiences. Parents, teachers, and children are all part of the learning process that involves listening, investigating, reflecting, and constructing new knowledge together. Talented educators pair challenges with loving support, guiding students through individualized academic programs to ensure accelerated learning and future success.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Offers world language for all students
- > 2019 and 2020 “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, and Leslie University
- > State Finalists in CT Invention Convention

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Girls on the Run, Invention Convention, Baking, Lego, STEAM, Science, Writing, Soccer and more! Clubs, activities, and sports offerings are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Visit our website for more information.



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering grades PK3 through 5 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.



CONTINUING THE MAGNET EXPERIENCE

Students enrolled in 5th grade at Reggio Magnet School of the Arts may receive a pathway priority when applying to the following schools.

- > Academy of Aerospace and Engineering
- > Academy of Computer Science and Engineering Middle School
- > Academy of International Studies
- > Academy of Science and Innovation
- > Ana Grace Academy of the Arts School

ADDRESS

59 Waterville Road
Avon, CT 06001

HOURS

8:40 AM – 3:35 PM

UNIFORM

No

PK TUITION

Yes (sliding scale)


BEFORE & AFTER CARE

Yes (fee-based)

WEBSITE

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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LEARN MORE



“At the end of the day my children come home happy and excited about their learning. Each day they are given opportunities to work up to their full potential and given support and encouragement to help them succeed.”

– Reggio parent



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Riverside Magnet School at Goodwin University



CITY: East Hartford, CT
GRADES: PK3-5
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Reggio Emilia



Gain a foundation in academic excellence and critical thinking through the Reggio Emilia approach, fostering creativity, collaboration, and a lifelong love of learning.

Discover our dynamic learning environment at Riverside Magnet School (RMS), where hands-on, project-based learning opportunities are abundant. Our curriculum builds on content knowledge and fosters essential literacy, numeracy, and social-emotional skills. Using the Reggio Emilia self-guided approach, students become confident, curious, and independent learners who value inquiry and creativity. As an inclusive magnet school, we provide parents with access to learning resources and culturally safe spaces, fostering meaningful connections and a sense of belonging within our school community.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Commitment to the world-renowned Reggio Emilia approach, fostering academic growth and independent critical thinking
- > Holistic educational experience through self-directed learning, inquiry, and collaborative problem-solving
- > Inclusive environment that supports cultural diversity and prepares students to thrive in a rapidly evolving world

FUTURE READINESS

Through project-based learning and the Reggio Emilia approach, we prepare students to explore real-world opportunities based on their interests. We provide a safe learning environment where students are encouraged to take risks and learn from diverse cultures and backgrounds. This equips them for meaningful connections and relationships in their communities, ensuring they are well-prepared to navigate an ever-changing world.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Full-day NAEYC accredited PK program
- > Partnership with MOVIA Robotics
- > String lessons for grades 3-5 and an orchestra ensemble for grades 4-5
- > Chorus available to any student in grades 4-5
- > Weekly STEM and health classes for all students



CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Hartford Performs Art Program; Studio Before and After Care Program featuring art, musical exploration, STEM, outdoor learning, and more. Field trips for every grade, offering unique experiences across the state. Clubs and activities may vary by grade level. Please check with our school for more information.



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering PK3 through grade 5 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit ChooseYourSchool.org.



CONTINUING THE MAGNET EXPERIENCE

Riverside's 5th grade students have a direct pathway to 6th grade at Connecticut River Academy. To be eligible, applicants must submit an on-time RSCO application with Connecticut River Academy as their first choice.

ADDRESS

29 Willowbrook Road
East Hartford, CT 06118

HOURS

8:30 AM - 3:15 PM

UNIFORM

Yes

PK TUITION

Yes (sliding scale)

BEFORE & AFTER CARE

Yes (fee-based)

WEBSITE

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“I didn’t know much about the Reggio Emilia approach, but now I am grateful that my children are receiving an excellent foundational education and learning to be inquisitive and innovative.”

– RMS Parent



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STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School



CITY: Hartford, CT
GRADES: K-8
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)



Get a specialized education in STEM that prepares you for success in high school and beyond through inquiry-based learning and hands-on experiences.

STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School is a special learning community where students are valued, challenged, and supported. Our curriculum focuses on mathematics, the sciences, Next Generation Science Standards Implementation, technology integration, and problem-based learning through a comprehensive K-8 STEM program. We aim to ignite curiosity, foster creativity, and build a strong foundation in STEM subjects. Our school community is a collaborative, rigorous, and positive learning environment in which staff, families, and community partners inspire and prepare students to achieve at high levels, succeed in college and career, and be leaders in the global economy.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Diversity thrives in our vibrant learning community
- > Students engage in daily science and engineering activities starting in kindergarten.
- > We offer semester-long STEAM electives, hands-on STEM labs, and a community garden promote environmental awareness.
- > Our community partnership with the Connecticut Science Center offers extensive programming, while our Lego® League Teams and Invention Convention cohorts compete at the state/national level!

FUTURE READINESS

We ensure students' future success with a robust STEM curriculum and a direct pathway to the University High School of Science and Engineering. This seamless transition empowers students with continued growth and specialized STEM opportunities, paving their path to academic and career excellence. If your child is passionate about science, technology, engineering, or mathematics and aspires to make a difference in the world, we invite you to join our dynamic community of learners.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Engaging STEM-related field experiences in every grade level
- > STEM-oriented 8th Grade Capstone Project
- > Accelerated Math Course, 8th Grade Algebra at UHSSE
- > Extensive use of technology, including laptops, engineering software, CAD, iPods, iPads, Google Sketch-up, Dimension 3D printer, and electronic presentations in all classes
- > A new Esports and technology room for competitions and clubs
- > Science exploratory curriculum with exposure to engineering connections
- > STEAM elective courses offered during the school day for grades K-8
- > Strong pathway partnership with University High School of Science and Engineering and the University of Hartford

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Basketball, Flag Football, Cross Country, Volleyball, Esports, CT Invention Convention Competition, First Lego® League & Lego® League Explorers teams, musical performance groups including band and chorus, Gardening Club, weekly after school STEM programming offered by STEM staff & our community partner the Connecticut Science Center, and more! Offerings are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Visit our website for more information.



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering grades K through 8 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit ChooseYourSchool.org.

CONTINUING THE MAGNET EXPERIENCE!

STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher School 8th grade students have a Direct Pathway priority to 9th grade at the University High School of Science and Engineering. To be eligible for this pathway, applicants must submit an on-time RSCO application with University High School of Science and Engineering as their first choice. Grade 8 students enrolled in STEM Magnet at Annie Fisher may also receive a pathway priority when applying to the following schools:

- > Great Path Academy at CT State Manchester
- > Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts: High School Campus
- > Pathways Academy of Technology and Design

ADDRESS

280 Plainfield Street
Hartford, CT 06112

HOURS

8:40 AM – 3:50 PM

UNIFORM

Yes

BEFORE & AFTER CARE

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“Our Annie Fisher STEM learning community is committed to continuous learning and growing! Our core values are deeply rooted in inquiry-based learning, equity, and most importantly, creating a joyful and rigorous learning environment where all students exceed their learning potential.”

– Erin Wilson Ruff, Principal



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University of Hartford Magnet School



CITY: West Hartford, CT
GRADES: PK3-5
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Multiple Intelligences



Spark self-discovery, individuality, and a love for learning with a tailored approach that helps each child thrive by embracing their unique strengths.

University of Hartford Magnet School (UHMS) is a community dedicated to the present and future of your child. We are committed to developing meaningful, supportive, and honest relationships with each of our students and their families. Our children grow each day by learning about themselves, each other, the broader world, and their power in it. Our instruction and your child’s learning experience are enhanced by our integration of the eight multiple intelligences (Bodily-Kinesthetic, Interpersonal, Intrapersonal, Linguistic, Logical-Mathematical, Musical, Naturalistic, and Visual-Spatial) into our daily lives.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > We recognize and celebrate the incredible diversity of talents and abilities within each child
- > Every student is valued for their unique strengths, creating an environment where individuality is cultivated
- > Innovative and personalized learning experiences allow students to take charge of their education in a natural and empowering way

FUTURE READINESS

We prepare students for the future by fostering a love of learning and creativity. We believe that your child’s education began with you, and we will partner with you to continue their growth and development. Thoughtfully designed lessons maximize each student’s potential while celebrating differences in how people learn. By encouraging our students to become aware of how they learn best and to set and achieve goals, we prepare them for future academic challenges and success.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > 2018 National Blue Ribbon School
- > Located on University of Hartford (UH) campus
- > Partnership with UH School of Education and HARTT School of Music
- > NAEYC accredited full-day PK program
- > Outdoor classrooms
- > Before & After School Clubs

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Art Club, Pottery Club, Cheer and Step Team, Cooking Club, Dance Club, Fitness Club, Fiber Arts Club, and more! Clubs, activities, and sports offerings are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Please contact us for more information.



FUN FACT

We celebrate our community and our students' learning EVERY Friday at Friday Family Meeting! This whole school meeting brings students, staff, and families together to celebrate our growth and to sing together as a community.



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering grades PK3 through 5 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

CONTINUING THE MAGNET EXPERIENCE!

Students enrolled in 5th grade at University of Hartford Magnet School may receive a pathway priority when applying to the following schools:

- > Academy of Aerospace and Engineering
- > Academy of Computer Science and Engineering Middle School
- > Academy of International Studies
- > Academy of Science and Innovation
- > Ana Grace Academy of the Arts School

ADDRESS

196 Bloomfield Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06117

HOURS

8:40 AM – 3:35 PM

UNIFORM

No

PK TUITION

Yes (sliding scale)

BEFORE & AFTER CARE

Yes (fee-based)

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“UHMS is a family, and when you join our school, you join our family! We learn and work WITH you to raise your child to become a hard-working, kind, and active citizen.”

– Tim Barber, Principal



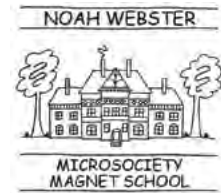
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Webster MicroSociety Magnet School



CITY: Hartford, CT
GRADES: PK3-8
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: MicroSociety



Experience a vibrant community where students thrive in a dynamic micro-society that mirrors the real world, fostering engaged learners and responsible citizens.

At Webster MicroSociety Magnet School, a Magnet Schools of America School of Distinction, we nurture a vibrant community of engaged learners who thrive in a dynamic micro-society that mirrors the real world. Our commitment to the MicroSociety theme is integrated into our core curriculum of mathematics, writing, science, and social studies. We work with students to embody the Webster Way of taking care of ourselves, each other, and our environment. Our dedicated educators strive to instill voice and choice within our classrooms, fostering a sense of relevance that bridges the gap between school and society at large.



WHY CHOOSE US?

- > The MicroSociety theme empowers students to actively shape their school experience and education.
- > Opportunities to design real-world solutions, establish businesses or agencies, and apply knowledge in practical ways.
- > An inclusive and empowered learning environment through student government involvement in decision-making and planning schoolwide events.



FUTURE READINESS

Our students prepare for the future by honing their ability to work together with diverse groups—a vital skill for their future. They actively participate in conceiving and establishing businesses, agencies, and nonprofits that serve society and benefit the community. Each day, they apply their learning to real-world situations, further enriched by a wide array of extracurricular activities that extend their educational experience beyond the classroom.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > NAEYC accredited PK program
- > 2019 Four Star MicroSociety School
- > 2020 Magnet School of Distinction
- > Award-winning and regionally recognized music program
- > New Esports and media center lab for clubs and competitions

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Basketball, Cheerleading, Volleyball, Track and Field, Esports, Unified Sports, Art Club, Band, Chorus, Drumming, Instrumental Lessons, Jazz Band, Girl Scouts, Kid Governor, Orchestra, Student Government, Yoga Club, and more! Offerings are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Visit our website for more information.

FUN FACT

Our school drum line has played at the Yard Goats, HPS convocation, the State Special Education Convention, the State Boards of Education Convention, and Bushnell Park!



COMMUNITY

Our families and community members support our students and staff physically, emotionally, and academically. They help our students connect learning to real-world experiences. We value their collaboration in fostering students' growth as individuals. We couldn't be who we are today without our families and community.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering grades PK3 through 8 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

CONTINUING THE MAGNET EXPERIENCE

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

- > Classical Magnet School
- > Great Path Academy at CT State Manchester
- > Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts: High School Campus
- > Pathways Academy of Technology and Design
- > Sport and Medical Sciences Academy
- > University High School of Science and Engineering

ADDRESS

5 Cone Street
Hartford, CT 06105

HOURS

8:40 AM – 3:50 PM

UNIFORM

Yes

PK TUITION

No


BEFORE & AFTER CARE

Yes (fee-based)

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“I believe every day is a new opportunity to learn, and my main goal is to prepare my students to be successful in the rest of their school years, and to become lifelong learners.”

– Ms. Politi, 4th Grade Teacher



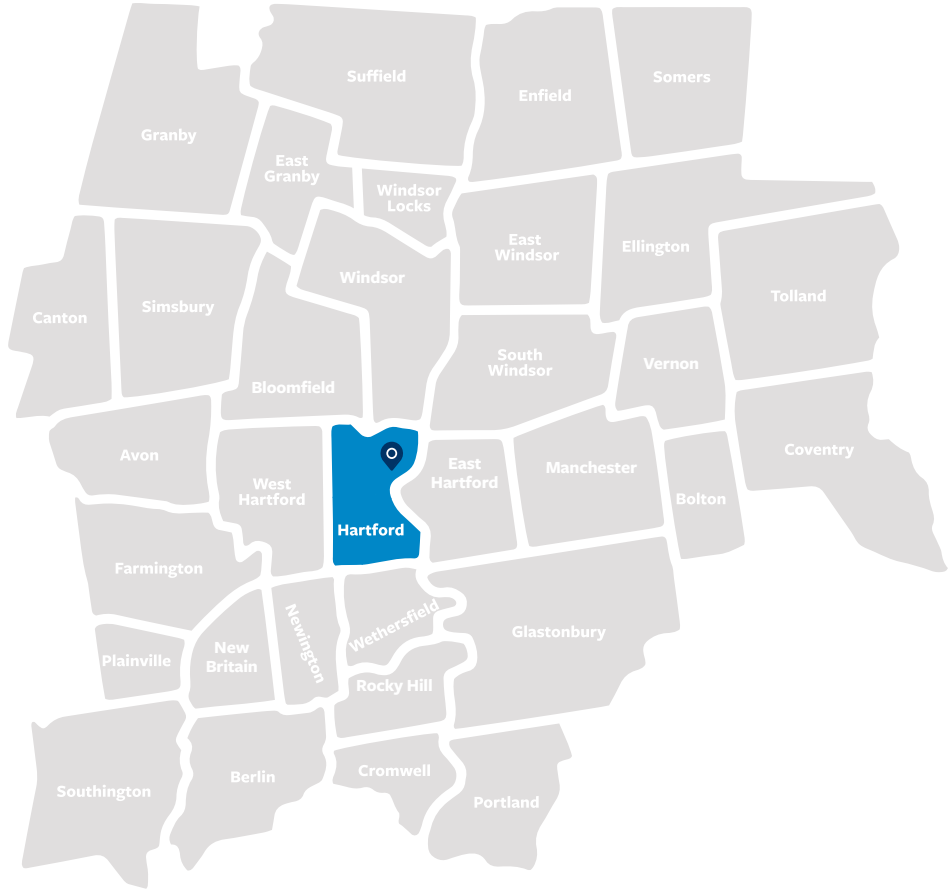
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Elementary – Middle – High Schools

Explore PK3-Grade 12 Magnet Schools



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^a BPS = Bloomfield Public Schools, CREC = Capitol Regional Education Council, EHPS = East Hartford Public Schools, HPS = Hartford Public Schools, GUMSS = Goodwin University Magnet School System.

Capital Preparatory Magnet School



CITY: Hartford, CT
GRADES: PK3-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Social Justice



Develop the skills to become a lifelong learner who champions social justice and enriches their community.

Capital Preparatory Magnet School (Capital Prep) is committed to nurturing lifelong learners who advocate for social justice and make meaningful contributions to their communities. Our year-round program running from July to May ensures seamless educational development. Our students discover their passions through dynamic academic and social justice initiatives, equipping them with the skills to become change agents. Our talented teachers and diverse, energetic peer group help students unlock their potential. For PK3 through 5th grade, we integrate a social justice curriculum, fostering critical thinking and problem-solving skills early on, laying a solid foundation for academic success in middle school, high school, and beyond. Join us and be part of a transformative educational experience!

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Year-round Pre-K through 12th grade school.
- > Cultivate kind, empathetic leaders by instilling our core values of “C.P.R.E.P.”: Collaborators, Problem Solvers, Research/Information Processors, Empathetic Citizens, Pillars of Knowledge.
- > Students are immersed in these core values throughout their entire educational experience, becoming the best and most compelling versions of themselves.

FUTURE READINESS

The road to college begins at Capital Prep! We proudly create educational opportunities for all students while empowering them to become “Agents of Change.” We maintain our promise of 100% college admittance for each graduating class. Our remarkable college preparatory programming offers students the opportunity to create unique college pathways through dual enrollment, an internship program for early career exploration, and extracurricular activities that fully develop the whole child.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Dual enrollment opportunities at higher education institutions
- > NAEYC Accredited
- > Magnet Schools of America National Award of Merit Distinction 2016
- > Performing Arts partnership with Hartford Performs
- > Student leadership partnership with the Hartford Yard Goats Young Ambassador Program
- > Two-sport requirement in grades 9-12 to develop the whole child and increase student competitiveness in college applications
- > Six state championships in athletics

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Basketball (boys and girls), Cheerleading, Football, Golf, Cross Country, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Track and Field (co-ed), Volleyball (boys and girls), Girls Flag Football. Quilting, STEM, Language Studies in Arabic, Athletics, eSports, Gardening, Musical Instruments, Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society, Debate and Model UN, Student Government/Council, Girls on the Run, Yard Goats Young Ambassador Program, Changemaker/Student Action Club, Cheer Club, Dance Club, Chess Club, Instrumental Lessons, STEM Club, Strength & Conditioning, and more! Offerings are subject to change and vary by grade level. Visit our website for more information.



SCHOOL MOTTO

Trailblazing is not a spectator sport!



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering PK3 through grade 12 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

ADDRESS

1304 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

HOURS

7:30 AM – 2:40 PM

UNIFORM

Yes

PK TUITION

No

BEFORE & AFTER CARE

Yes (fee-based)

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“Capital Prep is a school of high achievement as well as a school of change. A school where the impossible turns into opportunities that are equally accessible for all CPREP students. Students who attend Capital Prep are equipped with tools that lead them to success socially and academically. I think all students who are looking to get a step ahead in their future should attend Capital Prep.”

– Kadeem McKnight,
Class of 2021



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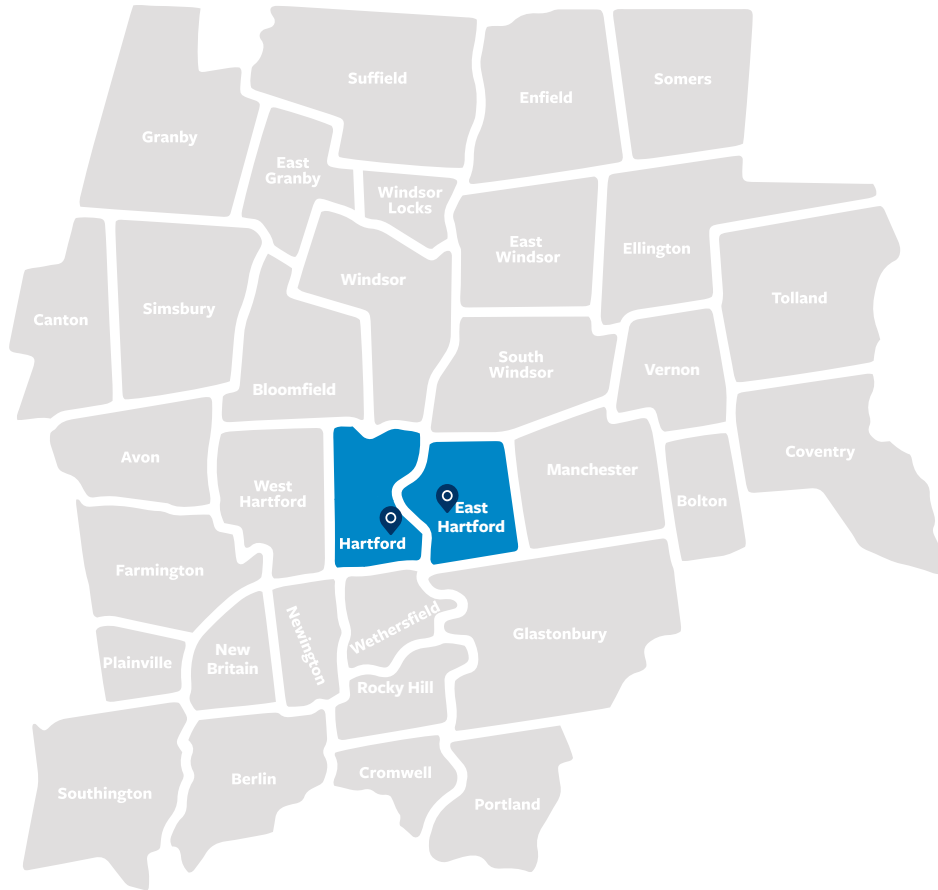
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Middle Schools

Explore Middle (5-8) Magnet Schools



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Academy of Computer Science & Engineering Middle School

**MAGNET
SCHOOL**



CITY: East Hartford, CT

GRADES: 6-8

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet

SPECIALIZATION: Computer Science and Engineering



CREC
Academy of Computer Science
and Engineering Middle School

Get the skills to become creators, problem solvers, and innovators in the digital age through our technology-rich curriculum aligned with ISTE standards.

At the Academy of Computer Science and Engineering Middle School, we pave the way for your child's success through middle school, high school, and beyond. Our sought-after theme provides opportunities for continued growth and aligns with the demands of both college and the workplace, offering a smooth transition to the Academy of Computer Science High School. This unique educational experience combines early college opportunities with a technology-rich curriculum, nurturing students to become creators, problem solvers, and innovators in the digital age. Our curriculum aligns with the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) standards.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Student voice and choice prioritized through computational and design thinking
- > Students evolve into creative communicators, positive digital citizens, and global collaborators
- > Enhanced by partnerships with ISTE, Harvard Project Zero, Amazon Future Engineer School, and MakerspaceCT

FUTURE READINESS

We've collaborated with UConn School of Engineering to develop a grade 6 to 12 course series ensuring students are prepared for college success. As students transition to the Academy of Computer Science and Engineering High School, they delve into technology-rich pathways: Computer Science, Entrepreneurship, or Design. They access college-level opportunities via UConn Early College Experience, AP College Board, and College and Community Partnerships. Our computer science curriculum equips students for current market demands while fostering digital citizenship and digital literacy.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Multiple partnerships including ISTE and Harvard Project Zero ensure top-tier instruction
- > Only middle school in Connecticut named an Amazon Future Engineer School
- > Students complete three years of computer science courses and a full year of engineering and innovation studies
- > Emphasis on digital literacy, computer science, and innovation

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Cheer, Drama, Robotics, Anime, Art, Jewelry, Esports, Video Games, Makerspace; Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Indoor Track, Soccer, Softball, Track and Field, Flag Football, and more! Please visit our website for more information.



FUN FACT

The Academy of Computer Science and Engineering Middle School is the only middle school in the State of Connecticut to be an Amazon Future Engineer School!

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering grades 6 through 8 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.



CONTINUING THE MAGNET EXPERIENCE!

Academy of Computer Science and Engineering Middle School 8th grade students have a direct pathway to 9th grade at Academy of Computer Science and Engineering. To be eligible for this pathway, applicants must submit an on-time RSCO application with Academy of Computer Science and Engineering as their first choice. Grade 8 students at Academy of Computer Science and Engineering Middle School may also receive a pathway priority when applying to the following schools:

- > Academy of International Studies
- > Academy of Science & Innovation
- > Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts – Full Day

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“We continually seek out and apply the latest technology, curriculum, and instruction strategies. Education is constantly evolving, and we pride ourselves on being on the cutting edge.”

– Jill Wnuk, Principal



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Betances STEM Magnet School



CITY: Hartford, CT
GRADES: 5-8
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)



Develop the skills to become a confident, effective problem solver and critical thinker with a hands-on STEM education.

We are Betances STEM (BSTEM) Magnet School, home of the Nerdy Birds! Our students, staff, and families are “Not Afraid to Be Smart,” and it shows! We are 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. STEM is incorporated into all classes and content areas to deepen the understanding of science and technology across disciplines. Our 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.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > We focus on the integration of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.
- > Our curricula align with Common Core State Standards in Literacy and Mathematics and CT State Science Standards.
- > Our students receive rigorous instruction through an inquiry-based approach supporting hands-on, student-driven learning.
- > Our students are Positive, Respectful, and Ready to Learn.

FUTURE READINESS

Our strong focus on building background knowledge in the STEM fields and increasing Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics vocabulary will enable students to extend their learning beyond the classroom. The ability to apply learning to real-life situations and problems is a unique feature of our STEM program. Our robust partnerships with the CT Science Center, Barnes and Noble, and UConn create valuable connections for our students for college as well as opportunities for internships and mentoring. We’re preparing our students for careers that will exist in the future — come check us out!



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > STEM Pilot Flight Simulators — students artificially recreate an aircraft’s flight for pilot training & design
- > Computer Education classes to maximize tech integration
- > Virtual reality (VR) headsets and curriculum for immersive learning
- > STEM Plus classes, LEGO® robotics, and coding programs
- > Google Apps for Education embedded into daily instruction by Level 1 Google Educators
- > Recognized in 2023 by the General Assembly and Black and Hispanic Caucus for Excellence in STEM and Student Outreach
- > STEM Plus pathway of courses beginning in 5th Grade
- > State-of-the art E-Sports Lab
- > Competitive E-Sports teams
- > New Fitness Center
- > Teachers certified in Google AI for Education
- > Updated Gym floor and Athletics field
- > Junior Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Basketball, Cross Country, Flag Football, Soccer, Track and Field, Volleyball. Art Club, Dungeons and Dragons Club, Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), Student Government/Council, Yearbook Club, Strength & Conditioning, field trips to Washington DC, STEM and Soccer Education Day at the Hartford Athletic, and more! Offerings are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Visit our website for more information.

FUN FACT

We are proud to partner with UConn Health in their Great Explorations Program, a science enrichment program engaging middle school students in hands-on science activities and college exploration.

SCHOOL MOTTO

We are not afraid to be smart! Nerdy Birds for Life!

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering grades 5 through 8 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

CONTINUING THE MAGNET EXPERIENCE!

Betances STEM Magnet School 8th grade students have a direct pathway to 9th grade at Pathways Academy of Technology and Design. To be eligible for this pathway, applicants must submit an on-time RSCO application with Pathways Academy of Technology and Design as their first choice.

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“Families send students to BSTEM because they want a welcoming environment with strong relationships. Our STEM focus helps students become problem-solvers and effective innovators! Students discover solutions to real-world projects.”

– Anthony Brooks, Principal

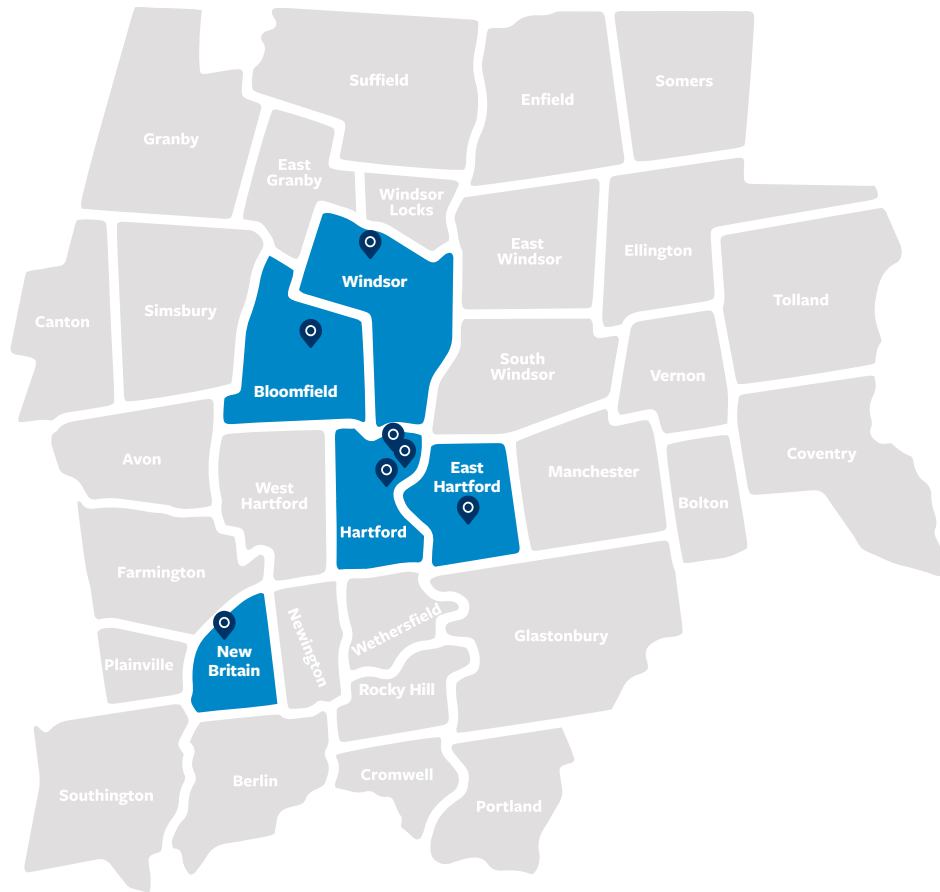


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Middle – High Schools

Explore Middle – High (6-12) Magnet Schools



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^a BPS = Bloomfield Public Schools, CREC = Capitol Regional Education Council, EHPS = East Hartford Public Schools, HPS = Hartford Public Schools, GUMSS = Goodwin University Magnet School System.

Academy of Aerospace & Engineering



CITY: Windsor, CT
GRADES: 6-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)



Get the unique opportunity to explore 21st-century subjects like aerospace engineering, biomedicine, advanced mathematics, and computer science to prepare for the demands of college and the workplace.

At the Academy of Aerospace and Engineering (Aerospace 6-12), we prepare middle and high school students for the technological landscape and demands of college and the workplace. Our rigorous STEM-driven curriculum includes aerospace engineering, biomedicine, advanced mathematics, and computer science. Through hands-on learning, we make the curriculum meaningful, accessible, and exciting, fostering a love of learning. We empower students to take ownership of their education and think critically, preparing them to thrive in a global world.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Diverse community of learners, faculty, and staff committed to positive outcomes
- > Robust coursework and participation in events like robotics competitions, science fairs, and Model UN
- > Opportunity to earn college credit from 10th grade, accelerating the path toward higher education

FUTURE READINESS

Our rigorous, high-quality curriculum fosters future-focused skills through mentoring programs with local engineers and medical companies, career symposiums with STEM companies, internship programs, and classroom instruction led by industry professionals. We also offer Advanced Placement and Early College Experience (ECE) classes. Students leave our school with numerous post-secondary options ranging from matriculation into both 2- and 4-year institutions, the military, technical training, and the workforce.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Robust STEM labs, maker spaces, workshops, and computer labs
- > Among Top 10 High Schools for the largest percentage of students (34%) taking UConn courses through UConn ECE for the 2022-23 academic year
- > Ranked 5th in the state for FAFSA completion
- > 11th grade student competed in the International Science Fair in 2023
- > Received recognition from The College Board’s AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award
- > Student co-authored research article published in The Journal of Student Research

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Flag Football, Football, Indoor Track, Soccer, Softball, Track and Field, Volleyball; Debate Team, Drama Club, Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), Math Team, Model UN, Newspaper Club, Robotics Club, Science Club, Student Government/Council, and more!



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

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“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



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Academy of International Studies



CITY: Bloomfield, CT
GRADES: 6-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: International Studies, International Baccalaureate (IB)



Gain the skills to be college-ready and world-ready through our International Baccalaureate programs, preparing you for success in the global market.

The Academy of International Studies is a public 6-12 International Baccalaureate (IB) World School in Connecticut offering both the IB Middle Years Programme (grades 6-10) and Diploma Programme (grades 11-12). As an IB World School, we prepare students for the academic challenges of college and provide a competitive edge in the global market. Students experience the world beyond the classroom through international travel and foreign student exchanges. The IB program instills a sense of responsibility, nurturing internationally minded citizens committed to creating a more equitable and peaceful world.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Compassionate, caring faculty deeply committed to student success
- > Rigorous academic standards from day one
- > Enriching extracurricular activities and engaging classroom discussions

FUTURE READINESS

The IB curriculum challenges outstanding students to drive their own learning, think critically, and solve complex problems, preparing them for college and the global world. Students broaden their perspectives, seeing themselves as integral parts of a global society. The curriculum emphasizes cross-cultural awareness, understanding global dynamics, and environmental consciousness. Beyond academics, students are empowered to be leaders and agents of change for social justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion. They develop skills necessary for success in college and beyond.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > International Baccalaureate (IB) World School
- > All students participate in IB courses, earning opportunities for college credits or advanced standing
- > Extensive international travel options and foreign student exchanges

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Flag Football, Football, Golf, Indoor Track, Soccer, Softball, Track and Field, Band, Changemaker/Student Action Club, Drama Club, Drone Club, Mental Minds, Soccer Club, Math Club, student leadership groups, and student-led clubs. Offerings vary based on student interest.



FUN FACT

Our school has traveled to over 20 countries around the world!

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

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“Our program is recognized globally for its high standard of rigor and the way in which students are provided with opportunities to stretch beyond their preconceived limits.”

– Yesenia Hernandez, Principal



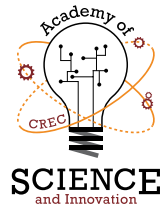
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Academy of Science & Innovation



CITY: New Britain, CT
GRADES: 6-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)



Get hands-on learning experiences and engage in cutting-edge projects to unlock your potential and shape the future as a trailblazer in STEM fields.

We're the Academy of Science and Innovation (Innovation), a Magnet School of Distinction that revolves around three pivotal 21st-century technology domains: environmental engineering, biotechnology, robotics, and computer science. Our curriculum empowers students to become change makers, fostering critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity. Through hands-on learning experiences, aspiring innovators engage in cutting-edge projects tackling real-world challenges. We nurture a collaborative environment where young minds thrive, cultivating essential skills for success in an ever-evolving technological landscape.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Immersive project-based learning applying knowledge to real-world challenges
- > State-of-the-art facilities and resources support growth in STEM fields
- > Senior internships at cutting-edge professional environments through community partnerships

FUTURE READINESS

We immerse students in real-world STEM scenarios, guiding them to build problem-solving skills and devise solutions for tangible issues. Our project-based approach cultivates critical thinking abilities as students engage with math, science, engineering, and cutting-edge technologies. We foster curiosity and a passion for innovation, equipping our students with the mindset and knowledge to thrive in our technology-driven world.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > 2024 Magnet Schools of America School of Distinction
- > Dual enrollment opportunities with CCSU
- > AP and UConn ECE classes available at the high school
- > Students take two sciences in 6th through 10th grade: STEM as a second science in 6th through 9th grade and Cellular Biology/Genetics in 10th grade
- > Themed electives in middle school including hydroponics, computer science, coding, robotics, and artificial intelligence
- > Hydroponics and aquaponics lab
- > 2024 State Division Championship–Boys High School Basketball



SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Coding Club, Gaming Club, Jazz Band, National Honor Society, Robotics Club, College Visits, Basketball, Cross Country, Cheerleading, Football, Indoor Track, Soccer, Softball, Track and Field, Volleyball, and more!



FUN FACT

Innovation fosters an environment where students are encouraged to pursue their passions both in STEM and other areas of interest. Monthly events like “Clash of the Classes” and “House Cup” promote community team building through healthy STEM challenges and competitions. Students also have opportunities to participate in athletics as well as a range of after-school clubs such as cooking, fishing, and skiing.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

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“At Innovation, our aim is to empower our students to become the future leaders of the world. We inspire them to pose meaningful questions and dismantle any barriers that hinder equity, diversity, and inclusion.”

– Elizabeth Wilson, Family & Community Engagement Specialist



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Classical Magnet School



CITY: Hartford, CT
GRADES: 6-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Early College/College Prep

Classical Magnet School



Develop the skills to excel academically, think critically, and communicate effectively with our classical liberal arts curriculum.

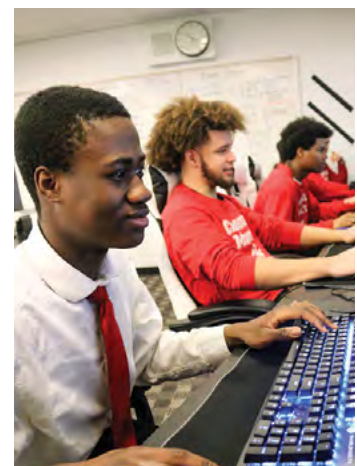
At Classical Magnet School, we prepare students for acceptance into competitive colleges and universities by focusing extensively on a classic liberal arts curriculum and rigorous STEM education. Rooted in the Paideia philosophy of education, we emphasize Socratic seminars and project-based learning. Our students are active learners, mastering academics and demonstrating their ability to read and comprehend literature, write persuasively, think clearly, communicate effectively, and solve problems. These skills prepare students for success in colleges, universities, and any career path.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Small learning community where teachers and students know each other well.
- > Access to music, art, theater, technology, and athletics in grades 6-12.
- > Well-rounded graduates prepared for any program of studies in college or university.

FUTURE READINESS

Our liberal arts education includes rigorous math, science, and technology courses, preparing students for all education and career paths. Classical graduates are engineers, scientists, doctors, lawyers, mathematicians, entrepreneurs, and teachers. We emphasize research, problem-solving, and communication skills to prepare students for college, career, and life. Our graduates are intellectually curious, embrace diversity, and possess excellent communication skills, making them well-prepared for future academic and professional success.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Award-winning Theatre Program and one of the top music and art programs in Hartford
- > 100% graduation rate in 2023 with a 100% college acceptance rate
- > Extensive STEM programs with ECE (Early College Experience) courses in Physics, Allied Health Professions, American Studies & Philosophy, and Medical Terminology for college credits through UConn



SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Esports, Football, Indoor Track, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Track and Field, Volleyball, Flag Football. Art Club, Chess Club, Gaming Club, Action Club, Model UN, National Honor Society, Student Government/Council, Theater Club, Photography, Graphic Design, Broadcasting, and more! Offerings are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Visit our website for more information.

FUN FACT

Classical Magnet School began as an intradistrict magnet program in 1982-1983 and just celebrated 40 years of excellence!

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

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“This place, the students and staff here, all have an inspiring amount of character, integrity, intensity, and love.”

– Thomas Mullane,
Science Teacher



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Connecticut River Academy at Goodwin University



CITY: East Hartford, CT
GRADES: 6-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Early College Prep:
 Pathways: Business and Administration, Computer Science, Health Science and Nursing, and Manufacturing and Engineering



Immerse yourself in career-focused pathways, global perspectives, and a nurturing environment designed to prepare you for college and beyond.

The Connecticut River Academy at Goodwin University (CTRA) spans four buildings and is a NEASC accredited award-winning magnet school. As an Early College school, our scholars prepare for college through college-level and Advanced Placement (AP) classes and can earn more than 30 tuition-free credits, enabling them to enter college as sophomores. We offer 21st-century subject pathways including Computer Science and STEM at the middle level, Manufacturing and Engineering, Health Sciences & Nursing, Computer Science, and Business Administration at the high school. Awareness, Diversity, and Action are the foundation of our core values and beliefs and shape the positive school environment.



WHY CHOOSE US?

- > We believe relationships are foundational to learning, and that all scholars can achieve at high levels
- > Early college and pre-apprenticeship programs provide multiple opportunities to explore personal interests for future success
- > Values empower scholars to break down barriers while acquiring the competencies for future success within a transformative school system



FUTURE READINESS

Our scholars get a jump-start on their college and career paths. In addition to a full range of high school courses, students can take classes at Goodwin University and earn more than 30 transferable college credits while still in high school—all at no tuition cost. We offer pre-apprenticeships with high-tech companies and businesses to connect classroom work with the real world. Scholars are prepared academically and socially for college, laying an important foundation for future success.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Magnet Schools of America Merit Award of Excellence in 2021
- > 5 Early College pathways beginning in sophomore year with the option to earn more than 30 college credits at no cost to scholars
- > Accelerated courses available in English and math as freshmen
- > Advanced Placement (AP) classes in grades 10 to 12 in humanities, sciences, and math
- > Grades 6-8: Focus on Innovative Technology and Creative Design, preparing scholars for high school, college, and careers
- > Grades 9-12: College pathways in Manufacturing/Engineering, Health Sciences & Nursing, Computer Science, Liberal Arts, and Business Administration
- > Schoolwide commitment to restorative practices and culturally relevant curriculum
- > Environmental Science theme with habitat center, river boat, and green roof
- > Award-winning music program

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Intramural sports including Cross Country, Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, and Flag Football. Clubs including Affinity Groups (Black Student Union, AAPI Student Union), Art Club; Changemaker/Student Action Club; Dance Club; Environmental Club, Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA); Best Buddies, Yearbook; National Honor Society, TRI-M; Music Honor Society, Anime Club, Scholar Council, Robotics Club, Model UN; Girls Who Code, and more! Sports, clubs, and activity offerings are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Visit our website for more information.

FUN FACT

CTRA students are called “scholars” as we believe they can all achieve at high levels.



NOTABLE ALUMNI

Taylor Marchand traveled to us from Winsted and graduated in 2018. Taylor is now a 2022 graduate of Tufts University with a Bachelor of Science in biology and a minor in Spanish. She is currently attending Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

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“We believe that when scholars demonstrate self and global awareness and a show respect for the importance of diversity, and understand the impact of individual and social actions, they will contribute to a more just and sustainable world.”

– JT Foster, Principal



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Global Experience Magnet School



CITY: Bloomfield, CT
GRADES: 6-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Global Studies & Travel



Get a unique global perspective through immersive language and cultural experiences, preparing you to be a responsible and informed global citizen.

At Global Experience Magnet School (GEMS), the world—and all its language and cultural diversity—is the classroom. Warmly referred to as “GEMS” by our school community, we afford students a unique experience through small class sizes and opportunities to ensure every student reaches their maximum academic and social-emotional potential. Our students immerse themselves in different languages and engage in experiences beyond the classroom to connect to the world around them. From community volunteer days to partnering with other local, national, and international charities and organizations, we provide opportunities for students to explore their passions and make a difference.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Small class sizes ensure personalized attention and support
- > Immersive language and cultural experiences
- > Strong focus on community engagement and global citizenship

FUTURE READINESS

Our theme goes beyond traveling the world. We aim to develop graduates who are global thinkers with a broad perspective. By fostering growth, mindful, and challenge mindsets, we prepare students for adulthood. Our mantra is Knowing, Caring, Doing (KCD). We don’t just study global issues; we embrace them and seek solutions to improve them. This holistic approach ensures our students are well-prepared for the future, both academically and socially.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Second language offerings in Mandarin Chinese, French, and Spanish
- > Private school class size in a public-school setting with a 15:1 student-to-teacher ratio
- > Focus on developing responsible, civic-minded global citizens
- > New Esports and Video Production studio for clubs, competitions, and more

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Activist Club, Environmental Club, Esports, Fine Arts Club, Intramural Sports, LGBTQ+ Alliance, National Honor Society, Student Government/Council, Yearbook Club, and more! These offerings are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Visit our website for updates.



FUN FACT

We are proud of our travel program. This past school year we traveled to Puerto Rico, Mystic, Boston, and took a college tour through the Mid-Atlantic! We look forward to new and exciting trips next year.



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

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“Knowing, Caring, Doing (KCD) ties our academic, social, and emotional learning together. Everything we do is within the KCD framework. It provides a mindset that guides the community.”

– GEMS Administrator



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Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy



CITY: Hartford, CT
GRADES: 6-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Early College/College Prep; Science, Engineering, Technology, and Mathematics (STEM), Visual and Performing Arts



Receive a rigorous education centered on the Arts and Sciences, with access to early college programs that prepare you for success in higher education and beyond.

Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy (HMTCA), in cooperation with Trinity College, offers an Early College program focusing on the Arts and Sciences. We provide students with high-quality academics and a rich selection of courses and enrichment programs spanning music, theater, visual arts, dance, computer science, engineering, and advanced mathematics. Our school’s team-based middle school model offers a rigorous academic program and a comprehensive array of related-arts classes, including visual arts, performing arts, dance, band, orchestra, coding, and robotics, to prepare students for high school while exploring their interests in arts and sciences.



WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Students earn college credits while still in high school, accelerating progress toward a degree and reducing the overall cost of higher education.
- > Students gain exposure to rigorous coursework and essential skills for postsecondary success.
- > All students receive academic support and access to college resources in a unique and supportive learning community.



FUTURE READINESS

We equip students for college and beyond through an immersive college-ready environment. We offer 13 AP courses and Early College Experience (ECE) classes through UConn. Our partnership with Trinity College provides high school students opportunities to participate in writing and science programs on campus. Twelfth-grade students attend classes on Trinity College’s campus during their senior year, ensuring a seamless transition to higher education.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Students accepted to over 200 colleges and universities, including Yale, West Point, Trinity, and Williams
- > Early college opportunities with Trinity College, UConn ECE, Capital Community College, and AP offerings
- > New Esports room and audiovisual production equipment for video and audio content creation



SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Indoor Track, Rowing, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball, Flag Football. Affinity Groups, Bee Keeping Club, Art Club, Robotics Club, Debate Team, Drama Club, Hiking Club, Botany Club, Mock Trial, Model UN, National Honor Society, Yearbook Club, Esports, Trinity College Tutoring, Strength & Conditioning, Communications Club, and more! Offerings are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Visit our website for more information.

COMMUNITY

HMTCA has both an active School Governance Council and an active Parent/Teacher Organization. Both groups regularly meet and assist in recommending school policy, school activities, fundraising opportunities, and supporting student activities. We have a partnership with nearby Trinity College, which offers after-school tutoring services and allows us to use their facilities such as classroom space, theater, athletic fields, ice skating arena, open spaces for graduation exercises, meeting rooms, and more.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

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“HMTCA students love their school because they value teachers who provide dynamic instruction and care, value their friendly and inclusive community, and have access to Trinity College.”

– HMTCA Staff Member



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Sport and Medical Sciences Academy



CITY: Hartford, CT
GRADES: 6-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Sport and Medical Sciences



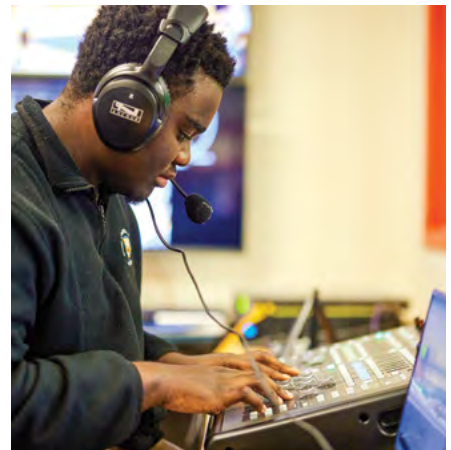
Prepare for college and careers in health and sports fields with an exciting early college preparatory experience focused on Sport and Medical Sciences.

At Sport and Medical Sciences Academy (SM SA), we engage students in exciting 21st-century themes focused on Sport and Medical Sciences and prepare them for college through an early college preparatory experience starting in middle school. We embed our four core beliefs—Dedication, Responsibility, Discipline, and Respect—into each student’s educational experience to develop social consciousness and leadership skills. Our theme integrates academics and advanced technology, focusing on medical science in the sports context, to promote healthy active lifestyles and prepare students for advanced studies in sport medicine, exercise science, and health management.



WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Students receive a rigorous education in Science, Language Arts, and Mathematics with a thematic approach applied through block scheduling.
- > This framework allows for hands-on learning and career exploration in sports and medicine via job shadowing and internships.
- > Technology is integrated into all subject areas with partnerships that promote public service opportunities and leadership skills.



FUTURE READINESS

We prepare students for the future with practical experiences, career exploration, and leadership development. Our students earn tuition-free college credits through the College Board and UConn, giving them an edge in college applications. Emphasizing opportunities for advanced study and career exploration in sports and medicine, we equip students with the knowledge, skills, and courage to become productive citizens in a diverse society. Our students are passionate, have a strong work ethic, and are lifelong learners.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > National School of Distinction – Magnet Schools of America
- > US News & World Report “Best High Schools in America”
- > State-of-the-art facility with a broadcast studio, 10 science labs, two gymnasiums, and two fitness centers
- > Learning beyond the classroom through job shadowing and internships in sports and medical sciences
- > Partnerships with UConn Medical and Dental Schools, UConn, CCSU, and ECSU for engaging experiential learning



SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Football, Indoor Track, Soccer, Softball, Track and Field, Volleyball, Flag Football. Affinity Groups, Digital Design Club, Art Club, Chess Club, National Honor Society, Student Government/Council, Tiger Connections (after-school program for academic support and enrichment), Esports Club, International Travel Club, Sewing Club, Fitness Club, Journalism and Video Production Club, and more! Offerings are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Visit our website for more information.



SCHOOL MOTTO

YOU belong here at SMSA!

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

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“Since coming to SMSA I have learned about different cultures and the diversity is great. You should keep an open mindset.”

– Aidelyn, SMSA
Middle School Student

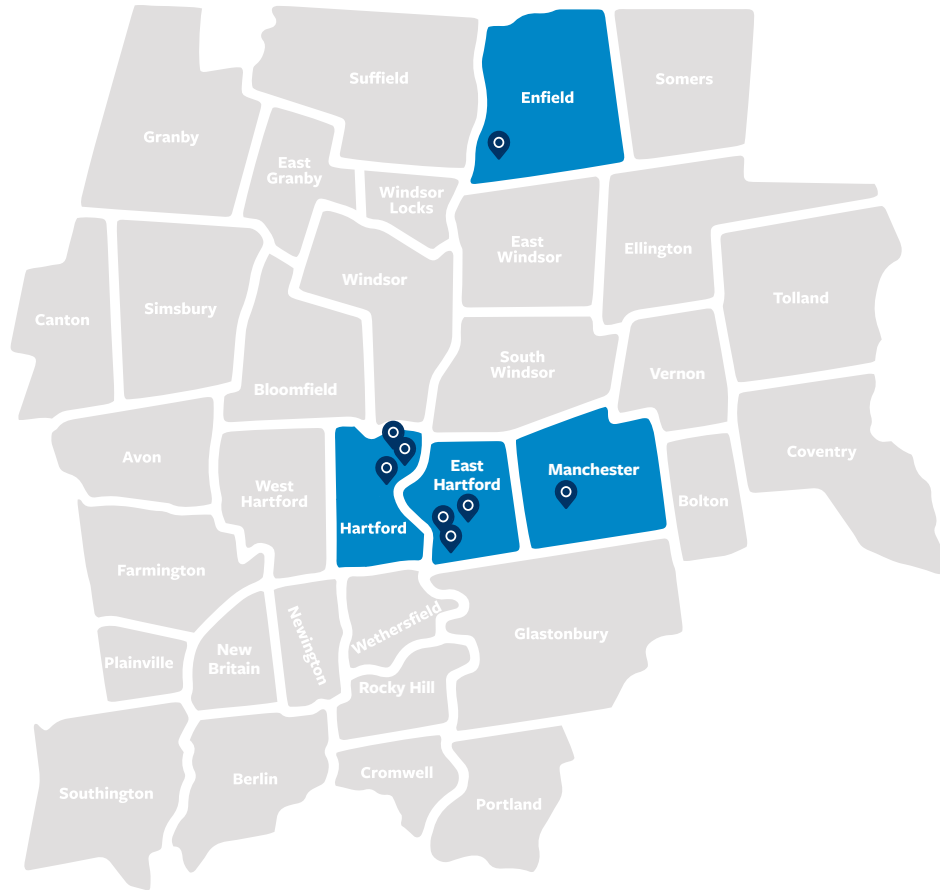


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High Schools

Explore Magnet High Schools (9-12)



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^a BPS = Bloomfield Public Schools, CREC = Capitol Regional Education Council, EHPS = East Hartford Public Schools, HPS = Hartford Public Schools, GUMSS = Goodwin University Magnet School System.

^c NextTech Academy at Goodwin University will open in 2025-26 at the 9th grade and will be accepting applications for the 2025-26 school year.

Academy of Computer Science & Engineering



CITY: Enfield, CT

GRADES: 9-12

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet

SPECIALIZATION: Computer Science, Entrepreneurship,
Digital Design



CREC
Academy of Computer Science
and Engineering

Gain the skills to become an innovator and creator in the digital world with our rigorous Computer Science and Technology program.

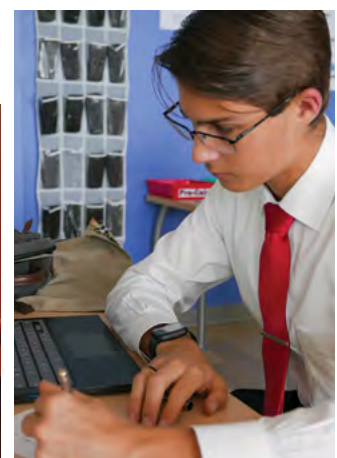
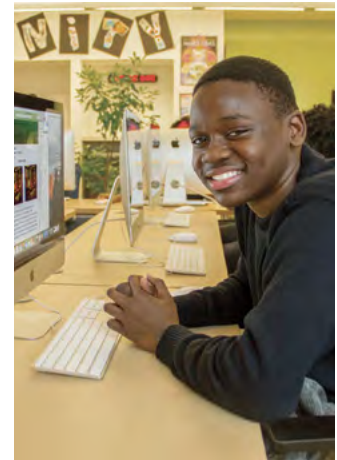
At the Academy of Computer Science and Engineering, you're Writing the Future. We combine a rigorous and comprehensive high school experience with a one-of-a-kind Computer Science and Technology theme. Our core Computer Science program includes two years of coding, a full year of Product Development, and coursework in Digital Citizenship, entrepreneurship, and digital design elements. In your 11th-grade year, you'll chart a course through one of our pathway programs, choosing Computer Science, Entrepreneurship, or Digital Design. You will learn the skills to become an innovator and creator in the digital space and develop the skills to succeed in college and your career.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Rigorous curriculum, state-of-the-art facilities, and industry partnerships
- > Comprehensive programming that prepares students for higher education and leadership in the digital space
- > Opportunities for a lucrative and successful career

FUTURE READINESS

We integrate coding into the curriculum while fostering the development of students as leaders, innovators, problem solvers, and critical thinkers. As our students delve into coding and design, they enhance skills applicable to website, application, and game development. We prepare students for today's most in-demand careers, including software development, cybersecurity, data analysis, and artificial intelligence. Our scholars are transformed from digital consumers into creators, influencers, and innovators in the digital space.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Nationally competitive esports team
- > Vex V5 Robotics
- > College-level opportunities including UConn Early College Experience (ECE), Advanced Placement classes, and College & Community Partnerships
- > In-depth studies in STEM fields with two full years of coding and a year of product development
- > Amazon Future Engineer Partner
- > Full arts program and comprehensive athletic program for all three seasons
- > One-to-one computing environment
- > Computer Science Honor Society
- > Girls Who Code
- > Comprehensive three-season athletic program in major sports

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Flag Football, Football, Indoor Track, Soccer, Softball, Track and Field, Volleyball; Affinity Groups, Fitness Club, Gaming Club, National Honor Society, PRISM (GSA), Student Government/Council, Student Leadership Group and more!



FUN FACTS

- > We integrate gaming into major academic subjects such as English and Social Studies
- > We have over 1,000 square feet of rock wall



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

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“As a parent, I appreciate how the school promotes an environment where every student can thrive. My daughter loves the hands-on projects that integrate computer science with other subjects.”

– Emma Rodriguez



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Connecticut IB Academy



CITY: East Hartford, CT
GRADES: 9-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: International Baccalaureate



Get an internationally recognized education that develops independent, globally minded thinkers and problem solvers.

The Connecticut IB Academy (CIBA) is an award-winning school recognized as the #1 High School in Connecticut by U.S. News & World Report in 2024. We offer highly rigorous, fast-paced, and challenging academic requirements above and beyond a traditional high school. As an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) World School®, we provide an internationally recognized educational model that focuses on the depth and breadth of the academic experience while developing learners as independent, internationally minded thinkers and problem solvers. All classes are IB honors-level classes that prepare students for competitive opportunities in college.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > IB-accredited Middle Years Programme (MYP) and Diploma Programme (DP)
- > Rich, concept-based learning experience preparing students for the Diploma Programme
- > Diverse student body that uses their voice to make a difference in their community

FUTURE READINESS

Our IB Diploma Programme is academically challenging and prepares students for success at college and beyond. This highly respected educational program exceeds traditional academic boundaries and extends far beyond the classroom. Our curriculum gives students a competitive advantage in applying to and succeeding in college as many top universities recognize and actively recruit IB students. All students apply to college/university as candidates for the prestigious IB diploma in addition to a high school diploma.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > 2024 U.S. News & World Report: #1 High School in Connecticut
- > 2023 Niche: #4 Most Diverse Public High School in Connecticut, #17 Best College Prep Public High School
- > 2023 U.S. News & World Report: #3 High School in Connecticut, #1 Hartford CT Metro Area High School
- > 2022 Great Schools: College Success Gold Award

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Our students participate in competitive sports through East Hartford High School, including Football, Soccer, Basketball, Swimming, Volleyball, and more. Clubs include, Biomedical/ Robotics Club, Book Club, Chinese Club, Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Student Government/Council, Yearbook Club, Future Engineers Club, and more! Activities, and sports offerings are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Visit our website for more information.



OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Our families actively participate in community-wide events at CIBA and East Hartford Public Schools. The Parent Advisory Committee, consisting of parent volunteers, hosts monthly meetings with guest speakers to keep families updated on CIBA happenings and provide resources. Frequent volunteer events, both on and off-campus, invite families to join us in fostering an appreciation for service.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

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“I have a schedule that works for me. I just crack down. That’s just how it is. I think that CIBA is really good at teaching kids how to balance their responsibilities. It’s hard to balance, but we will be prepared after high school!”

– Naya, senior student 2024



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Great Path Academy at CT State Manchester



CITY: Manchester, CT
GRADES: 9-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Early College/College Prep



Prepare for college and the workforce with a unique high school experience that integrates college coursework and up to 36 tuition-free college credits.

Great Path Academy (GPA), located on the campus of CT State Manchester, is one of few high schools within the state, as well as the country, directly located on a college campus. We deliver a unique middle-college high school experience by immersing our students into the college community with access to college coursework and up to 30 tuition-free college credits. Our small class sizes foster an innovative learning environment that supports diverse students in developing the values, self-discipline, work habits, and academic and life skills needed to achieve success in college and beyond.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Students are well-prepared for higher education through college-level academics.
- > We have a unique partnership with ReadyCT for work-based learning and employability skills.
- > We provide students with an Early College learning experience that best prepares students for their futures.

FUTURE READINESS

At Great Path Academy, we prepare our students for a successful future by providing practical experiences, diverse career exploration opportunities, and leadership development. Internships and college classes are seamlessly integrated into the regular daily student schedule. Students have access to non-credit courses at CT State Community College Manchester, including CNA, Veterinary Assistant, Phlebotomy, Pharmacy Assistant, and Real Estate. Additionally, our GPA Ambassador program fosters leadership skills within GPA and the broader educational community, ensuring our students are ready for college and career success.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > U.S. News & World Report Best High Schools 2020
- > Magnet School of Excellence & Distinction 2018 & 2024
- > U.S. News & World Report Best High Schools 2017
- > Member of Middle College National Consortium 2023



CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Art Club, Dance, Film Club, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Pride Club, Journalism/Newspaper Club, Student Government/Council, Volleyball Club, Running Club, Esports Club, Drama Club, Science Club, GPA Ambassadors, Beautification Club, and more! Offerings are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Visit our website for more information.

FUN FACT

Imagine starting college early! Here at GPA, it's possible! Some students have earned enough college credit at Great Path to begin their college careers as sophomores. You can achieve this academic success at Great Path Academy!



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

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“I have grown as a GPA ambassador through community service by being able to strengthen my communication skills, become better at public speaking, and be more involved.”

– Jayda Torres, Class of 2023



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Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts - Full Day



CITY: Hartford, CT
GRADES: 9-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Visual and Performing Arts



Gain experience in visual and performing arts while preparing for college and professional careers in a supportive, creative environment.

At Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts High School–Full Day (Arts High), we combine traditional academics with an arts focus, earning us the title of “Best Magnet School” from Hartford Magazine for four consecutive years. Our students prepare for college and careers through a rigorous core curriculum while nurturing their artistic passions. Guided by professional artists, students develop their talents in state-of-the-art facilities. We celebrate diversity of expression and provide personal attention to ensure every student excels and achieves at the highest standards.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Integration of rigorous academics with a strong arts focus
- > Learning from seasoned professional artists in a unique educational environment
- > Celebrating diversity of expression and providing personalized support for all students

FUTURE READINESS

Students choose from specialized courses in music, dance, media production, creative writing, graphic design, and theater, taught by professional artists. Our project-based learning approach encourages students to take ownership of their education and develop essential skills. Through academic and artistic projects, performances, and celebrations, we empower students to find and use their voices to tell their unique and powerful stories.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Our touring social justice theater company, Looking In Theater, performed over 20 times in the 2022-23 school year
- > Students have consistently won the Wallace Stevens Poetry Competition for over a decade
- > Faculty are active in the arts community, participating in the Hartford Fringe Festival, Hartbeat Ensemble, and local mural projects



CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Affinity Groups, Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), Student Government/Council. Clubs and activities may vary by grade level. Visit our website for more information.



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

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“At the Arts Academy High School, we empower students to come as they are, keep it weird, and use their artistic voices to tell their stories. Academy is family!”

– Nick Chanese, Principal



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NexTech Academy at Goodwin University



CITY: East Hartford, CT

GRADE: 9

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet Technical High School

SPECIALIZATION: Emerging Technologies



Gain hands-on experience in cutting-edge technology fields, from machine learning to cybersecurity, while developing the essential skills to thrive in the future of tech.

NexTech Academy at Goodwin University (NexTech), Connecticut's first technical magnet high will begin welcoming 9th grade students in the 2025-26 school year as part of its 9-12th grade program. Located on Goodwin University's East Hartford campus, NexTech will offer a cutting-edge curriculum centered around business, entrepreneurialism, and technology. Students will have the unique opportunity to explore fields such as machine learning, computer science, artificial intelligence, advanced manufacturing, and cybersecurity and more. NexTech will provide internships, pre-apprenticeships, and other hands-on experiences for its scholars by utilizing the newest and most revolutionary technology. NexTech's innovative approach will equip students with the tools and experiences necessary to thrive in the rapidly evolving technology landscape. NexTech's state-of-the-art facility will be completed and ready for students by the 2026-27 school year.



WHY CHOOSE US?

- > First technical magnet school in Connecticut with hands-on experience in emerging technologies
- > Access to internships, pre-apprenticeships, and revolutionary technology
- > Scholars gain a competitive edge, preparing them to impact their careers and communities

FUTURE READINESS

We prepare students for the future by igniting their curiosity, creativity, and passion for innovation. Our scholars are encouraged to step out of their comfort zones, make connections, and develop the skills needed to succeed in the modern tech-driven world. With hands-on learning, cutting-edge technology, and collaborative experiences, our students leave ready to lead and innovate in their chosen fields.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Collaboration with international consultants and Goodwin University to create a state-of-the-art facility
- > The new facility will include a Space Center, Business Hub, Smart Factory – Industry 4.0, and more
- > Unique hands-on experiences in automation, system integration, and production/fabrication

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

First Robotics, Girls Who Code, Management & Entrepreneurial Club, and Esports

COMMUNITY

Our school community thrives through the diverse perspectives and talents of our students, as well as the involvement of families and community members. Families support education through engagement and volunteer work, while community partnerships provide mentorships and real-world experiences that enrich the learning environment, promoting innovation and growth for all.



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering 9th grade may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

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“I am excited to offer this opportunity to scholars who are vested in technology and passionate about making a difference in established and emerging industries. This is just the beginning for NexTech Academy. We are technology-driven and future-focused. While some may say the sky is the limit, our scholars will say space has no limits.”

– Dr. Salvatore Menzo,
Superintendent of
Goodwin University
Magnet School System



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Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts: High School Campus



CITY: Hartford, CT
GRADES: 9-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Visual and Performing Arts



Prepare for acceptance into a four-year college or national conservatory with a specialized education centered on visual and performing arts.

At Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts (KMSPA), we offer comprehensive training, cultural exposure, and arts integration—the three strategic pillars of our Kinsella approach. Our students actively engage in creating, performing, and responding, guided by certified educators in drama, dance, production, stagecraft, instrumental, and vocal arts. Kinsella is not just a school—it's a feeling!

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > We focus on preparing students for acceptance into and graduation from a four-year college or national conservatory.
- > Students undergo an educational journey that allows for continuity, cultural exposure, rites of passage, and innovative thinking.
- > Our approach targets both interpersonal and intrapersonal skills.

FUTURE READINESS

Our educational approach allows individuals to develop diverse skills in the performing arts. Our school community values the arts as a vital mechanism for transmitting knowledge and skills. Students in grades 9-12 will pursue a performing arts major using a conservatory approach, gaining exposure and enrichment in the performing arts, which enhances their understanding across various content areas.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > The 9-12 program is located in a new, state-of-the-art facility with ultra-modern dance studios, Black Box Theater, music rooms, and more.
- > 9th-grade students select a primary area of focus based on their talents and interests, building a strong portfolio of experience for college and beyond.
- > Students participated in Broadway Up Close workshops in New York City, learning about makeup, stage combat, stage management, and Broadway dance, ending with watching a Broadway musical.



SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Indoor Track, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball, Flag Football. Chorus, Dance, Drama Club, Sewing Club, Theater Club, and more! Offerings are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Visit our website for more information.



FUN FACT

A Kinsella high school graduate was a featured dancer on Nickelodeon!

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

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“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. He 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



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Pathways Academy of Technology and Design



CITY: East Hartford, CT

GRADES: 9-12

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet

SPECIALIZATION: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM); Careers & Technology



Gain experience in advanced technology and design to prepare for college and careers with a focus on real-world application and success.

Pathways Academy of Technology and Design, located on the Goodwin University campus in East Hartford, is affiliated with the National Academy Foundation Model (NAF) as an Academy of Information Technology. We emphasize project-based and work-based learning opportunities, offering a rigorous curriculum in advanced technology fields like cybersecurity, AI, programming, web design, and digital media. Our Industry Advisory Board, comprised of local businesses, provides career fairs, job shadowing, paid internships, and partnerships that connect classroom learning with real-world experiences, preparing students for the global marketplace.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Pathways students benefit from a unique college preparatory learning program where each student is equipped with a personal laptop and advisory group.
- > Students learn in all their subject areas through creative projects that integrate advanced technology across subjects.
- > We now have an athletics partnership with Sport and Medical Sciences Academy (SMSA), providing our students with the opportunity to participate in sports with SMSA students.

FUTURE READINESS

We prepare students for the future with paid internships and partnerships with local companies and organizations. Students earn dual credits with partners like Capital Community College, Goodwin College, and UConn, giving them a head start on college and career readiness. Our focus on STEM, problem-solving skills, and creativity equips students with the tools needed to succeed in an ever-evolving technological landscape.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Access to state-of-the-art technology including PC and Mac labs, recording and TV studios, 3D printers, and robotics and virtual reality equipment
- > Named America's Top Secondary School by Magnet Schools of America (2014)
- > Distinguished Academy by NAF for 10 years straight
- > Project-based learning, Industry Advisory Board, work-based opportunities, paid internships
- > Advanced placement and college credit courses through CT State Community College, UConn, and Goodwin Advanced Manufacturing Program



SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Soccer and intramural sports through the Goodwin University Magnet School System. Dungeons and Dragons Club, FIRST Robotics, Fitness Club, Gaming Club, Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), Student Government/Council, and more! Visit our website for more information.



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

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“Pathways students benefit from a unique college preparatory learning program that infuses technology and work-based learning experiences in all that we do. If a rigorous, innovative 21st-century learning program that applies what you’re learning in school to the real world sounds good to you, join the Pathways family!”

– Mike Maziarz, Principal



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University High School of Science and Engineering



CITY: Hartford, CT

GRADES: 9-12

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet

SPECIALIZATION: Early College, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)



Engage in an early college high school experience focused on STEM through partnerships with the University of Hartford and UConn.

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! Our students have the unique opportunity to have an on-campus college experience while in high school through UHSSE’s partnership with the University. We provide a constructive, supportive academic environment and seek to bring out the best in each student by focusing on high academic achievement and setting no academic limits.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Located directly on a public four-year college campus.
- > Students take college-level courses and attend classes alongside undergraduates.
- > Partnership with UConn Early College Experience (ECE) provides tuition-free courses like American Studies, English, History, Chemistry, and Marine Science, taught by esteemed adjunct professors offering valuable college credit opportunities.

FUTURE READINESS

We are committed to providing a well-rounded education that emphasizes teamwork, real-world application, community engagement, and personalized guidance for every student. Our dedicated school counselors work closely with students to develop academic and career plans, ensuring they are well-prepared for college and beyond. Our students are intellectually curious and adaptable and excel in networking and collaboration, making them ready for the future.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Top Magnet School in America (2012)
- > NEASC accredited
- > 2022 Esport State Champions
- > Top 10 High School in the state for UConn Early College Experience Enrollment
- > Students earn college credits through partnerships with University of Hartford and UConn
- > Qualified students gain college credit by enrolling in Advanced Placement (AP) and Early College Experience (ECE) courses
- > 100% of UHSSE graduates are accepted to college



SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Esports, Football, Golf, Indoor Track, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Track and Field, Volleyball, Flag Football, Book Club, Chess Club, Fitness Club, First Robotics, Gaming Club, Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), Math Team, Model UN, National Honor Society, Newspaper Club, Science Bowl, Student Government/Council, Yearbook Club, and more! Offerings are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Visit our website for more information.

FUN FACT

Many of our students earn enough credits to enter college as sophomores or juniors. One alum graduated from UHSSE high school one year and college the next!

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering grades 9 through 12 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

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“At UHSSE, we are a ‘kettle’ (community) of Hawks!

- H – High expectations
- A – Appreciation of diversity
- W – Well-being
- K – Knowledge and its applications
- S – Safe environment.”

– Sean Tomany, Principal



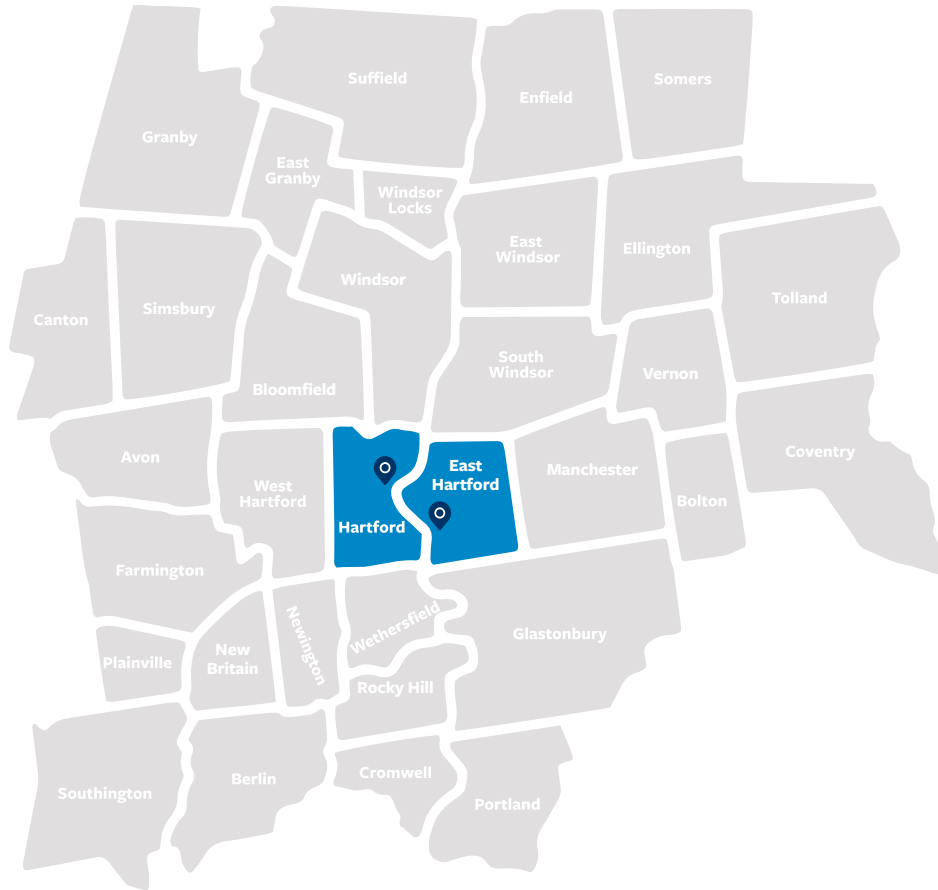
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Half-Day High Schools

Explore Magnet High Schools (9-12)



High Schools – Half Day, Dual Enrollment	Grades	Town	Theme	Operator ^a	Page
Early College Advanced Manufacturing Pathway (ECAMP)[™]	12	East Hartford	Advanced Manufacturing, Early College	GUMSS	165
Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts High School – Half Day	9-12	Hartford	Arts	CREC	167

^a BPS = Bloomfield Public Schools, CREC = Capitol Regional Education Council, EHPS = East Hartford Public Schools, HPS = Hartford Public Schools, GUMSS = Goodwin University Magnet School System.

Early College Advanced Manufacturing Pathway (ECAMP™) at Goodwin University



CITY: East Hartford, CT
GRADE: 12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Advanced Manufacturing;
 Early College/College Prep



Gain hands-on experience in advanced manufacturing while earning college credits, setting the stage for a high-paying, exciting career.

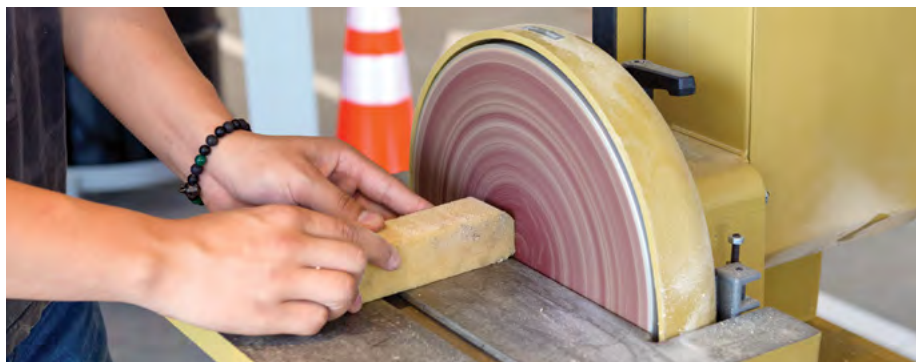
The Early College Advanced Manufacturing Pathway (ECAMP™) at Goodwin University is a full-year, half-day magnet program for 12th-grade students. Our program provides cutting-edge knowledge and hands-on experience in advanced manufacturing, focusing on innovation, technology, and sustainability. Our students spend half their day at Goodwin University, earning 21 college credits and engaging with industry partners across Greater Hartford. ECAMP™ graduates leave with the skills needed to thrive in today's competitive manufacturing landscape, opening doors to rewarding careers in industries like aerospace, robotics, and medical devices.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Earn 21 college credits at Goodwin University
- > Advanced manufacturing certification and a paid pre-apprenticeship program
- > Free transportation, instructional materials, and no cost to students or families

FUTURE READINESS

We provide a hands-on curriculum that equips students with the knowledge and skills for high-paying entry-level positions in advanced manufacturing. Our program also helps students develop project management experience, positioning them for future success as engineers. Through partnerships with industry leaders, we ensure that graduates are ready to enter the workforce or continue their education with a strong foundation in advanced manufacturing.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Access to a 40-foot mobile manufacturing lab, “Manufacturing in Motion,” used for training and outreach
- > Most students receive part-time or full-time job offers from corporate manufacturing partners
- > Two students recently received scholarships from Machinery Finance Resources
- > All students participate in free OSHA-10 training, ensuring industry-specific knowledge and safety skills



FUN FACT

Opened in February 2020, our 15,000-square-foot Innovation Center expands Goodwin University’s advanced manufacturing facilities, offering flexible learning opportunities for ECAMP™ students. The 21-credit certification from ECAMP™ is stackable with several Goodwin University certification programs, including CNC machining, welding, quality management, supply chain/logistics management, mechatronics, and manufacturing management.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering grade 12 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

- > Students must live in the Greater Hartford region and be enrolled in their town’s public high school.
- > Students must have completed their 11th grade graduation requirements, which may range from 18 to 21 high school credits depending on their school district. Families should check with their child’s school.

ADDRESS

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UNIFORM

No

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“Get the skills to pay the bills and more.”

– David Daye, Director of Operations for Goodwin University Magnet School System



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Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts - Half Day



CITY: Hartford, CT
GRADES: 9-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Magnet
SPECIALIZATION: Visual and Performing Arts



Get the skills to become pre-college and pre-professional arts students through rigorous training and diverse artistic experiences.

The Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Half-Day program (Arts Half-Day) is a pre-college, pre-professional arts training program. In the morning, students from over 40 school districts attend their home district high school for core academic classes. In the afternoon, they join our program, which provides rigorous training in Dance, Music, Musical Theater, Design and Theater Production, Theater, and Visual Arts with a selection of over 200 arts courses, the scope and depth of our Half-Day program are comprehensive, encouraging students to step out of their comfort zones, appreciate and celebrate diversity, and embrace learning opportunities from setbacks. The daily classwork is experiential and emphasizes the artistic process. This approach fosters students' artistic growth and prepares them for entrance to collegiate arts programs and/or careers in the arts.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Students from 40 diverse school districts demonstrate their commitment to the arts by attending two high schools
- > Engage in 13 hours of art instruction per week, Monday through Thursday, from 1:00 PM – 4:15 PM
- > Comprehensive program includes over 200 specialized arts courses taught by professional artists

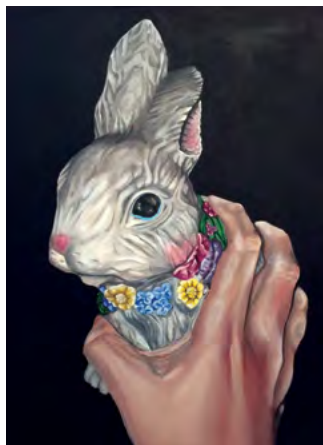
FUTURE READINESS

We teach students skills they can use no matter what career path they choose. These skills include creative and critical thinking, commitment to an art form, discipline, effective collaboration, working in an ensemble, risk-taking, and a commitment to advancing social justice through the arts. Our program fosters artistic growth and prepares students for collegiate arts programs and/or careers in the arts.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > 2023 Arts Schools Network’s (ASN) Outstanding Art School Award
- > 2021 National Dance Education Organization’s Outstanding Leadership Award
- > 2020 ASN’s Teacher of the Year Award
- > Silver Key Digital Photography Scholastic Art Awards
- > 3 Semi-Finalists in the National August Wilson Monologue Competition
- > 2021-22 Arts Half-Day students performed Caridad Svich’s “Upon the Fragile Shore” at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival
- > 10 dance students received 127 acceptances to 35 colleges at the 2023 National Dance Festival
- > 2024 CT Voice Pride in Education Award
- > 2024 Brain Dance Award – 1st Place Winner Mixed Media



NOTABLE ALUMNI

- > Michael O’Brien (2003 Music) – Founder, Humanature, Lindy Institute for Urban Innovation, Drexel University
- > Miles Wilson Tolliver (2013 MT) – Cover, CT Magazine Feb. 2022, founder/director of “Voices of Hartford” (CT)
- > Nelba Marquez Green (1993 Music) – Founder, The Ana Grace Project
- > Trezan Dancy (2013 Dance) – Choreographer, Dayton Contemporary Dance
- > Corey Pane (2006 VA) – Mural artist

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering grades 9 through 12 may apply and must meet the requirements for participation outlined below. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

Students must be enrolled in their resident town’s high school to be eligible for participation. Hartford residents interested in applying to Arts Half-Day must enroll at Bulkeley High School for their academic classes to participate in the half-day program. Non-Hartford residents interested in applying to the Arts Half-Day program should work with counselors at their high schools to schedule their academic classes in the morning before coming to the Arts Half-Day for their arts courses in the afternoon. Please note: not all districts are able to accommodate the half-day schedule.

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HOURS

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“You are doing the deep educational work, not only guiding your students into their best dancer selves but also helping them step into their humanity, maturity, and depth of character. I was inspired by watching you work, nurture, and challenge.”

– Tandy Beal, guest artist



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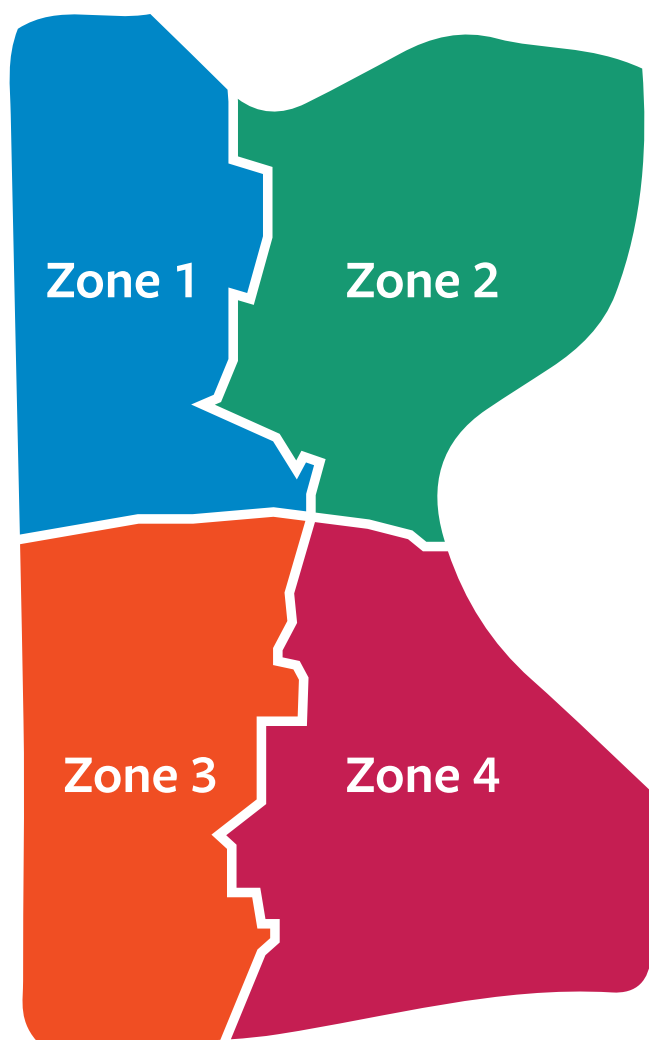


Open Choice Districts for Hartford Residents

Districts by zone

The Open Choice Program for Hartford residents gives Hartford students an opportunity to attend high-performing public schools in nearby towns from PK4 through 12th grade. Schools in these districts offer excellent educational opportunities, including full access to challenging academic environments and enriching extracurricular activities like clubs, sports, arts, and community involvement. Read through the following pages to learn more about districts that participate in the Open Choice Program.





To determine where families can apply, families should go to ChooseYourSchool.org to determine their zone based on their full street address.

Residential Zone	Open Choice Districts for Hartford Residents	Pages
Zone 1	Avon*, Canton, East Granby, Granby, Simsbury, Suffield, West Hartford*	172-186
Zone 2	Bolton**, Coventry**, East Windsor, Ellington, Enfield, Somers, South Windsor, Tolland, Windsor Locks	188-206
Zone 3	Avon*, Berlin, Farmington, Newington, Plainville, Southington, West Hartford*	208-222
Zone 4	Bolton**, Coventry**, Cromwell, Glastonbury, Portland, Rocky Hill, Wethersfield	224-238

* Avon and West Hartford are available for application for families in Zones 1 and 3.

** Bolton and Coventry are available for application for families in Zones 2 and 4.

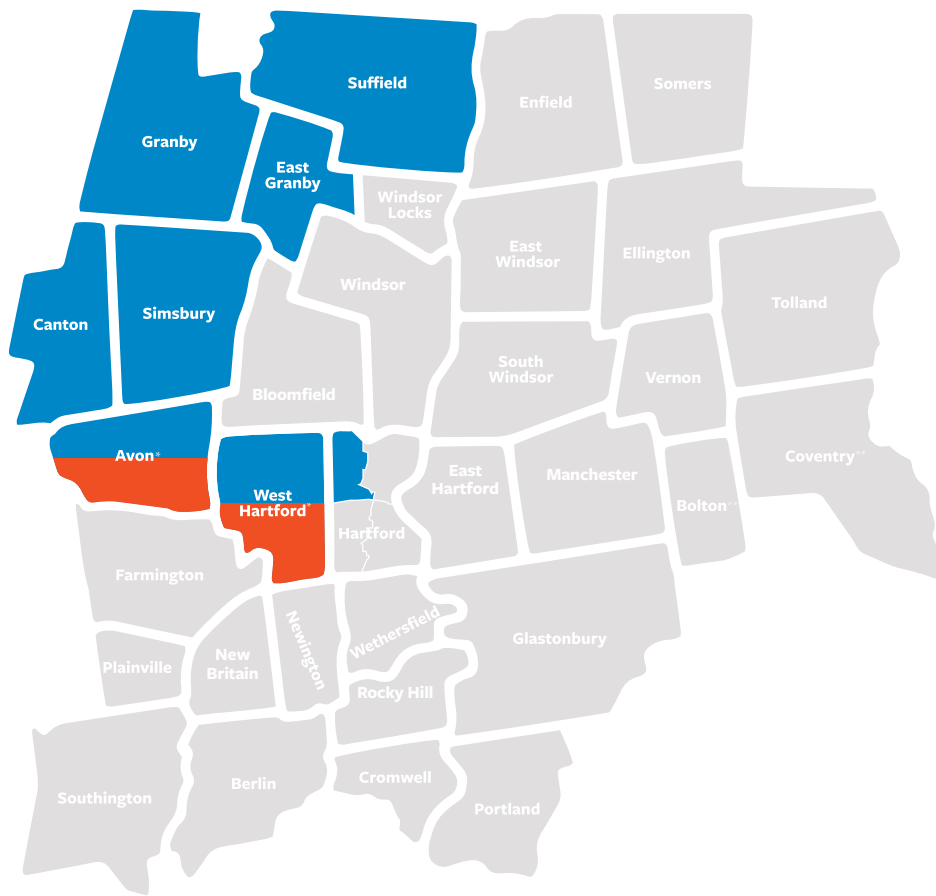


Open Choice Districts for Hartford Residents

Zone 1

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

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



* Avon and West Hartford are available for application for families in Zones 1 and 3.

Avon School District



CITY: Avon, CT
GRADES: PK4-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Be empowered with the skills to become an effective communicator, creative thinker, and resilient individual, ready for future success.

Avon is recognized as one of the most outstanding communities for education in the State of Connecticut. At Avon Public School District, we value education and make our students and their families a priority. We offer a welcoming, safe, and enriching educational experience that extends beyond the classroom. Our mission is to inspire a love for learning and a commitment to excellence, integrity, and social responsibility in every student. With a strong focus on culture, achievement, and communication, and by collaborating with educators, students, families, and the community, we proudly uphold academic excellence and diverse programs.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Holistic approach to education prioritizing both academic excellence and student well-being
- > Integration of Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) initiatives district-wide
- > Supportive environment fostering academic achievement and personal growth

FUTURE READINESS

Our students are prepared for the future with effective communication, creative thinking, and resilience. They learn to collaborate, share information, and convey ideas clearly, essential for real-world success. Through a rigorous curriculum, outstanding teachers, and a community invested in high-quality education, students develop problem-solving skills, and navigate their own pathways to success. Our commitment to SEL ensures students develop essential life skills alongside academic knowledge.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Full-day prekindergarten for 4-year-olds
- > Avon High School ranked #12 in Connecticut and #6 in the Hartford Metro Area by U.S. News and World Report for 2024
- > Avon High School Student/Teacher ratio is 1:11
- > Graduation Rate for 2023 was 96%
- > 90% of graduates enroll in an accredited college
- > Offers up to 46 Advanced Placement (AP), Early College Experience (ECE), and Tunxis courses

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We offer 31 varsity CIAC interscholastic sports and 45 extracurricular clubs and activities. Visit our website for the full list and additional information.



FUN FACT

On the CT State SAT School Day, where all juniors in Connecticut take the SAT at school during the day, we were the 5th highest scoring district.



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering PK4 (age 4) through grade 10 residing in Zone 1 (zip codes 06112 or 06105) Zone 3 (zip codes 06106 or 06160) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

- Roaring Brook School (PK-4)
- Pine Grove School (KG-4)
- Thompson Brook School (5-6)
- Avon Middle School (7-8)
- Avon High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents grades PK4 through 12 are transported to and from the school district at no cost

WEBSITE

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“Avon has quality teachers, fantastic education, and it is an all-around great district. I love the fact that there is a diverse student body and staff.”

– High school parent



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Canton School District



CITY: Canton, CT
GRADES: KG-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Gain the skills to become an independent, productive, respectful, and responsible citizen, ready for the future.

Canton Public Schools, a top educational community in Connecticut, is a source of local pride and a leader among school systems. Our mission is to develop independent, productive, respectful, and responsible citizens for an ever-changing world—by opening minds and transforming lives. We aim to continuously improve while honoring our educational legacy. Beyond academics, we offer extensive extracurricular and athletic programs to provide a well-rounded, community-focused education.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Personalized educational experience in a small suburban district
- > Strong community support with dedicated staff and kind, hardworking students
- > Extensive opportunities in sports, co-curricular clubs, and after-school tutoring with late bus transportation provided

FUTURE READINESS

Our students are prepared for the future through challenging curricula paired with intentional experiences that support social, emotional, physical, and cognitive growth. We meet students where they are, helping them become creative thinkers, effective communicators, generous collaborators, and compassionate citizens. Our personalized approach to education ensures that students develop the skills needed for success in an ever-changing world.





SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Family/school partnerships support belonging and community development
- > Outstanding athletic, club, activity, and music programs
- > Continuous improvement of student achievement through personalized approaches
- > One-to-one technology devices for all students and Chromebooks for grades 7-12
- > Strong student supports during and after school
- > Students acquire and demonstrate age-appropriate digital learning and citizenship skills

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We offer a wide variety of CIAC interscholastic competitive sports and participate in Unified sports. We also provide many opportunities for students to get involved with extracurricular clubs and activities. Visit our website for the full list and additional information.

STUDENT SUCCESS STORY

Shian Earlington, Canton High School Class of 2019: “Since graduating from CHS, Shian has achieved remarkable success. She is a thriving entrepreneur who has won numerous awards, completed rigorous research projects, and continues to excel, reflecting her pride in being a Hartford youth.”

FUN FACTS

- > The first computer in the Canton Public Schools, a Wang, made its debut in the math department in the mid-1970s.
- > Annie Whitley of Annie’s Mac and Cheese grew up in Canton.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering KG (age 5) through grade 10 residing in Zone 1 (zip codes 06112 or 06105) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

- Cherry Brook Primary School (KG-3)
- Canton Intermediate School (4-6)
- Canton Middle School (7-8)
- Canton High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents in grades Kindergarten through 12 attending school in the Canton School District will be transported to and from the school district at no cost

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“Being a part of a community as close-knit as Canton is not only a blessing educationally but an opportunity to create relationships that last a lifetime.”

– Khalil Thomas, Class of 2023



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East Granby School District



CITY: East Granby, CT
GRADES: KG-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Learn future-focused skills within a close-knit, inclusive community where you're inspired to excel academically and personally.

East Granby Public Schools engage students in high-quality learning experiences, preparing them to meet the demands of a changing world. Our learning community inspires and engages students in rigorous and authentic learning experiences, fostering development of individual talents, skills, and interests to achieve personal and career goals. Educators, parents, students, and community partners work together to ensure that students achieve high expectations and are prepared for successful futures.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Small class sizes and personalized attention in a nurturing, supportive environment that teaches kindness and acceptance
- > Rich partnerships with local colleges and industries providing real-world learning opportunities
- > Diverse extracurricular activities and sports programs that encourage student engagement and development

FUTURE READINESS

We prepare students for the future by meeting all students where they are and guiding them along their pathway. We support growth and learning through team time and lab periods at East Granby Middle School, fostering responsibility and independence. Our high school offers diverse coursework and experiences, including popular electives in forensics, drones, manufacturing, and computer science, positioning students for positive and productive futures.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Awards and recognition through the College Board, U.S. News & World Report, and Blue Ribbon Schools of Distinction
- > Small class sizes
- > Partnerships with Asnuntuck Community College and Goodwin College for manufacturing programs
- > EGHS offers 13 Advanced Placement classes and 6 Early College Experience (UConn) courses
- > R.D. Seymour School: Schools of Distinction 2016-2019, 2022-2023
- > EGHS: recognized as a CT best high school from U.S. News & World Report since 2015
- > EGMS: identified as a silver badge from U.S. News & World Report for 2024
- > Comprehensive elective courses at EGMS and EGHS including family and consumer science, art, music, PE, technology, and business
- > All elementary teachers trained in the Science of Reading
- > Social and Emotional programming in all schools



SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We offer varsity & JV sports programs at the high school level including Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading (CO-OP), Cross Country, Football (CO-OP), Golf, Indoor Track, Soccer, Softball, Swimming (CO-OP), Tennis, Track and Field, Girls Volleyball, and Unified Sports. Clubs in the upper elementary and middle school vary based on student interest and include Drama Production, Newspaper, Musical Production, Instrumental and Vocal Ensembles, Student Government, FBLA, Literary Magazine, Coffee House Performances, As School Match Wits, National Honor Society, and Invention Convention. Visit our website for more information.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering KG (age 5) through grade 10 residing in Zone 1 (zip codes 06112 or 06105) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

Allgrove School (KG-2)
 R.D. Seymour School (3-5)
 East Granby Middle School (6-8)
 East Granby High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents grade kindergarten through 12 are transported to and from the school district at no cost

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Granby School District



CITY: Granby, CT
GRADES: KG-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Develop essential academic and real-world skills in an environment dedicated to equity, excellence, and a supportive community.

Granby Public Schools is powered by a dedicated staff, enthusiastic students, and a supportive community. We are characterized by our commitment to equity, academic excellence, a variety of athletic, artistic, and co-curricular opportunities, community service, and high standards of personal behavior. We embrace diversity and believe everyone’s differences and contributions are valuable, enriching the educational experience for all.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Top 20 high school in Connecticut with a wide range of programs, including AP classes and winning sports teams
- > High levels of support for students within each school, ensuring equal access to opportunities
- > Year-round connection with students and families through family events and town camps

FUTURE READINESS

We prepare our students for the future with a rigorous and relevant curriculum. Our college/career pathways programs and 22 Advanced Placement (AP) classes offer numerous opportunities. We ensure all graduates have access to college and career opportunities by offering college-level courses through UConn, Asnuntuck Community College, and Central CT State University. Our students are well-prepared to face future challenges and succeed in their chosen paths.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Dedicated Equity Team supporting the Anti-Bias/Anti-Racism Action Plan
- > Summer enrichment opportunities including local summer camps
- > Prioritization of minority teacher recruitment and retention
- > 2 AP course offerings and curricula focused on 21st-century skills
- > Award-winning art and drama programs
- > Family Engagement Specialist dedicated to Open Choice participants and families
- > State Championships in high school sports including Basketball, Soccer, and Field Hockey
- > Competitive middle school sports in Cross Country, Field Hockey, Basketball, and more
- > Family partnership programs and events
- > In 2023, U.S. News and World Report ranked GMHS #18 of CT High Schools and #8 in Hartford Metro Area High Schools

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We offer a wide variety of CIAC interscholastic sports including Unified Sports, as well as opportunities to get involved with extracurricular clubs and activities. High School sports and clubs include Football, Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Unified Sports, DECA, Students of Color Alliance, DEI, Robotics, Select Choir, and many more! Middle School sports and activities include Field Hockey, Basketball, Cross Country, Diversity Equity & Inclusion, Computer Broadcasting, and more! Visit our website for the full list and additional information.



STUDENT SUCCESS STORY

Naviah Barrow graduated from Granby Memorial High School in 2020. She received her Bachelor's of Arts in Legal Studies with minors in Sociology and Psychology from UMASS Amherst in May 2024. While Barrow is currently taking a gap year, she is studying for her LSATs and searching for roles that will give her real-world experience with law. She anticipates going to law school next fall and pursuing a career as an attorney with current interests in Family Law. For the time being, she is helping to manage social media in the real estate field.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering KG (age 5) through grade 10 residing in Zone 1 (zip codes 06112 or 06105) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

- Kelly Lane Primary School (KG-2)
- Wells Road Intermediate School (3-5)
- Granby Memorial Middle School (6-8)
- Granby Memorial High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents grades KG through 12 are transported to and from the school district at no cost

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Simsbury School District



CITY: Simsbury, CT
GRADES: PK4-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Gain skills to succeed in a global, interconnected society, with a focus on building strong relationships and starting a pathway to a promising career.

At Simsbury Public Schools, we prepare students for a global, interconnected society by building strong interpersonal relationships and higher-order thinking, communication, and technology skills. Our teachers are experts in instruction and content knowledge, emphasizing 21st-century skills across all curricular areas. We prioritize positive rapport with students, instilling excitement and joy into the learning environment. Our curriculum emphasizes critical and creative thought, problem-solving, effective communication, artistic expression, appreciation of diverse cultures, and physical, social, and emotional wellness.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Top 20 high school in Connecticut with a wide range of programs, including AP classes and winning sports teams
- > High levels of support for students within each school, ensuring equal access to opportunities
- > Year-round connection with students and families through family events and town camps

FUTURE READINESS

We prepare our students for the future with a sequence of elective courses creating pathways to potential careers, including Architecture/Construction, Biomedical Science, Business & Science Communication, Culinary Arts, Engineering, Humanities, Music and Performing Arts, Transportation/Automotive, and Visual Arts. Additionally, we offer language courses in Spanish, French, Latin, and Chinese, with the Connecticut Seal of Biliteracy available. Our comprehensive approach ensures students develop the skills needed for success in an ever-changing world.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Full-day preschool program
- > Award-winning programs in arts and STEM subjects
- > Commitment to social-emotional growth in students
- > U.S. News & World Report ranks Simsbury High School #11 of Best High Schools in Connecticut
- > Newsweek named Simsbury High School one of the top 5,000 STEM high schools in the country
- > 63% of high school students take AP courses
- > 99% Graduation Rate

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We offer a wide variety of CIAC interscholastic sports and numerous opportunities for students to get involved with extracurricular clubs and activities, including the Gertrude Banks Gospel Choir, Unified Sports/Unified Theater, national and international honor societies (computer science, world language, art, music, business), and FIRST Robotics. Visit our website for the full list and additional information.



FUN FACT

Our district is one of four original founding districts for Open Choice. The Cultural Enrichment Committee was formed in Simsbury over 20 years ago to educate and expose students to various art forms. The Committee selects 2-3 performances per year to inspire students through dance, music, and theater.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering PK4 (age 4) through grade 10 residing in Zone 1 (zip codes 06112 or 06105) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

- Squadron Line School (PK4-6)
- Central School (KG-6)
- Latimer Lane School (KG-6)
- Tariffville School (KG-6)
- Tootin' Hills School (KG-6)
- Henry James Memorial School (7-8)
- Simsbury High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents grades PK4 through 12 are transported to and from the school district at no cost

WEBSITE

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Suffield School District



CITY: Suffield, CT
GRADES: KG-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Get the essential skills to become a confident, thoughtful, and contributing citizen, prepared for future success.

At Suffield Public Schools, we believe that one of our most important responsibilities is collaborate with parents and the community to prepare students to be confident, thoughtful, and contributing citizens now and throughout their lives. We cultivate an atmosphere of belonging and acceptance, providing academic support in an environment that both challenges students and promotes social-emotional wellness. Our district is committed to continuous improvement, ensuring that students are well-equipped for future success.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Recognized for excellence in music education and agriscience programs
- > High graduation rate and strong performance on standardized assessments
- > Inclusive and supportive community that values each student's unique contributions

FUTURE READINESS

We prepare students for the future by meeting them where they are and guiding their growth through a well-developed continuum of experiences from PreK-12. Our Portrait of a Graduate ensures students cultivate the habits of mind and character needed for success in a rapidly changing world. With a focus on leadership, innovation, and inclusivity, our students are well-prepared for college, careers, and beyond.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > 1:1 student and staff technology with technologically enhanced classrooms and facilities
- > STEM lab-based programs (KG-12)
- > College, Career and Civic Life (C3) Framework
- > STEM and Career and Technical Pathways Programming, including Experiential Learning in Science
- > Culinary Education and Industrial & Manufacturing Education
- > State-sponsored Regional Agriscience Program
- > Nationally recognized Agriscience 3 Circle Program with Animal Science, Aquaculture and Marine Science, Horticulture, Mechanical, Natural Resources, Future Farmers of America (FFA), and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SEA)

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We strive for excellence by providing student-athletes with a broad, comprehensive program that promotes integrity, discipline, teamwork, and sportsmanship. We offer a multitude of extracurricular activities for students with diverse interests, from Funky Foot at McAlister to Drama Club at Suffield Middle School to Robotics at Suffield High. Visit our website for more information.



FUN FACT

We are the “Home of the Wildcats!” The town of Suffield is a beautiful community with a unique blend of historical agriculture and modern community amenities.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering KG (age 5) through grade 10 residing in Zone 1 (zip codes 06112 or 06105) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

- A. Ward Spaulding School (KG-2)
- McAlister Intermediate School (3-5)
- Suffield Middle School (6-8)
- Suffield High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents grades kindergarten through 12 are transported to and from the school district at no cost

WEBSITE

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“As Suffield Public Schools School Family Liaison, I have the privilege of working directly with our students and families through Open Choice. I am always available to support and advocate in any way. My goal is for our students and their families to have the best possible school experience!”

– Alaina DeCesare

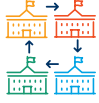


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West Hartford School District

OPEN CHOICE



CITY: West Hartford, CT

GRADES: KG-12

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Develop the skills to become a confident, responsible, and compassionate citizen, well-prepared both academically and emotionally for the 21st century.

“Every Child. Every Day.” At West Hartford Public Schools (WHPS), we set high expectations for all students, offering a rigorous and relevant curriculum paired with dynamic teaching. Our commitment to continuous improvement is guided by our mission, core values, and goals, which shape our purpose and focus. Our District Model of Continuous Improvement is driven by the established goals and community expectations of our schools. We aim for every child to grow into a confident, responsible, respectful, and compassionate individual who is academically prepared and emotionally resilient to navigate the challenges of the 21st century.



WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Situated within a dynamic and diverse community, highly ranked and recognized for exceptional public schools
- > Driven by our Mission, District Goals, Vision of the Graduate, and Equity Commitment to ensure high expectations and dynamic teaching
- > Provides a rigorous and relevant curriculum supported by dedicated teachers, administrators, and support staff



FUTURE READINESS

We aim for each student to develop specific attitudes, dispositions, and skills by graduation, providing clear pathways and support. Our Vision of the Graduate defines these essential attributes as Problem Solving & Creativity, Inquiry and Critical Thinking, Effective Communication, Collaboration, Determination and Self-Efficacy, Honor & Integrity, Respect for Self & Others, and Curiosity and Love of Learning. This comprehensive approach ensures that students acquire the skills necessary for success in an ever-changing world.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > High schools ranked among the top 2 percent nationally
- > Music Department named one of the nation's Best Communities for Music Education
- > Theatre Department competed in the largest international arts festival
- > Instrumental music lessons begin in grade 4
- > Outstanding faculty includes Connecticut recipients of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, and CT Teacher, Assistant Principal, and Principal of the Year
- > Equity and Diversity Council (EDC) supports equity practices
- > 1:1 Devices and technology loaner program
- > Dedicated WHPS/Open Choice Family Engagement Liaison
- > Family Resource Centers

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We offer a wide variety of CIAC interscholastic sports including Unified Sports, as well as opportunities to get involved with extracurricular clubs and activities. Programs include varsity, JV, and intramural sports; band, concert, jazz, and chamber orchestra; choir and a cappella groups; student-run improv theater, plays, musicals; world language exchange program; Future Educators of Diversity (FEoD); Unified Theater/Unified Sports; and over 100 before and after school extra/co-curricular clubs. Visit our website for the full list and additional information.



FUN FACT

West Hartford is the birthplace of Noah Webster, the famed lexicographer known for compiling the first American dictionary. West Hartford is also home to Elizabeth Park, which is the oldest and third-largest public rose garden in the United States.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering KG (age 5) through grade 10 residing in Zone 1 (zip codes 06112 or 06105) and Zone 3 (zip codes 06106 or 06160) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit ChooseYourSchool.org.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

- Aiken School (PK4-5)
- Charter Oak International Academy (PK4-5)
- Smith STEM School (PK4-5)
- Webster Hill School (PK4-5)
- Whiting Lane School (PK4-5)
- Braeburn School (KG-5)
- Bugbee School (KG-5)
- Duffy School (KG-5)
- Morley School (KG-5)
- Norfeldt School (KG-5)
- Wolcott School (KG-5)
- Bristow Middle School (6-8)
- King Philip Middle School (6-8)
- Sedgwick Middle School (6-8)
- Conard High School (9-12)
- Hall High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents grades kindergarten through 12 are transported to and from the school district at no cost

WEBSITE

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“WHPS is a diverse district providing high-quality education in a myriad of ways. We believe in operating through a lens of equity recognizing diversity immensely enriches our school system.”

– Lorna Thomas-Farquharson,
 Chairperson,
 WHPS Board of Education



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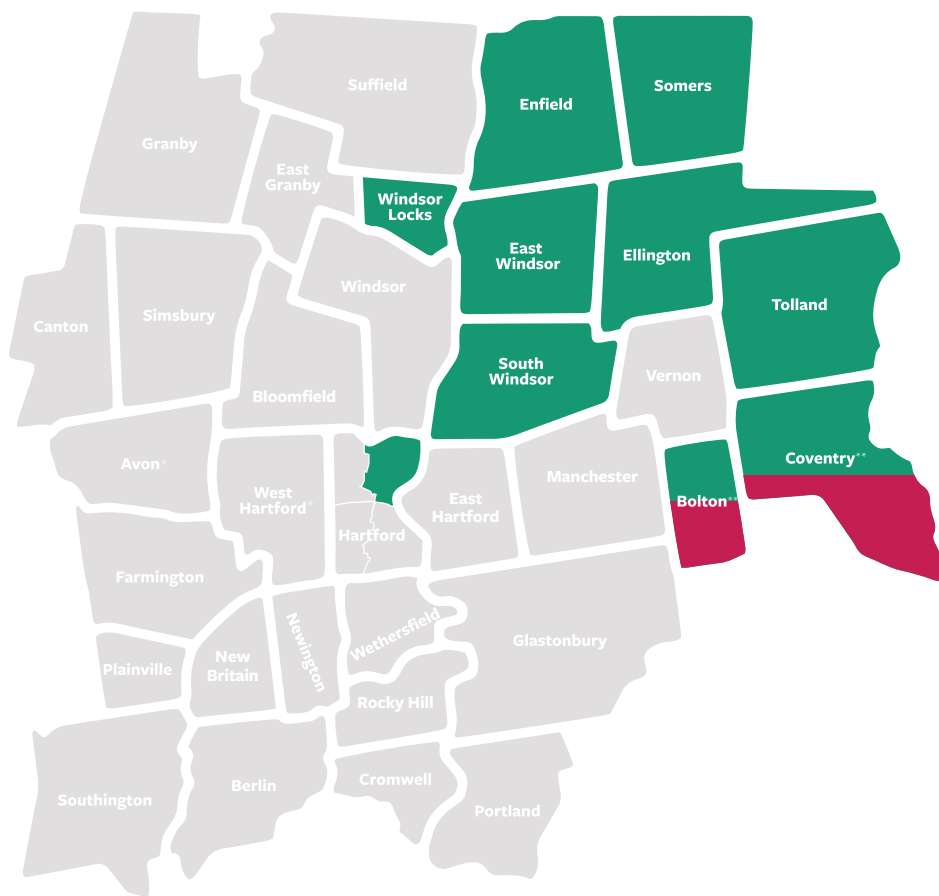


Open Choice Districts for Hartford Residents

Zone 2

Hartford residents living in Zone 2 are eligible to apply to these districts:

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



** Bolton and Coventry are available for application for families in Zones 2 and 4.

Bolton School District



CITY: Bolton, CT
GRADES: KG-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Get an education that creates confident learners and global citizens who are ready to thrive, succeed, and achieve.

At Bolton Public Schools, every student thrives in an environment designed for success. As an award-winning district, we prioritize personalized learning, fostering passion and critical thinking. Our supportive atmosphere, dedicated to safety and innovation, ensures students excel and engage at the highest levels. Empowered by our mission to inspire growth, our students evolve into confident learners and global citizens ready to seize tomorrow's opportunities. Join us and embark on a journey of limitless potential.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Small class sizes mean big opportunities for personalized attention and success
- > Strong focus on Bolton's Portrait of a Graduate, fostering empathy, perseverance, and resilience
- > Collaborative environment that empowers students to define success on their terms

FUTURE READINESS

At Bolton, we shape students into active global citizens involved in both school and community life. With a passion for success, our students prioritize building meaningful relationships with peers and faculty. These connections foster collaboration, aiding students in navigating challenging academics and propelling them toward a future ripe with possibilities and personal development. Join us at Bolton for an education that transcends the classroom, shaping leaders for tomorrow's world.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Chromebooks provided to students in grades KG-8, with devices assigned starting in grade 9
- > Elementary STEM program
- > Small class sizes allowing for personalized learning
- > Supportive environment focused on respect, responsibility, and compassion for others
- > Numerous AP and ECE (Early College Experience) offerings
- > Personal finance for all high school students
- > Senior CAPSTONE self-directed Projects
- > Invention Convention—state and national competitions
- > Award-winning Robotics Teams



SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We offer students a wide variety of CIAC Interscholastic sports, including Unified Sports, as well as opportunities to get involved with extracurricular clubs and activities. Visit our website for the full list and additional information.

FUN FACT

Bolton is known as “The Town for All Seasons,” highlighting its profound natural beauty and opportunities for outdoor activity all year long.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering KG (age 5) through grade 10 residing in Zone 2 (zip codes 06120 or 06103) and Zone 4 (zip codes 06106 or 06114) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

Bolton Center School (PK4-8)
Bolton High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents grades KG through 12 will be transported to and from the school district at no cost

WEBSITE

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Coventry School District



CITY: Coventry, CT
GRADES: KG-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Get the skills to be a confident, thoughtful, and contributing citizen through strong community partnerships and an inclusive environment.

Located in Tolland County near Interstate 84, Coventry Public Schools benefits from partnerships with nearby institutions like the University of Connecticut, Eastern Connecticut State University, and Manchester Community College. Our mission is to prepare every student for success in life, learning, and career. Known for our dedication to academic excellence and holistic development, we provide a supportive environment where rigorous academics, a collaborative culture, and innovative teaching practices combine to foster exceptional student achievement. Join us in our journey to success in the 21st century.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Benefit from two decades of stable leadership ensuring consistent, forward-thinking goals
- > Seamless alignment across schools recognized with national and state-level awards for academic excellence
- > Dedicated to preparing every student for success with a focus on enhancing performance, fostering a respectful community, and attracting top-tier talent

FUTURE READINESS

We prepare students for the future with our meticulously crafted Portrait of a Graduate competencies. Our vision cultivates critical thinkers, engaged collaborators, effective communicators, empowered citizens, and authentic innovators. For six years, student-led conferences and passage presentations have showcased our students' remarkable growth, demonstrating their ability to set goals, track progress, and present their achievements with confidence. Join us in shaping empowered learners prepared to thrive in today's dynamic society.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Highly successful tiered intervention and gifted and talented programming
- > Experiential learning opportunities including academic and experiential field trips, international experiences, Out of this World Science Day featuring a sky dome, and Skyping with astronauts from NASA
- > Coventry High School ranked 38 in CT by U.S. News and World Report
- > UConn site district for pre-professional program
- > Advanced Placement Program: Exceptionally robust with 45% of students in Grades 10-12 participating
- > 95.3% four-year graduation rate



SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We offer 16 varsity sports (2023 Class S Softball CIAC State Champions, 2023 Varsity Volleyball CIAC State champions) and various junior varsity, intramural, recreational sports, and clubs. Academic clubs include coding, robotics, the international award-winning Future Problem Solvers Club, an exceptional high school band, Drama Club, and student leadership groups. Spirit Days, Family Fun Nights, drama performances, and philanthropic service drives, including the CCMC (CT Children’s Medical Center) PJ Day, Rock Your Socks for Down Syndrome Awareness, and Autism Awareness events. Sports, clubs, and activities are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Visit our website for more information.

FUN FACT

CCMC (CT Children’s Medical Center) PJ Day started in Coventry! You can find one of the biggest farmers markets in the state located in Coventry at the Nathan Hale Homestead.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering KG (age 5) through grade 10 residing in Zone 2 (zip codes 06120 or 06103) and Zone 4 (zip codes 06106 or 06114) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

- Coventry Grammar School (KG-2)
- George Hersey Robertson School (3-5)
- Capt. Nathan Hale School (6-8)
- Coventry High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents grades kindergarten through 12 are transported to and from the school district at no cost

WEBSITE

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“Our district really cares about our students.”

– High School student



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East Windsor School District



CITY: East Windsor, CT
GRADES: PK4-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Unlock your potential by developing curiosity, motivation, critical thinking, resilience, and clear communication skills. Prepare to pursue your dreams.

East Windsor Public Schools (EWPS) takes students on a journey of empowerment through our “Portrait of the Graduate” program, guiding every student to their unique path of success. From kindergarten to graduation, we provide essential skills and tools for lifelong learning. Our mission is to nurture informed, self-aware individuals and responsible citizens. By the time they graduate, our students are celebrated for their curiosity, motivation, critical thinking, resilience, and clear communication skills, ready to pursue their dreams.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Small class sizes foster a close-knit community, innovative teaching methods, and academic excellence
- > Talented and Gifted program at the middle school and diverse extracurriculars at the high school
- > Focused on collaboration, potential, and empowering students to excel

FUTURE READINESS

Our innovative educational program prepares students for success by developing social-emotional skills in the early grades, study skills and healthy habits in middle school, and critical thinking, decision-making, and communication skills by graduation. Through our “Portrait of a Graduate” competencies, students are ready to thrive in college, careers, and beyond, equipped with curiosity, motivation, and problem-solving abilities.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Paraprofessional support in all PK and kindergarten classrooms
- > Highest growth in assessment scores among Alliance Districts in the state
- > New phonetics and phonemics programs and addition of STEM at the elementary school
- > Talented and Gifted programming at East Windsor Middle School serving 6% of students in 2022-23
- > 12 after-school enrichment program offerings for middle school students
- > 12 AP offerings at the high school providing opportunities to earn college credits
- > Career and technical education options increasing (CNA and Dymotek externship)
- > Participation in community engagement initiatives at all age levels
- > Optimal class sizes with an average 11:1 student-to-teacher ratio

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We offer students a wide variety of CIAC interscholastic sports, including Unified Sports, as well as opportunities to get involved with extracurricular clubs and activities. Visit our website for the full list and additional information.

FUN FACT

East Windsor is home to the Connecticut Trolley Museum, the oldest incorporated museum of its kind in the United States, where visitors can ride historic trolley cars and explore exhibits on the history of electric railways.

STUDENT SUCCESS STORY

Our graduates are heading to campuses like Columbia, UCLA, Northwestern, Michigan State, Williams College, Manchester Community College, Lincoln Tech, Middlebury, RPI, and UConn. Some became certified nursing assistants or completed internships at Dymotek while still in high school. This shows how our graduates are ahead in their careers. At East Windsor, “Our graduates go places!”



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering PK4 (age 4) through grade 10 residing in Zone 2 (zip codes 06120 or 06103) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

Broad Brook Elementary School (PK-4)
 East Windsor Middle School (5-8)
 East Windsor High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents grades PK4 through 12 are transported to and from the school district at no cost

WEBSITE

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“I was a student here. Now I teach here. I love this school because it is such a close community; we have great students, and the parental engagement is amazing.”

– Allison Duguay, Elementary Special Education teacher



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Ellington School District



CITY: Ellington, CT
GRADES: PK4-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Gain the skills to explore and pursue your passions through social-emotional learning and mastery-based education.

Ellington Public Schools is a high-performing district with around 2,500 students across three elementary schools, one middle school, one high school, and alternative programs. We cultivate exceptional learners and leaders who are courageous, reflective, and contributing citizens. Our learning culture values diversity and both challenges and inspires all students on their personalized educational journeys, emphasizing mastery-based learning, equitable opportunities, innovative practices, and personalized learning. We welcome everyone who wants to contribute to our collective community while honoring their individual paths.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Focus on mastery-based learning, equitable opportunities, and innovative practices
- > Strong emphasis on social-emotional learning and personalized educational journeys
- > High-quality teaching and a supportive community committed to student growth and success

FUTURE READINESS

We empower students with the skills to discover and pursue their passions. Our learning environments encourage interaction, co-creation, and independence, shaping a future where every learner is inspired to reach their full potential. Our mastery-based learning approach, combined with social-emotional learning and high-quality teaching, ensures that all students are prepared for success in an ever-changing world. By fostering civic engagement, collaboration, and courageous learning, we prepare students to be active, responsible citizens.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Mastery-Based Learning
- > Equitable Opportunities
- > Innovative Practices
- > Personalized Learning
- > Social Emotional Learning
- > High-Quality Teaching
- > 2024 Best Communities for Music Education
- > 1:1 Technology in grades 1-12
- > Post-Secondary Education planning for students in grades 7-12
- > 99.0% Graduation Rate
- > Only district in Connecticut to increase overall growth in grades 3-8 and SATs in both ELA and Mathematics for the 2021-2022 school year

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We offer students over 40 clubs and athletic teams, a Unified Sports Program, and summer programming. Visit our website for more information.



FUN FACT

We created a cookbook to share with the community! Members of the Ellington Board of Education and the administrative team contributed to the cookbook. Recipes range from breakfast to dessert and everything in between! **COOK FROM SCRATCH: An Ellington Unplugged Initiative.**

STUDENT SUCCESS STORY

Our recent graduate, Mackenzie Helbig, made history by being the first student to receive a full academic scholarship to Johnson and Wales University for culinary studies. This is a significant achievement and a true testament to the hard work and dedication that embodies what it means to be a Knight.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering PK4 (age 4) through grade 10 residing in Zone 2 (zip codes 06120 or 06103) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

Center School (KG-6)
 Crystal Lake School (PK4-6)
 Windermere School (PK4-6)
 Ellington Middle School (7-8)
 Ellington High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents grades PK4 through 12 are transported to and from the school district at no cost

WEBSITE

www.ellingtonpublicschools.org

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“At EHS, students are not only academically driven but they are extremely involved within the school community. Whether interested in theater, sports, or simply just engaging with peers, there is something for everyone!”

– Noelle Krawczynski '24,
 Board of Education
 student representative



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Enfield School District



CITY: Enfield, CT
GRADES: PK4-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Get a comprehensive, quality education that fosters a brighter future and success in an ever-changing world.

Enfield Public Schools (EPS) is a respected cornerstone in Enfield, Connecticut. Committed to quality education from preschool to high school and beyond, we provide comprehensive learning experiences for students of all ages. With a focus on academic excellence, EPS offers diverse programs and services to cater to individual needs, ensuring every learner thrives. Join us in shaping a brighter future through education and opportunity at Enfield Public Schools.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > STEAM-driven district integrating Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics from PK to 12th grade
- > Diverse opportunities for student growth, blending robust academics with enriching co-curricular activities
- > Family partnerships and a supportive community ensure all students are welcomed, accepted, and respected

FUTURE READINESS

We integrate technology into our instructional program from PK through high school. Our range of dual-enrollment opportunities, including Advanced Placement and UConn’s Early College Experience, prepares students for advanced study and real-world readiness. Join us in a partnership-driven environment where students thrive and excel on their academic and career paths. We empower students with the skills needed for success in an ever-changing world through a focus on personalized learning and innovative practices.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > NEASC Accredited Programs: Enfield High School and John F. Kennedy Middle School
- > STEAM-themed district in grades PK-12
- > Preschool programming and full-day PK program for children four years of age
- > Partnerships with Asnuntuck offer academic experiences for high school students
- > Family Resource centers located within the Stowe Early Learning Center and Henry Barnard Elementary School
- > Wide variety of AP offerings (20) at Enfield High School
- > CT Seal of Biliteracy offered
- > 89.0% four-year graduation rate

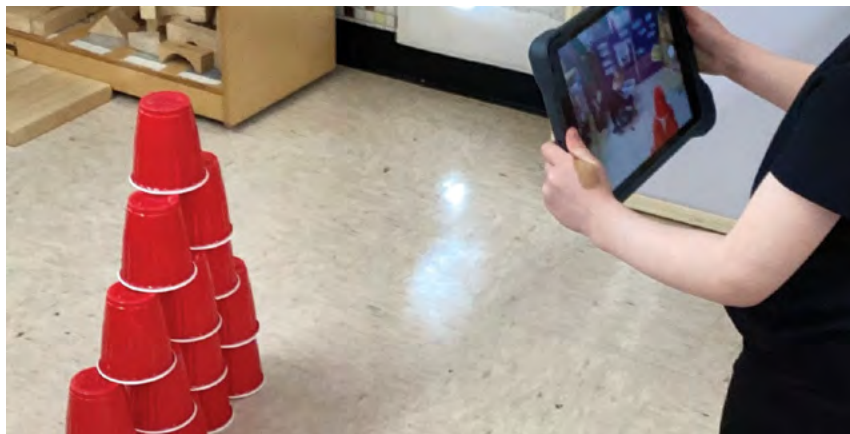
SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We offer incredible opportunities for students to get involved in our school community by offering Varsity CIAC Interscholastic sports and numerous extracurricular clubs and activities. Go to our website for the full list and additional information.



FUN FACT

Stowe Early Learning Center is an Apple Distinguished School; one of only two schools in Connecticut.



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

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DISTRICT SCHOOLS

- Enfield Public School
- PK STEAM Academy (PK4)
- Hazardville Memorial School (KG-2)
- Enfield Street School (KG-2)
- Henry Barnard School (KG-2)
- Edgar H. Parkman School (3-5)
- Eli Whitney School (3-5)
- Prudence Crandall School (3-5)
- John F. Kennedy Middle School (6-8)
- Enfield High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents grades PK4 through 12 are transported to and from the school district at no cost

WEBSITE

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“So far, it’s been an amazing experience. It feels like a partnership with teachers and staff.”

– Alisha Henderson,
 PK STEAM Academy Parent
 and U.S. Air Force Veteran



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Somers School District



CITY: Somers, CT
GRADES: KG-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Be empowered to be a lifelong learner, responsible citizen, and prepared for a bright future in an ever-changing world.

The vision of Somers Public Schools is to challenge our students and staff members to be exceptional and innovative in the educational community. Our vision embraces a culture that promotes lifelong learning, responsible citizenship, educating the whole child, and honoring equity, individuality, and diversity. With these principles in mind, we prepare each student to contribute and succeed in an ever-changing global society.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Small class sizes and personalized learning experiences
- > Focus on academic excellence and social-emotional development
- > Strong community engagement and support

FUTURE READINESS

We prepare students for the future by offering a rigorous and relevant curriculum that promotes critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration. Our students develop the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in college, careers, and beyond. Through various programs and initiatives, we ensure that our graduates are well-prepared to navigate the challenges of the 21st century and contribute positively to their communities.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > All school buildings as well as the Somers Public Library are located on one campus
- > 1:1 student device program where all students in grades 1-12 receive iPads or Chromebooks
- > At Somers High School: Technology Innovation Design and Engineering (TIDE) Program
- > Small class sizes
- > At Mabelle B Avery Middle School: Strong advisory program for Social Emotional Learning (SEL), live student-run and televised morning announcements, student government, and a yearly Walk-A-Thon with community partners
- > At Somers Elementary School: Small class sizes, strong home-school communication, comprehensive school-wide culture and climate initiatives
- > 92.4% four-year graduation rate
- > Award-winning yearbook program

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We offer students a wide variety of CIAC interscholastic sports including Unified Sports as well as opportunities to get involved with extracurricular clubs and activities. Somers High School: Scriptura, GSA, Unity Team, Gamers, etc. Mabelle B. Avery Middle School: Fitness, Robotics, Art, Environmental Club, etc. Somers Elementary School: Chorus & Band, Student Council, Robotics and Coding Club. Visit our website for the full list and additional information.



FUN FACT

The Somers Four Town Fair, usually held after the third weekend in September, is one of the oldest fairs in the country.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering KG (age 5) through grade 10 residing in Zone 2 (zip codes 06120 or 06103) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

- Somers Elementary School (KG-5)
- Mabelle B. Avery Middle School (6-8)
- Somers High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents grades kindergarten through 12 are transported to and from the school district at no cost

WEBSITE

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“Having graduated from Somers Public Schools and then working here as a teacher has always been a goal of mine. I felt welcomed and safe as a student and those feelings continued when I began working here many years later. I feel grateful every day to work alongside many of the teachers that helped shape who I am today.”

– Amanda Morrisino, MBA
 Teacher and Former Student



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South Windsor School District



CITY: South Windsor, CT
GRADES: KG-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Develop the skills to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally in a nurturing and inclusive environment.

South Windsor Public Schools (SWPS) is proud to be one of the original participants in the Hartford Region Open Choice Program. Our commitment to the program has remained steadfast, with participation increasing steadily over time. Our mission is to provide a nurturing and inclusive environment where each student can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. We are dedicated to ensuring a seamless transition for Open Choice students and their families by offering comprehensive support throughout their journey with us.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Open Choice students are paired with a family engagement liaison to facilitate a positive experience
- > SWPS builds strong relationships with families through home visits and support
- > STEM classes are offered from kindergarten and immersive language experiences from 1st grade

FUTURE READINESS

Students at every level are given a wealth of support and resources to help them become Engaged, Empowered, Socially Conscious, and Resilient, as outlined in our Portrait of a Graduate. Our graduates will possess a learner’s mindset, exhibit resilience and social consciousness, and be empowered to participate in an ever-changing global society.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Four newly constructed, state-of-the-art elementary schools
- > Commitment to high levels of achievement for all students through rigorous and differentiated curriculum
- > World Language program grades 1-12; CT Seal of Biliteracy
- > Elementary STEM program
- > Peer-led writing and math centers
- > 98.3% Four-Year Graduation rate

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We offer a wide variety of CIAC interscholastic sports, including Unified Sports, and provide many opportunities for students to get involved with extracurricular clubs and activities. Please visit our website for additional information.

FUN FACTS

Our elementary schools offer an annual 4th-grade bike program and host international multicultural celebrations with performances and diverse foods. Timothy Edwards Middle School features an award-winning literary magazine and jazz band, and hosts an International Night, Walkathon, and team-building contests. South Windsor High School has an award-winning newspaper and yearbook and hosts a dance-a-thon for Connecticut Children’s Medical Center (CCMC) and student vs. staff competitions.



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering KG (age 5) through grade 10 residing in Zone 2 (zip codes 06120 or 06103) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

- Eli Terry Elementary School (KG-5)
- Orchard Hill Elementary School (KG-5)
- Philip R. Smith Elementary School (KG-5)
- Pleasant Valley Elementary School (KG-5)
- Timothy Edwards Middle School (6-8)
- South Windsor High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents in grades kindergarten through 12 are transported to and from the school district at no cost

WEBSITE

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“The South Windsor school system incorporates those with different backgrounds and is inclusive of all students. The teachers have always pushed to find what works best for individual students, making a connection while doing so.”

– *Advaith Sajish, Student, South Windsor Public Schools*



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Tolland School District



CITY: Tolland, CT
GRADES: KG-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Get equipped with practical skills for future opportunities and success in a dynamic world.

At Tolland Public Schools, we believe excellence is achieved through individual success! Our curriculum, assessment, social-emotional learning, Portrait of a Graduate initiative, and culturally responsive education are central to our vision. We support and challenge each student, providing a strong educational experience grounded in love and humanity. Students thrive in a welcoming environment and achieve positive academic outcomes through mastery-based learning. We emphasize 21st-century skills and offer programs like Intro to Reading and Bridges Math. Our partnership with UConn’s Early College Experience program challenges students with college-level content and credits.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Commitment to constant growth and innovation
- > Business and Engineering Pathways provide hands-on experiences
- > New pathways in music, arts, and social sciences offer diverse opportunities

FUTURE READINESS

We prepare students for the future through collaboration and adaptability. Our holistic approach nurtures academic, social, and emotional growth, equipping students with practical skills for success in a dynamic world. We provide a comprehensive education that empowers students to excel in all aspects of life. Join us in fostering a learning environment that prepares students for the challenges and opportunities of the future.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Business Academy
- > Academic Pathways provide a magnet/private school experience in a comprehensive school setting
- > Relationship with UConn offers Early College Experience (ECE) college credit programs
- > Focus on Mastery Learning and Culturally Responsive Education
- > Into Reading Programming and Bridges Math
- > Extensive competitive athletics and extracurricular options, including Robotics, Model UN, World Languages Club, School Musicals, and many more clubs and activities

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We offer a wide variety of CIAC interscholastic sports and many opportunities to participate in clubs and activities. Visit our website for the full list and additional information.

FUN FACT

Tolland County is the proud home of one of the nation's finest and most well-known universities, UConn!



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering KG (age 5) through grade 10 residing in Zone 2 (zip codes 06120 or 06103) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

- Birch Grove Primary School (PK4-2)
- Tolland Intermediate School (3-5)
- Tolland Middle School (6-8)
- Tolland High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents grades kindergarten through 12 are transported to and from the school district at no cost

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Windsor Locks School District



CITY: Windsor Locks, CT
GRADES: KG-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Build strong foundational skills and discover a clear pathway to your future through personalized learning.

At Windsor Locks Public Schools, learning knows no bounds! Our vibrant community fosters a lifelong passion for knowledge, empowering every student to excel. With a commitment to excellence, we prepare our learners to thrive in a dynamic world, nurturing responsible global citizens. Join us in shaping tomorrow’s leaders where education is more than just a journey—it’s an adventure.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Commitment to ensuring all students graduate and seamlessly transition to enrollment, enlistment, or employment
- > Strong foundational skills, guiding students toward academic, emotional, and behavioral readiness
- > Emphasis on engagement and personalized learning, with dedicated advisory blocks and robust academic support

FUTURE READINESS

We ensure all students meet or exceed grade-level standards. We engage students in their learning, challenge them to achieve and demonstrate mastery, and support them through a diverse network of caring adults. Our positive, equitable, safe, and healthy climate promotes healthy living and empowers students to pursue their passions. We use research-based leadership and best workplace practices to ensure achievement and growth for all.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Student-centered learning and mastery-based grading system
- > Offers Early College Experience (ECE) at the University of Connecticut (UConn)
- > Extended learning opportunities with community organizations and businesses
- > Personalized focus on future education and careers



SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We offer students a wide variety of CIAC interscholastic sports, including Unified Sports, as well as opportunities to get involved with extracurricular clubs and activities. Visit our website for the full list and additional information.



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering KG (age 5) through grade 10 residing in Zone 2 (zip codes 06120 or 06103) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

- North Street School (PK4-2)
- South Elementary School (3-5)
- Windsor Locks Middle School (6-8)
- Windsor Locks High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents grades kindergarten through 12 are transported to and from the school district at no cost

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“Come to Windsor Locks! They have a very welcoming and safe community. At Windsor Locks, you can get A LOT of individual help. Teachers work with you personally. There are a lot of opportunities at Windsor Locks.”

– Jeavy Vazquez Saez,
 Windsor Locks Graduate
 Class of ‘24



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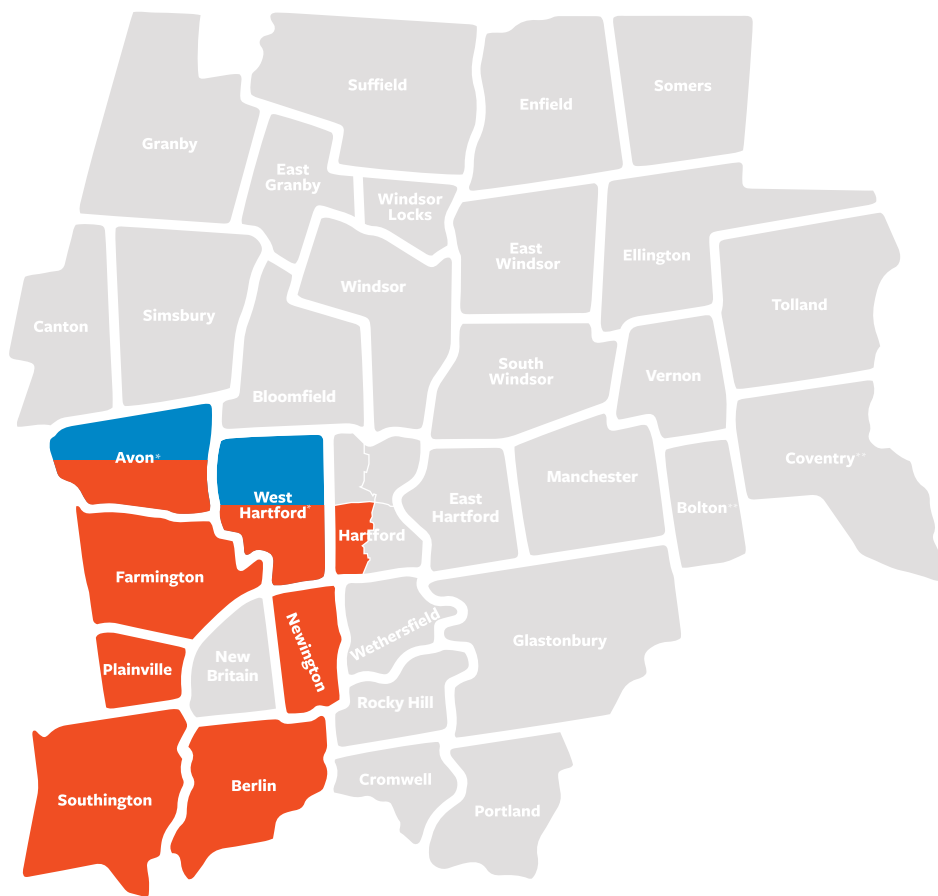


Open Choice Districts for Hartford Residents

Zone 3

Hartford residents living in Zone 3 are eligible to apply to these districts:

Avon*, Berlin, Farmington, Newington, Plainville, Southington, West Hartford*



* Avon and West Hartford are available for application for families in Zones 1 and 3.

Avon School District



CITY: Avon, CT
GRADES: PK4-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Be empowered with the skills to become an effective communicator, creative thinker, and resilient individual, ready for future success.

Avon is recognized as one of the most outstanding communities for education in the State of Connecticut. At Avon Public School District, we value education and make our students and their families a priority. We offer a welcoming, safe, and enriching educational experience that extends beyond the classroom. Our mission is to inspire a love for learning and a commitment to excellence, integrity, and social responsibility in every student. With a strong focus on culture, achievement, and communication, and by collaborating with educators, students, families, and the community, we proudly uphold academic excellence and diverse programs.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Holistic approach to education prioritizing both academic excellence and student well-being
- > Integration of Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) initiatives district-wide
- > Supportive environment fostering academic achievement and personal growth

FUTURE READINESS

Our students are prepared for the future with effective communication, creative thinking, and resilience. They learn to collaborate, share information, and convey ideas clearly, essential for real-world success. Through a rigorous curriculum, outstanding teachers, and a community invested in high-quality education, students develop problem-solving skills, and navigate their own pathways to success. Our commitment to SEL ensures students develop essential life skills alongside academic knowledge.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Full-day prekindergarten for 4-year-olds
- > Avon High School ranked #12 in Connecticut and #6 in the Hartford Metro Area by U.S. News and World Report for 2024
- > Avon High School Student/Teacher ratio is 1:11
- > Graduation Rate for 2023 was 96%
- > 90% of graduates enroll in an accredited college
- > Offers up to 46 Advanced Placement (AP), Early College Experience (ECE), and Tunxis courses

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We offer 31 varsity CIAC interscholastic sports and 45 extracurricular clubs and activities. Visit our website for the full list and additional information.



FUN FACT

On the CT State SAT School Day, where all juniors in Connecticut take the SAT at school during the day, we were the 5th highest scoring district.



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering PK4 (age 4) through grade 10 residing in Zone 1 (zip codes 06112 or 06105) Zone 3 (zip codes 06106 or 06160) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

- Roaring Brook School (PK-4)
- Pine Grove School (KG-4)
- Thompson Brook School (5-6)
- Avon Middle School (7-8)
- Avon High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents grades PK4 through 12 are transported to and from the school district at no cost

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“Avon has quality teachers, fantastic education, and it is an all-around great district. I love the fact that there is a diverse student body and staff.”

– High school parent



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Berlin School District



CITY: Berlin, CT
GRADES: KG-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Develop a love for learning and leadership, discover your strengths, explore career pathways, and craft a personalized plan for a successful future.

At Berlin Public Schools, we cultivate a love for learning and leadership, empowering students to be curious, enthusiastic learners and compassionate leaders in our community and beyond. We ensure that everyone in our school community understands our purpose, goals, and pride in our schools and community. Join us on our journey and make a positive impact on the world.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Inclusive environment where every student feels valued and supported
- > Holistic learning approach with personalized, authentic learning journeys
- > Core values of safety, inclusion, respect, and value foster optimal learning

FUTURE READINESS

Our students thrive in a holistic learning environment guided by the Vision of the Graduate. Our approach ensures each student can communicate effectively, collaborate for success, and engage in continuous learning. We foster critical thinking and innovation to tackle challenges, empowering students to contribute locally and globally. In our work-based learning setting, students discover strengths, explore career pathways, and craft personalized plans for future success, bridging secondary education to post-secondary opportunities.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > 30+ AP/ECE/CCP course offerings
- > 2023 AP Honor Roll
- > CT Seal of Biliteracy offered
- > 2020 College Success Award
- > 98.3% Four-Year Graduation Rate
- > Competitive athletics and extensive extracurricular options
- > After School Academy for additional support and connections
- > Home of a National Blue Ribbon School
- > Hubbard Elementary School recognized by U.S. News & World Report as one of the best elementary schools in CT



SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We offer a wide variety of CIAC interscholastic sports, including Unified Sports at the high school level, as well as sports at the middle school level. We also provide many opportunities for students to get involved with extracurricular clubs and activities. Visit our website for the full list and additional information.

FUN FACT

Berlin was named after the Prussian capital Berlin. People who live in Berlin pronounce it as BER-lin. We are known as the Redcoats because in the 1880s, Berlin became a brick-making industry, and the brick dust would coat the clothes of the workers. Berlin is the geographic center of Connecticut and home of the Berlin Fair, which has been running for 75 years.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering KG (age 5) through grade 10 residing in Zone 3 (zip codes 06106 or 06160) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

- Emma Hart Willard School (PK4-5)
- Mary E. Griswold School (KG-5)
- Richard D. Hubbard School (KG-5)
- Catherine M. McGee Middle School (6-8)
- Berlin High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents grades kindergarten through 12 are transported to and from the school district at no cost

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“One of the greatest rewards of teaching is observing a student begin to make sense of our common humanity, start to realize his or her place in the world, and grasp the potential he or she possesses.”

– Dave Bosso, 2012
 Connecticut Teacher of the Year



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Farmington School District



CITY: Farmington, CT
GRADES: PK4-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Gain the knowledge and skills to thrive as a global citizen, prepared to tackle the challenges of today and tomorrow.

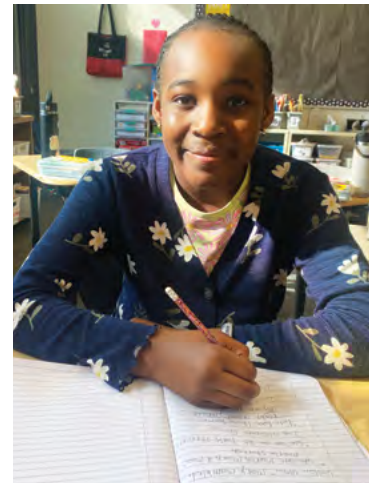
At Farmington Public Schools, we empower students to achieve academic and personal excellence, demonstrate persistent effort, and thrive as resourceful, inquisitive, and contributing global citizens. We believe every student can gain the knowledge, skills, and dispositions needed for responsible and ethical citizenship in a changing world. Through collaboration among students, educators, parents, and families, we emphasize clear expectations, a rigorous standards-led curriculum, inspired instruction, personal effort, and strong relationships, leading to high levels of achievement for all learners.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Access to a challenging and personally meaningful curriculum and instruction
- > Commitment to equity as a fundamental value of high-quality education
- > Diverse experiences, interests, strengths, and needs met through flexible pathways and targeted support

FUTURE READINESS

As outlined in our Vision of the Global Citizen (VoGC), our students acquire essential knowledge and skills in core academic disciplines and develop transferable thinking and learning skills. Our holistic approach nurtures academic, social, and emotional growth, equipping students with practical skills for success in a dynamic world. We empower students to thrive as global citizens, prepared to tackle the challenges of today and tomorrow. Visit our website to view our annual Global Citizen Showcase.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Full-day preschool program for PK-4-year-olds
- > Farmington High School is nationally recognized as one of the top high schools in Connecticut by U.S. News and World Report
- > More than 75% of high school students take an AP course, with most achieving a passing score on at least one exam
- > 92% of all students go on to higher education after graduation with strong persistence percentages in college
- > Farmington High School's (FHS) Social Justice Council honored with the George A. Coleman Excellence in Equity Award by the Connecticut State Educational Resource Center (SERC)
- > Comprehensive Advanced Placement, College Credit, Dual Enrollment Course Offerings at the high school level



SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We have a competitive extracurricular sports program and participate in Unified Sports. Approximately 60% of our students are involved in the athletics program, which offers 36 interscholastic sports. In addition to interscholastic sports, we offer 14 intramural sports and a robust offering of extracurricular clubs and intramurals. We are proud of our club activities, with over 15 different Social Justice Clubs and several club activities for KG-12. For a full list of all sports and extracurricular activities, visit our website.

FUN FACT

Farmington Public Schools opened a brand-new high school facility in August 2024.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering PK4 (age 4) through grade 10 residing in Zone 3 (zip codes 06106 or 06160) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

- East Farms School (KG-4)
- Noah Wallace School (KG-4)
- Union School (KG-4)
- West District School (KG-4)
- West Woods Upper Elementary School (PK4, 5-6)
- Irving A. Robbins Middle School (7-8)
- Farmington High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents grades PK4 through 12 are transported to and from the school district at no cost

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“I love coming to school in Farmington because of how fun and kind the teachers are.”

– Hillary, 4th grade student



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Newington School District



CITY: Newington, CT
GRADES: KG-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Develop your social, emotional, and academic skills to find your voice and spark a passion for your post-secondary pursuits.

Discover the richness of education at Newington Public Schools (NPS), where diversity and challenge come together. Our curriculum, aligned with state and national standards, provides a robust educational journey from kindergarten through grade 12. We foster a collaborative environment that unites school, family, and community, ensuring equitable learning experiences. Prioritizing holistic growth, we support both social/emotional and academic development. By empowering student voices, we shape graduates who are passionate about their post-secondary pursuits and equipped with the skills outlined in our esteemed Portrait of a Graduate. Discover excellence and empowerment in our district.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Cutting-edge technology initiative with district-issued Chromebooks for personalized learning
- > Specialized STEM academies like biomedical sciences and aerospace & engineering starting in grade 7
- > Diverse curriculum offerings, including Black and Latino Studies and UConn Early College Experience (ECE) courses

FUTURE READINESS

Our culture of excellence is fueled by unwavering community support and high educational standards. Rooted in a student-centric mission, we envision success for every child. Guided by research and a commitment to continuous improvement, our actions are strategic and purposeful.

Our Mission and Portrait of a Graduate serve as guiding stars, ensuring each student's journey is enriched with opportunities for growth and achievement.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Highly diverse learning community
- > Multiple in-district academies: Biomedical, Aerospace & Engineering, Culinary & Hospitality, IT & Digital Creation, Finance & Business Management, Medical Sciences, Family & Child Development, Education/Future Teacher
- > Free college course offerings
- > Diversity, family support, commitment, and involvement strengthen student learning
- > 1:1 Devices-KG-12
- > Strong focus on Social Emotional Wellness coupled with academic success
- > 95% Four-Year Graduation Rate

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Our district offers a wide variety of CIAC interscholastic sports including Unified Sports, as well as providing many opportunities for students to get involved in over 70 extracurricular clubs and activities, including a nationally ranked Band and Music Program, Theater Plays, Musical Productions, DECA, Diversity Club, Educators’ Rising Club and more. Visit our website for additional information.



FUN FACT

Mill Pond Falls in Newington is promoted as the “smallest natural waterfall in the United States.”

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering KG (age 5) through grade 10 residing in Zone 3 (zip codes 06106 or 06160) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

- Anna Reynolds School (PK4-4)
- Elizabeth Green School (PK4-4)
- John Paterson School (PK4-4)
- Ruth Chaffee School (PK4-4)
- John Wallace Middle School (5-8)
- Martin Kellogg Middle School (5-8)
- Newington High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents grades kindergarten through 12 are transported to and from the school district at no cost

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“We are dedicated to helping every student achieve and find success.”

– *Chris Klatt, Teacher of the Year - John Wallace Middle School*



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Plainville School District



CITY: Plainville, CT
GRADES: PK4-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Build on your aspirations and goals through high levels of learning, comprehensive career exploration, and skill-building programs.

At Plainville Public Schools, we create a safe and positive learning environment focused on ensuring all students achieve high levels of learning. Our schools consistently exceed state and district reference group averages across all grades. We prioritize building strong, supportive relationships and providing meaningful, engaging learning opportunities. Join our collaborative community where every student is valued, supported, and prepared for a successful future.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Inclusive environment with robust learning experiences supported by the local community
- > Established PK-12 system of college and career preparedness
- > Innovative programs with local, national, and international recognition

FUTURE READINESS

We are fully invested in preparing all our students for college and career success after graduation. Along each student’s continuum of learning, we provide experiences that build on student interests, aspirations, and goals. From elementary school exposure to career possibilities to middle school exploration and high school fieldwork opportunities, we ensure our students are ready for the future with comprehensive career exploration and skill-building programs.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Full-day prekindergarten program
- > Focus on STEM and STEAM opportunities
- > State-of-the-art technology with 1:1 devices
- > Nationally and state recognized schools
- > Transportation for after-school activities
- > Award-winning fine arts programming
- > International “Telly Award” winning district
- > College and career pathways
- > Dual credit opportunities with various colleges and universities
- > Full-time administrator focused on English Language Equity, Equity and Student Supports
- > Opportunities for internships, job shadows, and other career-focused experiences
- > 91% average four-year graduation rate over the last five years

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We offer a wide variety of CIAC interscholastic sports as well as robust extracurricular offerings at elementary, middle, and high school levels. Visit our website for the full list and additional information.



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering PK4 (age 4) through grade 10 residing in Zone 3 (zip codes 06106 or 06160) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

- Frank T. Wheeler School (PK4-5)
- Linden Street School (PK4-5)
- Louis Toffolon School (PK4-5)
- Middle School of Plainville (6-8)
- Plainville High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents grades PK4 through 12 are transported to and from the school district at no cost

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“The programs offered to our students are a highlight of our district. There are many opportunities from elementary and on for both in school and after school.”

– Parent



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Southington School District



CITY: Southington, CT
GRADES: KG-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Prepare for college or a career by achieving academic excellence and cultivating essential life skills in a diverse environment that fosters critical thinking, creativity, and effective communication.

Southington School District is a forward-thinking educational community focused on preparing students for both higher education and career success while instilling essential life skills. Emphasizing excellence, diversity, and inclusivity, our curriculum promotes critical thinking, creativity, and effective communication. Through enrichment programs like Advanced Placement (AP) courses, STEAM initiatives, and community service opportunities, our students are empowered to excel academically and develop leadership skills. Our robust support services and extracurricular activities ensure that each student receives tailored assistance and opportunities for personal growth.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > High-quality academics with a commitment to the arts and athletics
- > Strong community partnerships enriching student life
- > Opportunities for growth as learners, leaders, artists, and athletes

FUTURE READINESS

Our graduates are college or career ready and prepared for life and beyond by mastering the knowledge and demonstrating the skills to communicate effectively, think creatively and critically, and contribute to the global community. Our holistic approach ensures students are equipped with the necessary tools to thrive in an ever-changing world, fostering both academic excellence and personal growth.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Close partnership with the district and the community
- > 1:1 devices in grades KG-12
- > Diverse offerings of Advanced Placement (AP) and UConn Early College Experience (ECE) courses
- > Visual and performing arts via drama, instrumental and vocal music, general music, and formal art instruction
- > Project Lead the Way Program partners with the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) to offer RIT credits for aspiring engineers
- > Agriculture Science and Technology Program is a regional four-year experience for students who wish to prepare for a career in related industries
- > FIRST Robotics Team 195 is a “varsity sport of the mind” designed for students to engage as engineers and scientists through competitive and rewarding challenges



SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We offer students over 40 clubs and athletic teams, a Unified Sports Program, and summer programming. Visit our website for more information.

FUN FACT

Southington has the nickname of “The Apple Valley” due to the many orchards that dot its landscape.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering KG (age 5) through grade 10 residing in Zone 3 (zip codes 06106 or 06160) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

- William H. Hatton Elementary (PK-5)
- William M. Strong Elementary (PK-5)
- Flanders Elementary (KG-5)
- Reuben E. Thalberg Elementary (KG-5)
- South End Elementary (KG-5)
- Urbain T. Kelley Elementary (KG-5)
- Walter A. Derynoski Elementary (KG-5)
- Zaya A. Oshana Elementary (KG-5)
- John F. Kennedy Middle (6-8)
- Joseph A. Depaolo Middle (6-8)
- Karen Smith Academy (8-12)
- Southington High (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents grades kindergarten through 12 are transported to and from the school district at no cost

WEBSITE

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“I wanted to reach out to sing the praises of three of your educators...My family is so grateful for these life-changing educators, and Southington Public Schools is lucky to have them under their employment.”

– Parent, Southington Public Schools

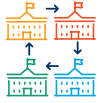


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West Hartford School District

OPEN CHOICE



CITY: West Hartford, CT
GRADES: KG-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Develop the skills to become a confident, responsible, and compassionate citizen, well-prepared both academically and emotionally for the 21st century.

“Every Child. Every Day.” At West Hartford Public Schools (WHPS), we set high expectations for all students, offering a rigorous and relevant curriculum paired with dynamic teaching. Our commitment to continuous improvement is guided by our mission, core values, and goals, which shape our purpose and focus. Our District Model of Continuous Improvement is driven by the established goals and community expectations of our schools. We aim for every child to grow into a confident, responsible, respectful, and compassionate individual who is academically prepared and emotionally resilient to navigate the challenges of the 21st century.



WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Situated within a dynamic and diverse community, highly ranked and recognized for exceptional public schools
- > Driven by our Mission, District Goals, Vision of the Graduate, and Equity Commitment to ensure high expectations and dynamic teaching
- > Provides a rigorous and relevant curriculum supported by dedicated teachers, administrators, and support staff



FUTURE READINESS

We aim for each student to develop specific attitudes, dispositions, and skills by graduation, providing clear pathways and support. Our Vision of the Graduate defines these essential attributes as Problem Solving & Creativity, Inquiry and Critical Thinking, Effective Communication, Collaboration, Determination and Self-Efficacy, Honor & Integrity, Respect for Self & Others, and Curiosity and Love of Learning. This comprehensive approach ensures that students acquire the skills necessary for success in an ever-changing world.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > High schools ranked among the top 2 percent nationally
- > Music Department named one of the nation's Best Communities for Music Education
- > Theatre Department competed in the largest international arts festival
- > Instrumental music lessons begin in grade 4
- > Outstanding faculty includes Connecticut recipients of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, and CT Teacher, Assistant Principal, and Principal of the Year
- > Equity and Diversity Council (EDC) supports equity practices
- > 1:1 Devices and technology loaner program
- > Dedicated WHPS/Open Choice Family Engagement Liaison
- > Family Resource Centers

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We offer a wide variety of CIAC interscholastic sports including Unified Sports, as well as opportunities to get involved with extracurricular clubs and activities. Programs include varsity, JV, and intramural sports; band, concert, jazz, and chamber orchestra; choir and a cappella groups; student-run improv theater, plays, musicals; world language exchange program; Future Educators of Diversity (FEoD); Unified Theater/Unified Sports; and over 100 before and after school extra/co-curricular clubs. Visit our website for the full list and additional information.



FUN FACT

West Hartford is the birthplace of Noah Webster, the famed lexicographer known for compiling the first American dictionary. West Hartford is also home to Elizabeth Park, which is the oldest and third-largest public rose garden in the United States.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering KG (age 5) through grade 10 residing in Zone 1 (zip codes 06112 or 06105) and Zone 3 (zip codes 06106 or 06160) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit ChooseYourSchool.org.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

- Aiken School (PK4-5)
- Charter Oak International Academy (PK4-5)
- Smith STEM School (PK4-5)
- Webster Hill School (PK4-5)
- Whiting Lane School (PK4-5)
- Braeburn School (KG-5)
- Bugbee School (KG-5)
- Duffy School (KG-5)
- Morley School (KG-5)
- Norfeltd School (KG-5)
- Wolcott School (KG-5)
- Bristow Middle School (6-8)
- King Philip Middle School (6-8)
- Sedgwick Middle School (6-8)
- Conard High School (9-12)
- Hall High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents grades kindergarten through 12 are transported to and from the school district at no cost

WEBSITE

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“WHPS is a diverse district providing high-quality education in a myriad of ways. We believe in operating through a lens of equity recognizing diversity immensely enriches our school system.”

– Lorna Thomas-Farquharson,
 Chairperson,
 WHPS Board of Education



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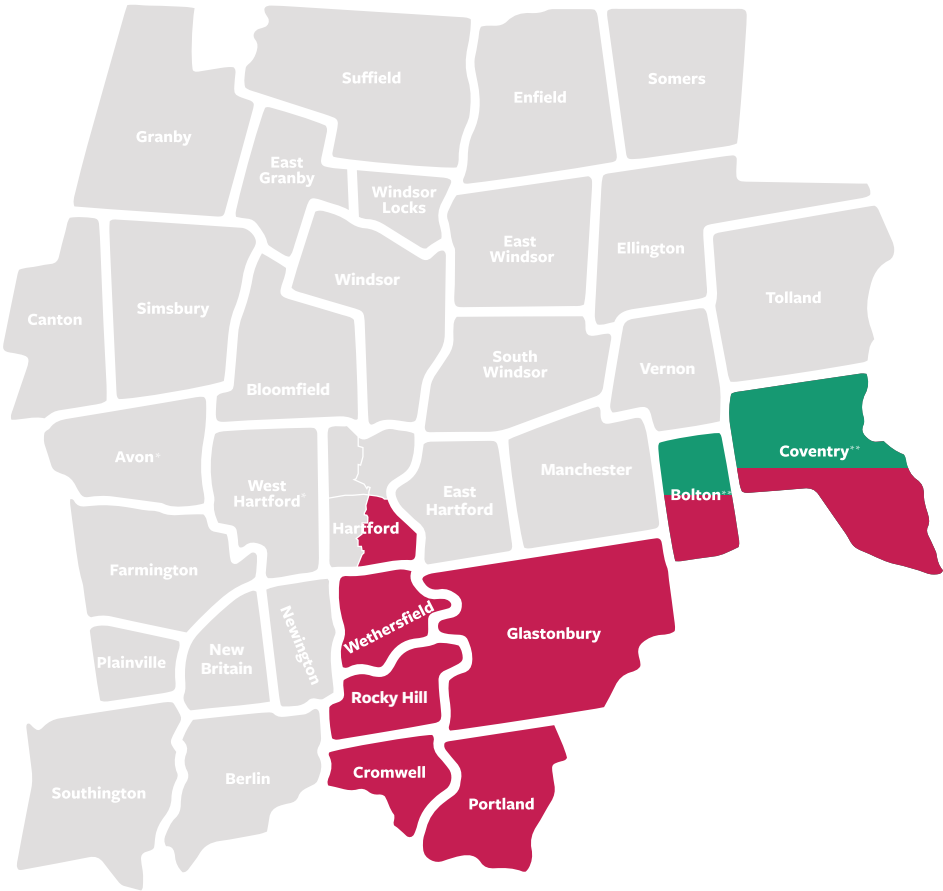


Open Choice Districts for Hartford Residents

Zone 4

Hartford residents living in Zone 4 are eligible to apply to these districts:

Bolton, Coventry**, Cromwell, Glastonbury, Portland, Rocky Hill, Wethersfield**



** Bolton and Coventry are available for application for families in Zones 2 and 4.

Bolton School District



CITY: Bolton, CT
GRADES: KG-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Get an education that creates confident learners and global citizens who are ready to thrive, succeed, and achieve.

At Bolton Public Schools, every student thrives in an environment designed for success. As an award-winning district, we prioritize personalized learning, fostering passion and critical thinking. Our supportive atmosphere, dedicated to safety and innovation, ensures students excel and engage at the highest levels. Empowered by our mission to inspire growth, our students evolve into confident learners and global citizens ready to seize tomorrow's opportunities. Join us and embark on a journey of limitless potential.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Small class sizes mean big opportunities for personalized attention and success
- > Strong focus on Bolton's Portrait of a Graduate, fostering empathy, perseverance, and resilience
- > Collaborative environment that empowers students to define success on their terms

FUTURE READINESS

At Bolton, we shape students into active global citizens involved in both school and community life. With a passion for success, our students prioritize building meaningful relationships with peers and faculty. These connections foster collaboration, aiding students in navigating challenging academics and propelling them toward a future ripe with possibilities and personal development. Join us at Bolton for an education that transcends the classroom, shaping leaders for tomorrow's world.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Chromebooks provided to students in grades KG-8, with devices assigned starting in grade 9
- > Elementary STEM program
- > Small class sizes allowing for personalized learning
- > Supportive environment focused on respect, responsibility, and compassion for others
- > Numerous AP and ECE (Early College Experience) offerings
- > Personal finance for all high school students
- > Senior CAPSTONE self-directed Projects
- > Invention Convention—state and national competitions
- > Award-winning Robotics Teams



SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We offer students a wide variety of CIAC Interscholastic sports, including Unified Sports, as well as opportunities to get involved with extracurricular clubs and activities. Visit our website for the full list and additional information.

FUN FACT

Bolton is known as “The Town for All Seasons,” highlighting its profound natural beauty and opportunities for outdoor activity all year long.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering KG (age 5) through grade 10 residing in Zone 2 (zip codes 06120 or 06103) and Zone 4 (zip codes 06106 or 06114) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

Bolton Center School (PK4-8)
Bolton High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents grades KG through 12 will be transported to and from the school district at no cost

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Coventry School District



CITY: Coventry, CT
GRADES: KG-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Get the skills to be a confident, thoughtful, and contributing citizen through strong community partnerships and an inclusive environment.

Located in Tolland County near Interstate 84, Coventry Public Schools benefits from partnerships with nearby institutions like the University of Connecticut, Eastern Connecticut State University, and Manchester Community College. Our mission is to prepare every student for success in life, learning, and career. Known for our dedication to academic excellence and holistic development, we provide a supportive environment where rigorous academics, a collaborative culture, and innovative teaching practices combine to foster exceptional student achievement. Join us in our journey to success in the 21st century.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Benefit from two decades of stable leadership ensuring consistent, forward-thinking goals
- > Seamless alignment across schools recognized with national and state-level awards for academic excellence
- > Dedicated to preparing every student for success with a focus on enhancing performance, fostering a respectful community, and attracting top-tier talent

FUTURE READINESS

We prepare students for the future with our meticulously crafted Portrait of a Graduate competencies. Our vision cultivates critical thinkers, engaged collaborators, effective communicators, empowered citizens, and authentic innovators. For six years, student-led conferences and passage presentations have showcased our students' remarkable growth, demonstrating their ability to set goals, track progress, and present their achievements with confidence. Join us in shaping empowered learners prepared to thrive in today's dynamic society.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Highly successful tiered intervention and gifted and talented programming
- > Experiential learning opportunities including academic and experiential field trips, international experiences, Out of this World Science Day featuring a sky dome, and Skyping with astronauts from NASA
- > Coventry High School ranked 38 in CT by U.S. News and World Report
- > UConn site district for pre-professional program
- > Advanced Placement Program: Exceptionally robust with 45% of students in Grades 10-12 participating
- > 95.3% four-year graduation rate



SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We offer 16 varsity sports (2023 Class S Softball CIAC State Champions, 2023 Varsity Volleyball CIAC State champions) and various junior varsity, intramural, recreational sports, and clubs. Academic clubs include coding, robotics, the international award-winning Future Problem Solvers Club, an exceptional high school band, Drama Club, and student leadership groups. Spirit Days, Family Fun Nights, drama performances, and philanthropic service drives, including the CCMC (CT Children’s Medical Center) PJ Day, Rock Your Socks for Down Syndrome Awareness, and Autism Awareness events. Sports, clubs, and activities are subject to change and may vary by grade level. Visit our website for more information.

FUN FACT

CCMC (CT Children’s Medical Center) PJ Day started in Coventry! You can find one of the biggest farmers markets in the state located in Coventry at the Nathan Hale Homestead.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering KG (age 5) through grade 10 residing in Zone 2 (zip codes 06120 or 06103) and Zone 4 (zip codes 06106 or 06114) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

- Coventry Grammar School (KG-2)
- George Hersey Robertson School (3-5)
- Capt. Nathan Hale School (6-8)
- Coventry High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents grades kindergarten through 12 are transported to and from the school district at no cost

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“Our district really cares about our students.”

– High School Student



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Cromwell School District



CITY: Cromwell, CT
GRADES: PK4-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Gain a close-knit community and essential skills needed to thrive in today’s world.

At Cromwell Public Schools, we create an inclusive and growth-focused environment that empowers, inspires, and educates every student. We emphasize rigorous and equitable education, fostering critical thinking and holistic development. Our close-knit community of four schools collaborates to ensure the educational success of each student from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade. Together, we nurture their potential, preparing them to excel as dynamic contributors to society. Experience excellence at our schools, where every student’s potential is nurtured and realized.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Personalized attention through small group instruction
- > Active family involvement fostering strong community partnerships
- > Diverse extracurricular activities cultivating passions and leadership skills

FUTURE READINESS

We offer a seamless educational journey, guiding students to excel through diverse challenges. Each of our school levels builds upon previous foundations, providing new avenues for exploration and growth. Our mission is to inspire all students to apply essential skills for success in a dynamic world. Valuing each student, we address their academic, physical, and social-emotional needs. We hold our community to high standards of accountability and excellence, ensuring every member contributes to our shared commitment to success.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > 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 theater program beginning at the elementary level
- > Internship programs at the high school

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We offer students a wide variety of CIAC interscholastic sports including Unified Sports, as well as opportunities to get involved with extracurricular clubs and activities. Visit our website for the full list and additional information.

FUN FACT

Actor and film producer David Gere was born and raised in Cromwell and attended Cromwell High School.



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering PK4 (age 4) through grade 10 residing in Zone 4 (zip codes 06106 or 06114) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

- Edna C. Stevens School (PK4-2)
- Woodside Intermediate School (3-5)
- Cromwell Middle School (6-8)
- Cromwell High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents grades PK4 through 12 are transported to and from the school district at no cost

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“We’re a welcoming community especially when new students come into our schools.”



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Glastonbury School District



CITY: Glastonbury, CT
GRADES: KG-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Gain the essential, transferable life skills to be successful now and in the future.

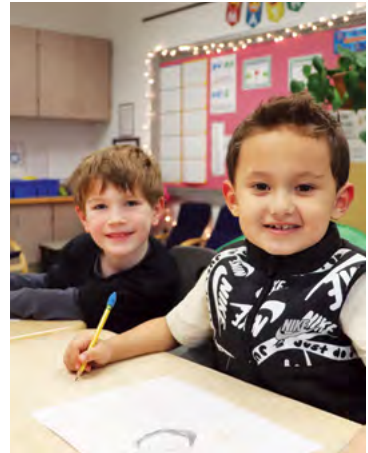
At Glastonbury Public Schools, we empower all students to be active learners and compassionate individuals who thrive in our global community. We believe all students learn when they feel safe, included, respected, and valued by their community. Our goal is for every graduate to develop important transferable skills that will help them be successful now and in the future. Glastonbury’s commitment to excellence is found in high-quality academic programming and extends to outside activities, ensuring students experience a well-rounded educational experience that includes exceptional athletics, clubs, and activities.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Diverse community with families speaking 56 different languages
- > State-of-the-art STEAM Lab and award-winning Arts, Music, and Drama programs
- > Renowned World Language and Agricultural Science and Technology programs

FUTURE READINESS

We use a balanced curriculum that includes academic content and essential life skills, equipping our students to adapt to a rapidly changing world. We promote collaboration, communication, and digital literacy while instilling values that honor identity, cultural differences, and global awareness. By embracing innovation and creativity, we empower our students to confidently face future challenges and opportunities.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Safe and welcoming schools
- > Diverse course offerings and rigorous curriculum
- > Highly ranked award-winning athletic programs
- > Numerous extracurricular clubs and activities
- > State-of-the-art STEAM Lab
- > 1:1 technology for grades KG-12
- > Numerous Advanced Placement (AP) and Early College Experiences (ECE) at the high school
- > Competitive Agricultural Science and Technology Program



SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We offer students a wide variety of CIAC interscholastic sports, including Unified Sports, as well as opportunities to get involved with extracurricular clubs and activities. Visit our website for the full list and additional information.

FUN FACT

Glastonbury is home to the oldest continually operating ferry in the United States, which began operations in 1655. Glastonbury is one of the oldest towns in Connecticut and is known for its outstanding schools and athletics.



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering KG (age 5) through grade 10 residing in Zone 4 (zip codes 06106 or 06114) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

- Buttonball Lane School (KG-5)
- Hebron Avenue School (KG-5)
- Hopewell School (KG-5)
- Nayaug Elementary (KG-5)
- Gideon Welles School (6; grade 5 for Hopewell School students)
- Smith Middle School (7-8)
- Glastonbury High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents grades kindergarten through 12 are transported to and from the school district at no cost

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“I felt respected as a professional here. I have been able to create a student-centered classroom culture that I truly believe in. This district works hard to remove barriers to the teaching and learning process.”

– GPS Staff



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Portland School District



CITY: Portland, CT
GRADES: KG-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Discover your potential and achieve your best through innovative and engaging education.

Portland Public Schools is where innovation and excellence converge. With small class sizes and passionate educators, we provide all students a dynamic 21st-century education. Our curriculum emphasizes core subjects, information technology, the arts, and life skills through innovative and engaging teaching methods. We grow our students as capable and deserving readers, writers, mathematicians, scientists, and artists while promoting respect and dignity in every classroom. Come to our district and discover a safe, positive environment where every student thrives academically and socially. Experience success, community, belonging, and fun!

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Inclusive environment with robust learning experiences supported by the local community
- > Renowned music and drama programs recognized for state and national achievements
- > Comprehensive physical education and health curriculum promoting lifelong wellness

FUTURE READINESS

We're dedicated to nurturing student success through personalized support and rigorous challenges. We believe in the potential of every child, providing them with the tools and strategies to excel. Our Vision of the Graduate fosters essential "super skills" like collaboration, communication, and critical thinking, preparing students for success in all aspects of life. We empower our learners with a growth mindset, encouraging them to make confident decisions and to embrace challenges with resilience. We stop at nothing to see every student thrive and achieve their best.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > 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 theater program beginning at the elementary level
- > Internship and work-study programs available



SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We offer a wide variety of CIAC interscholastic sports, including Unified Sports, and provide many opportunities for students to get involved with extracurricular clubs and activities. Visit our website for the full list and additional information.

FUN FACT

The proud legacy of the Portland Brownstone Quarry: From 1690 to 1938, skilled workers excavated and shaped the Quarry’s signature brownstone that was used across our country and world to construct famous and lasting landmark buildings. Today, the quarry serves the public as a locally beloved amusement park and thrill-seeking destination.



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering KG (Age 5) through grade 10 residing in Zone 4 (zip codes 06106 or 06114) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

- Valley View School (PK4-1)
- Gildersleeve School (2-4)
- Brownstone Intermediate School (5-6)
- Portland Middle School (7-8)
- Portland High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

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“Portland Public Schools – where community inquiry and agency help each student and all students shine. Come on over!”



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Rocky Hill School District



CITY: Rocky Hill, CT
GRADES: KG-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Gain the skills to become a lifelong learner equipped with critical thinking skills, creativity, and global awareness.

Rocky Hill Public Schools is dedicated to creating an inclusive environment where every student can excel. Our mission is to cultivate a learning atmosphere where students achieve their utmost potential, preparing them for meaningful lives and responsible citizenship. Our vision for graduates encompasses critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, global awareness, and lifelong learning. With an emphasis on resilience and civic engagement, we ensure students emerge as self-directed individuals ready to make a difference. Our students come from diverse backgrounds, speaking 36 languages, enriching our community with a variety of cultures and perspectives.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Diverse and inclusive community enriched by students from 35 countries speaking 36 languages
- > Active Education Foundation securing grants to support innovative STEM programs
- > Strong focus on academic rigor with numerous AP and Early College Experience courses

FUTURE READINESS

We are dedicated to fostering the academic, personal, and social growth of every student. Our unwavering commitment to high-quality education is rooted in the belief that everyone possesses unique talents deserving of support. We provide a supportive and inclusive community where students are empowered to pursue passions, achieve goals, and make meaningful contributions. Through our commitment to excellence, we inspire a lifelong love of learning and empower students to realize their full potential both inside and outside the classroom.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Safe and welcoming schools
- > High academic standards
- > 1:1 technology for grades KG-12
- > Rigorous KG-12 curriculum
- > Numerous AP and Early College Experiences (ECE) at the high school
- > Competitive athletics, intramural sports, and various clubs to meet a variety of interests
- > Active Education Foundation securing grants like Cox Charities
- > Community Investment and PhRMA to support STEM programs



SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We offer students a wide variety of CIAC interscholastic sports including Unified Sports, as well as opportunities to get involved with extracurricular clubs and activities. Visit our website for the full list and additional information.

FUN FACT

Rocky Hill Public Schools worked with state legislators and representatives to propose legislation recognizing the Dilophosaurus as Connecticut's State Dinosaur, a bill that became law in July 2017.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering KG (age 5) through grade 10 residing in Zone 4 (zip codes 06106 or 06114) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit ChooseYourSchool.org.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

- Myrtle H. Stevens School (PK-3)
- West Hill School (PK-3)
- Moser School (4-5)
- Albert D. Griswold Middle School (6-8)
- Rocky Hill High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents grades kindergarten through 12 are transported to and from the school district at no cost

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Wethersfield School District



CITY: Wethersfield, CT
GRADES: KG-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice



Reach your fullest potential by gaining the skills to excel as a lifelong learner and responsible global citizen.

The Wethersfield Public School System consists of seven schools serving 3,700 students from PreK to grade 12. We pride ourselves on strong community partnerships and active parental involvement, which enhance student success. Our system includes five neighborhood K–6 elementary schools, ensuring a smooth transition to middle and high school. With a diverse curriculum that includes athletics, arts, and co-curricular activities, we foster talent exploration. Guided by dedicated faculty, our mission is to empower each student’s success and holistic development.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Collaborative effort among schools, students, families, and community agencies dedicated to unlocking students’ full potential
- > Diverse curriculum with Advanced Placement (AP) and UConn ECE courses
- > Emphasis on social-emotional learning and responsible citizenship

FUTURE READINESS

Our goal is to equip every student for success through a comprehensive educational program. We’ve identified three core competencies that shape our Vision of a Graduate, guiding our mission and values. Our vibrant community inspires students to excel as lifelong learners and global citizens. We cultivate engaged, accepting, and gracious leaders, empowering them to thrive. At our schools, every student is supported to achieve their fullest potential and become a leader primed for success.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Diverse selection of Advanced Placement (AP) and UConn Early College Experience (ECE) courses
- > 1:1 Technology for all students
- > Emphasis on SEL (Social and Emotional Learning)
- > High school equity team
- > Career Counseling
- > Partnerships with higher education institutions, local businesses, and foundations
- > 93.7% Four-Year Graduation Rate



SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

We offer students a wide variety of CIAC interscholastic sports including Unified Sports, as well as opportunities to get involved with extracurricular clubs and activities. Music programs include Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Choir, and Instrumental Music. We also offer Keane Foundation After School enrichment programs and a wide variety of freshman, JV, and varsity athletics, as well as theatrical productions. Visit our website for the full list and additional information.

FUN FACT

Wethersfield, founded in 1633-34, has its niche in history as “Ye Most Ancient Towne” in Connecticut, as set out by the Code of 1650 — “Colonial Records of Connecticut.”

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Hartford residents with students entering KG (age 5) through grade 10 residing in Zone 4 (zip codes 06106 or 06114) may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

Alfred W. Hanmer School (KG-6)
 Charles Wright School (KG-6)
 Emerson-Williams School (KG-6)
 Highcrest School (KG-6)
 Samuel B. Webb Elementary School (PK3-6)
 Silas Deane Middle School (7-8)
 Wethersfield High School (9-12)

TRANSPORTATION

Hartford residents grades kindergarten through 12 are transported to and from the school district at no cost

WEBSITE

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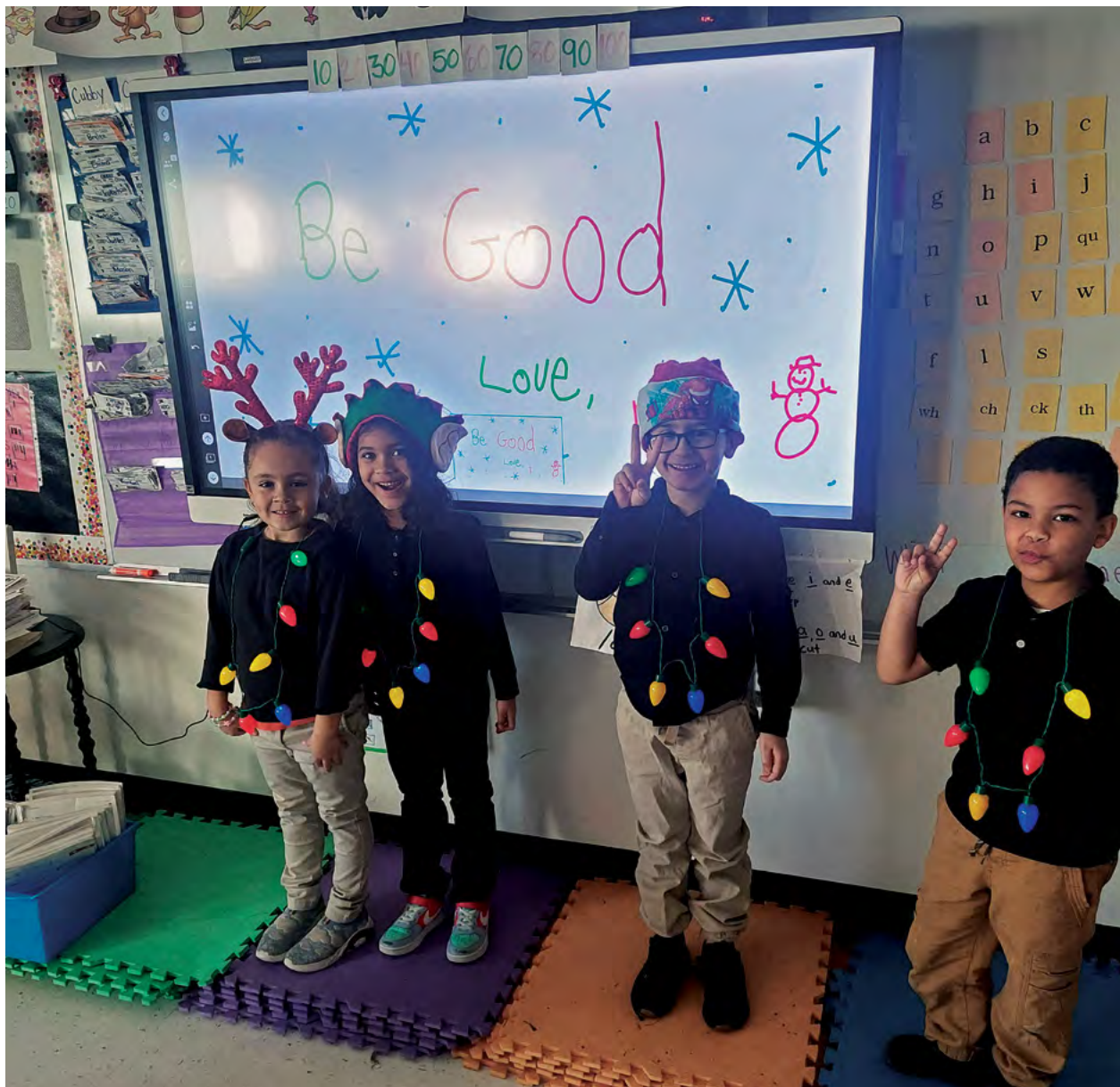
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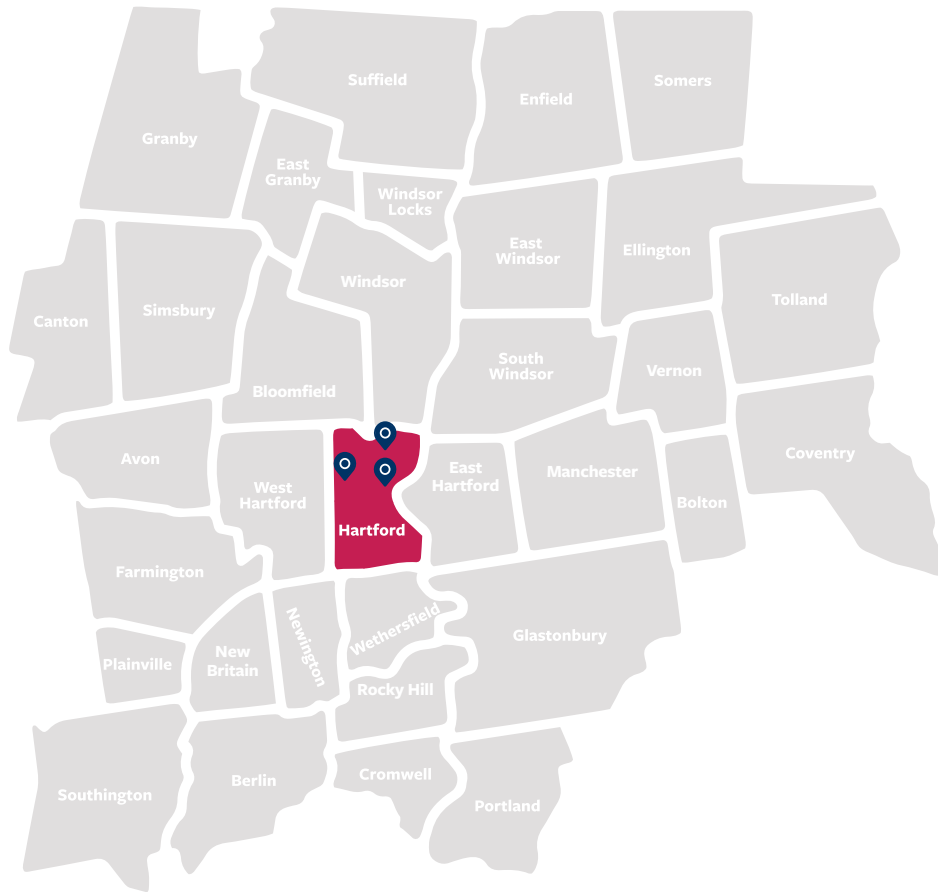
Open Choice Schools for Non-Hartford Residents

Public schools grades KG-8

The Open Choice Program for non-Hartford residents allows students living outside of Hartford to attend certain non-magnet public schools in Hartford from kindergarten through the end grade at the school. This program includes specialized programming tailored to enhance students' educational experiences.



Open Choice Public Schools Map

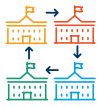


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^a Non-Hartford resident families must complete a separate application with Hartford Public Schools for Renzulli Gifted and Talented Academy. Please find the application at <https://www.hartfordschools.org/o/renzulli/page/admissions-process>.

Expeditionary Learning Academy at Moylan School (ELAMS)

OPEN CHOICE



CITY: Hartford, CT
GRADES: KG-5
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice
SPECIALIZATION: Expeditionary Learning



Develop the skills to become a leader who tackles academic challenges with resilience, fosters personal growth, and makes a positive impact on the community.

At ELAMS, we inspire students to be “CREW, Not Passengers” by nurturing a community that values academic excellence, high-quality work, and strong character. Our CREW lessons, guided by our Compass for Learners, instill “Courtesy, Craftsmanship, Resilience, and Responsibility.” As an Expeditionary Learning-themed school, our students engage in challenging tasks, critical thinking, and collaborative learning. We foster a joy for learning and a passion for service, developing thinkers and leaders who embrace academic challenges, build character, and contribute positively to the community.



WHY CHOOSE US?

- > We foster students’ joy of learning and passion for helping others.
- > Students participate in learning expeditions, fieldwork, and service learning.
- > We partner with community organizations for unique enrichment opportunities.



FUTURE READINESS

All students have access to 1-to-1 technology. They engage in learning “Expeditions” integrating reading, writing, and service learning. We partner with parents for academic success through Student-Led Conferences, allowing students to share learning and set future goals. Weekly CREW meetings support whole-child development, integrating arts through community partnerships.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Weekly CREW meetings support the development of the whole child
- > Community partnership with Hartford Performs integrates the arts into our curriculum
- > Robust partnerships with Trinity College, the Boys & Girls Club of Hartford, and Horizons at Westminster

STUDENT SUCCESS STORY

One of our staff members, Elisha Joseph, is a graduate of our school. Elisha heads our school climate initiatives and tirelessly works with our students to help build their character. He has had additional success as an author, real estate agent, and NFL player. He uses these experiences to form deep connections with our school community.



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Non-Hartford residents with students entering KG through grade 5 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

DISTRICT

Hartford Public Schools

ADDRESS

101 Catherine Street
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HOURS

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UNIFORM

Yes

AFTER CARE

Yes (fee-based)

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“ELAMS is an inclusive school environment. We are one big happy family. Our students are amazing, and our staff is truly invested in our students’ academic, physical, and emotional well-being.”

– Maria Rivera, Family & Community Services Support Provider

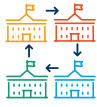


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Global Communications Academy

OPEN CHOICE



CITY: Hartford, CT

GRADES: KG-8

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice

SPECIALIZATION: International Baccalaureate (IB)



Prepare to be a successful global citizen through rigorous academics and an education that cultivates international-mindedness.

At Global Communications Academy, we empower students to become global citizens. Through our internationally designed curriculum, we offer diverse opportunities for intellectual, academic, social, and communication growth. Our rigorous programs spark curiosity and encourage deep inquiry. We promote both individual and collective voices, fostering respect for humanity and the environment. Our scholars are future world leaders!

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > We embrace the diversity of our students, staff, families, and communities.
- > As part of the Association of IB (International Baccalaureate) World Schools, we offer the Primary Years Programme in grades KG-5.
- > We prepare students for world citizenship through rigorous academics and international-mindedness.

FUTURE READINESS

Our focus on project-based learning and exhibiting work helps students develop presentation and public speaking skills necessary for success in middle school, high school, college, and life. We have a rigorous standards-based curriculum (International Baccalaureate-aligned in the elementary grades) and include a range of college and career readiness programming across all grades KG-8.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Our international school design provides opportunities to develop intellectual, academic, social, and communication skills
- > Spanish taught to all students in grades KG-5
- > Global teachers and staff instill a college-bound mindset from kindergarten
- > Students are asked to think critically and develop leadership skills for the 21st century



SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Grades 3-8 students have access to year-round sports. Grades 6-8 have basketball and cheerleading. Sports offerings are subject to change. Visit our website for more information.



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Non-Hartford residents with students entering KG through grade 6 may apply. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For more details on eligibility, how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

DISTRICT

Hartford Public Schools

ADDRESS

85 Edwards Street
Hartford, CT 06120

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UNIFORM

Yes

AFTER CARE

Yes (fee-based)

WEBSITE

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“We prepare our students for world citizenship by requiring students to learn a second language beginning in kindergarten.”

– School staff

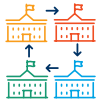


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Renzulli Gifted and Talented Academy

OPEN CHOICE



CITY: Hartford, CT

GRADES: 4-8

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Open Choice

SPECIALIZATION: Gifted and Talented



Hone your talents through engaging, enriching experiences that equip you to tackle real-world challenges and develop the critical thinking skills needed to excel in any path you choose.

At Renzulli Gifted and Talented Academy, we offer high-quality and distinctive programs for gifted and talented youth. Our approach is centered on the Schoolwide Enrichment Model (SEM), which emphasizes deep engagement through enjoyable and challenging experiences aligned with students' interests. The SEM achieves its goals by nurturing talents in all children, offering a wide array of advanced enrichment opportunities, and providing follow-up advanced learning based on individual passions.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > The SEM emphasizes engagement and enjoyable learning experiences based on students' interests.
- > We provide a broad range of advanced enrichment experiences for all students.
- > We give students the opportunity to solve real-world problems and develop critical thinking skills.

FUTURE READINESS

We believe in developing the talents of all children. Our mission is to instill a lifelong desire to learn and excel by developing intellectual aptitude, motivation, curiosity, and commitment to learning. Students solve real-world problems and develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills, preparing them for any path they choose. Instruction centers around the SEM, including enrichment clusters, exploratory activities, and individual and small group investigations.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Extensive library with over 8,000 volumes
- > Full-time music program: two bands, string ensemble, and general music classes
- > Accelerated art classes and enrichment opportunities
- > After-school offerings: middle school sports, karate, and e-Games club
- > Finalists in the CT spelling bee annually
- > Recognized by the Governor’s Reading Challenge three times

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Basketball, Track and Field, Soccer, and Girls Volleyball. Homework, Chess, Anime, Storytelling, Coding, Community Project, Literacy Book Activities, Award-winning Band and Instrumental Program, Talent Show/Art Show, Composition Night, Math Night, Science Night, Enrichment Clusters. Offerings vary by grade level. Visit our website for more information.



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

Non-Hartford residents with students entering grades 4 through 6 may apply. A separate application is required to apply to the Renzulli Gifted and Talented Academy. For more information about how to apply, contact the school directly at 860-695-2140 or visit www.hartfordschools.org/o/renzulli.

DISTRICT

Hartford Public Schools

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“We celebrate learning. Renzulli students take pride in all their hard work. Through celebrating learning, students congratulate themselves, reflect, and begin again—important skills for lifelong learners.”

– School staff



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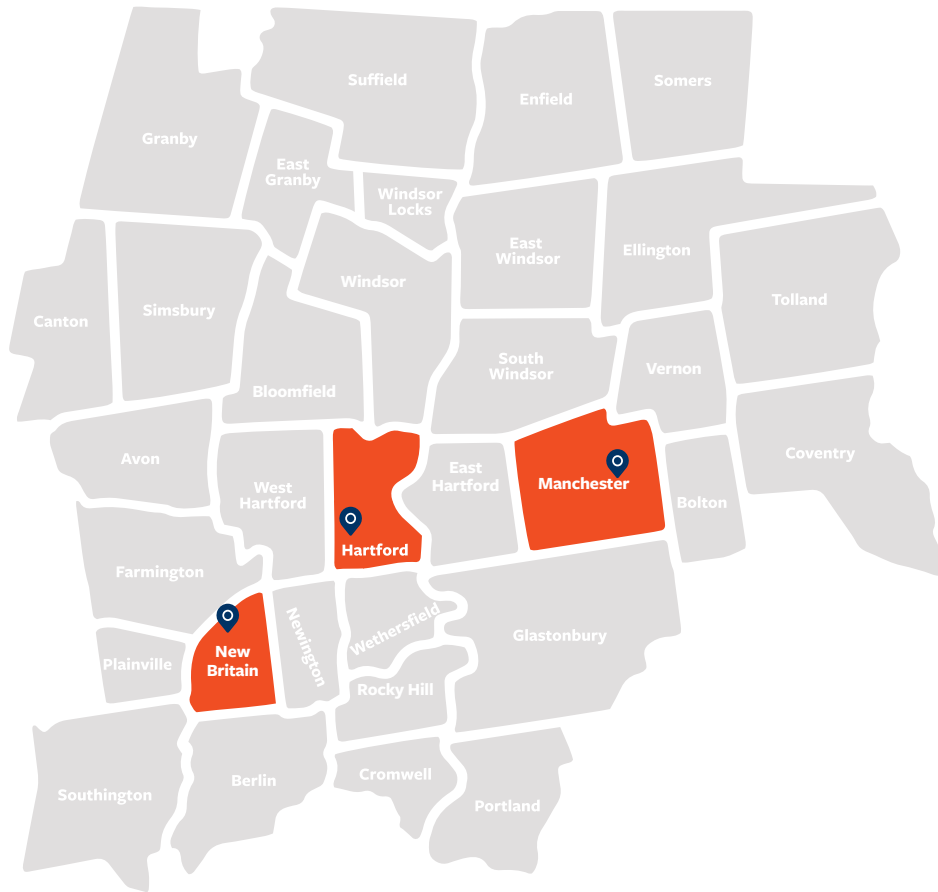
Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS)

Grades 9-12

There are three Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS) high schools in the Greater Hartford Region: A.I. Prince Technical High School, E.C. Goodwin Technical High School, and Howell Cheney Technical High School. With a combined emphasis on practical skills and traditional academic subjects, students participate in hands-on learning and career-focused training to prepare them for immediate employment, apprenticeships, and college.



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A.I. Prince Technical High School



CITY: Hartford, CT
GRADES: 9-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: CTECS
SPECIALIZATION: Career & Technical Education



Get the skills and credentials needed to excel in various trades and academic settings, preparing you for a great career in the global workforce.

At A.I. Prince Technical High School, we offer students the chance to master skills in various career and technology programs while earning a high school diploma and industry-recognized credentials. Students learn a skilled trade in one of 15 different career fields—like culinary, carpentry, or manufacturing—and complete a challenging certification program that prepares them to meet Connecticut’s skilled workforce needs or continue their trade studies after high school. Additionally, they have access to Advanced Placement (AP) and UConn Early College Experience (ECE) Program classes. We pride ourselves on a culturally diverse and supportive environment that welcomes students from over 30 towns.

Unlike a traditional high school where a student has 182 days to complete state-mandated academic requirements, our students split their time between academics and career and technical education, mastering state standards for academic courses in 91 days and trade courses in the other 91 days. Students rotate between academic and CTE courses approximately every two weeks. Ninth-grade students participate in all of the technical programs offered at our school through the Exploratory Program. This experience allows students to engage in the various career path opportunities before choosing one that will set the framework for their education in grades 10-12. As part of their CTE curriculum, students in grades 11-12 take part in the CTECS Student Workforce Program, which is designed to give them practical, hands-on experience and real-world application of learned theoretical skills.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- State-of-the-art classrooms and industry-standard equipment in every trade shop
- Programs aligned with regional workforce needs, preparing students for high-demand careers
- Comprehensive preparation for the workforce, apprenticeships, higher education, or occupational certificate programs

FUTURE READINESS

Our students are prepared with essential skills and real-world experience, making them work-ready and adaptable. They develop problem-solving abilities, respect for cultural differences, and professional communication skills. Through the CTECS Student Workforce, students gain hands-on experience by working directly with employers and paying customers, ensuring they are well-prepared for their chosen careers. Leadership opportunities and rigorous academic and technical education equip students for future success.



CAREER PATHS

- > Aerospace Component Manufacturing
- > Architecture
- > Automotive Collision, Repair, and Refinishing Technology
- > Automotive Technology
- > Carpentry
- > Criminal Justice and Protective Services
- > Culinary Arts
- > Digital Media
- > Electrical
- > Graphic Design
- > Hairdressing and Cosmetology
- > Health Technology
- > Information Technology
- > Masonry
- > Plumbing and Heating



CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Animation, Art, Astronomy, Crafts, Dance Troupe, Digital Book, Drama, Drill & Step Team, Falcon Fitness, Intramurals, GSA, Hiking, National Honor Society, Poetry, Senior Mentor Program, SkillsUSA, Student Council, Student Leadership Program, and Ski Club

SPORTS

Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Indoor Track, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball, and co-op opportunities like Swimming



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

All Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering 9th grade can apply to CTECS. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For details on how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

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“Coming to a tech school has taught me a lot of useful things that can be transferred to other jobs. I knew this is where I wanted to be because of the creativity involved.”

– Chelsea, Graphic Design



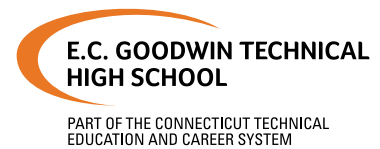
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E.C. Goodwin Technical High School



CITY: New Britain, CT
GRADES: 9-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: CTECS
SPECIALIZATION: Career & Technical Education



Prepare for a successful career by gaining the skills and credentials in various trades that give you a competitive edge in the workforce.

At E.C. Goodwin Technical High School (E.C. Goodwin Tech), part of the Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS), we provide students with opportunities to master skills in career and technology programs while earning a high school diploma, CTE certification, and industry credentials. Our students learn a skilled trade in one of 13 different career fields like health technology, carpentry, and precision machining, preparing them for Connecticut’s workforce needs or further education. We embrace diversity and welcome students from over 30 towns.

Unlike a traditional high school where a student has 182 days to complete state-mandated academic requirements, our students split their time between academics and career and technical education, mastering state standards for academic courses in 91 days and trade courses in the other 91 days. Students rotate between academic and CTE courses approximately every two weeks. Ninth-grade students participate in all of the technical programs offered at our school through the Exploratory Program. This experience allows students to engage in the various career path opportunities before choosing one that will set the framework for their education in grades 10-12. As part of their CTE curriculum, students in grades 11-12 take part in the CTECS Student Workforce Program, which is designed to give them practical, hands-on experience and real-world application of learned theoretical skills.



WHY CHOOSE US?

- > State-of-the-art classrooms and industry-standard equipment in every trade shop
- > Programs aligned with regional workforce needs, preparing students for high-demand careers
- > Comprehensive preparation for the workforce, apprenticeships, higher education, or occupational certificate programs

FUTURE READINESS

Our students are work-ready, creative problem solvers, and respectful professionals. Through the CTECS Student Workforce, they gain hands-on experience by working with employers and paying customers. This real-world experience ensures they are well-prepared for their chosen careers; it equips students with time management skills, adaptability, and the ability to thrive in fast-paced environments. Our graduates are prepared to enter the global workforce, pursue high-demand apprenticeships, enroll in higher educational institutions, or complete two-year occupational certificate programs.

CAREER PATHS

- > Automotive Technology
- > Carpentry
- > Culinary Arts
- > Electrical
- > Hairdressing and Cosmetology
- > Health Technology
- > Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC)
- > Information Technology
- > Landscape Design, Installation and Equipment
- > Mechanical Design and Engineering
- > Plumbing and Heating
- > Precision Machining
- > Robotics and Automation



CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Green Technology Club, HOBY, National Honor Society, Music Club, SkillsUSA, Student Council, and more

SPORTS

Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Indoor Track, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Swimming and Diving, Track and Field, Volleyball, Wrestling



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

All Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering 9th grade can apply to CTECS. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For details on how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

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“If I went to a regular 9-12 high school and then wanted to pick up my trade in college, I wouldn’t have gotten the physical hands-on experience and that is what stood out to me.”

– Zachary, Manufacturing student



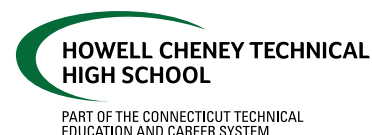
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Howell Cheney Technical High School



CITY: Manchester, CT
GRADES: 9-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: CTECS
SPECIALIZATION: Career & Technical Education



Get the hands-on training and industry-recognized credentials needed to have a competitive edge in the global workforce.

At Howell Cheney Technical High School (Cheney Tech), part of the Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS), we provide students with opportunities to master skills in career and technology programs while earning a high school diploma, CTE certification, and industry-recognized credentials. Our students learn a skilled trade in one of 11 different career fields like information technology, carpentry, and manufacturing, preparing them for Connecticut’s workforce needs or further education. Cheney Tech is a culturally diverse setting that welcomes students from over 30 towns.

Unlike a traditional high school where a student has 182 days to complete state-mandated academic requirements, our students split their time between academics and career and technical education, mastering state standards for academic courses in 91 days and trade courses in the other 91 days. Students rotate between academic and CTE courses approximately every two weeks. Ninth-grade students participate in all of the technical programs offered at our school through the Exploratory Program. This experience allows students to engage in the various career path opportunities before choosing one that will set the framework for their education in grades 10-12. As part of their CTE curriculum, students in grades 11-12 take part in the CTECS Student Workforce Program, which is designed to give them practical, hands-on experience and real-world application of learned theoretical skills.



WHY CHOOSE US?

- > State-of-the-art classrooms and industry-standard equipment in every trade shop
- > Programs aligned with regional workforce needs, preparing students for high-demand careers
- > Comprehensive preparation for the workforce, apprenticeships, higher education, or occupational certificate programs

FUTURE READINESS

Our students are work-ready, creative problem solvers, and respectful professionals. Through the CTECS Student Workforce, they gain hands-on experience by working with employers and paying customers. This real-world experience ensures they are well-prepared for their chosen careers. Leadership opportunities and a rigorous academic and technical education equip students with time management skills, adaptability, and the ability to thrive in fast-paced environments.

CAREER PATHS

- > Automotive Technology
- > Carpentry
- > Culinary Arts
- > Diesel and Heavy-Duty Equipment Repair
- > Digital Media
- > Electrical
- > Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC)
- > Information Technology
- > Mechanical Design and Engineering
- > Precision Machining
- > Welding and Metal Fabrication



CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

After-school Programs, National Art Honor Society, National Honor Society, Rho Kappa, SkillsUSA, Student Council, Yearbook

SPORTS

Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

All Hartford and non-Hartford residents with students entering 9th grade can apply to CTECS. The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) handles the application and placement process. For details on how to improve your chances, tips for your application, and important rules, visit **ChooseYourSchool.org**.

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“Being able to go to school and study what I was truly passionate about for half the year was ideal for me.”

– Justin, Information Technology student



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Agricultural Science & Technology Education Schools (ASTE)

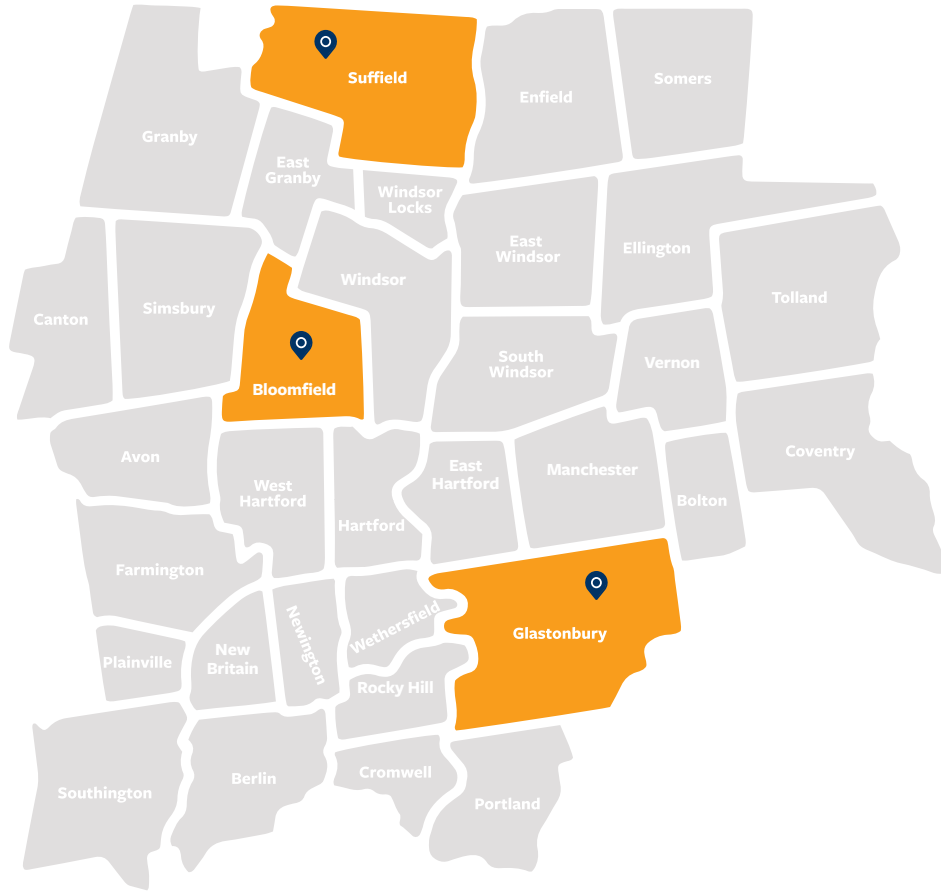
Grades 9-12

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. Specific programs vary across each of the three ASTE centers. These programs, located in Bloomfield, Glastonbury, and Suffield, provide opportunities for students to receive college credit in high school.

Hartford students entering the 9th grade may apply. Students do not apply to an ASTE school through the RSCO application but must apply separately.



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D.F. Harris Sr. AgriScience Center



CITY: Bloomfield, CT
GRADES: 9-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: ASTE
SPECIALIZATION: College and Careers: Agricultural Science and Technology



Gain classroom and hands-on experience in agricultural science and technology, preparing for college and careers in fields such as animal science, agribusiness, and natural resources.

The D.F. Harris Sr. AgriScience Center at Bloomfield High School prepares students for futures in agricultural science and technology. Our program focuses on animal science, agribusiness, agricultural mechanics, aquaculture, biotechnology, food science, marine technology, natural resources, and horticulture. As one of three ASTE programs in the Greater Hartford Region, we offer high-quality educational opportunities aligned with the Agricultural Food and Natural Resource standards and NGSS, developing students into well-rounded leaders ready for success in agriculture, business, and industry.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Hands-on curriculum integrating agriculture and science with leadership and employment skills
- > Real-world experiences through research, internships, and community partnerships
- > Strong emphasis on leadership development through participation in the National FFA Organization

FUTURE READINESS

We prepare students for futures in animal science, agribusiness, agricultural mechanics, aquaculture, biotechnology, food science, marine technology, natural resources, and horticulture with a rigorous curriculum that combines agricultural science with practical work experience and leadership education. Through classroom and laboratory instruction, students gain hands-on skills in their chosen fields. Our Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program provides work placements, and our leadership training through the National FFA Organization equips students with public speaking, teamwork, and community service skills, preparing them for leadership roles in agriculture and beyond.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Earn college credits through partnerships with UConn, Post University, and local community colleges
- > Comprehensive athletic programs at Varsity and Jr. Varsity levels
- > Designated as a “Community for Music Education”
- > Partnerships with MDC, DEEP, universities, and businesses provide students with valuable real-world experiences

SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Students have the opportunity to participate in 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.



FUN FACT

Our students have had the opportunity to work in salmon pens off the coast of Nova Scotia.

COMMUNITY

Our regional Consulting Committee for Agricultural Science Education is comprised of business and industry professionals, parents, and student stakeholders. This team focuses on strengthening outreach to local professionals and organizations, providing work-based learning opportunities for students and bridging the gap between school and the workforce.



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

The Harris Agriscience Center, an ASTE school, is an option for students entering 9th grade. Students do not apply to an ASTE school through the RSCO application but must apply. Visit <https://bhs.bloomfieldschools.org/page/agriscience> for application and program information.

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“I absolutely loved the AgriScience program because it was so fun, diverse, and thorough, really solidifying my passion to study veterinary medicine.”

– Kristen Greenwood, Alumni,
now on the Animal Science
Pre-Veterinary track at
UConn



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Glastonbury Regional AgriScience Center



CITY: Glastonbury, CT
GRADES: 9-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: ASTE
SPECIALIZATION: College and Careers: Agricultural Science and Technology



Gain classroom and hands-on experience in agricultural science and technology, preparing for college and careers in fields such as animal science, plant science, and natural resources.

The Glastonbury Regional AgriScience Center prepares students for futures in various agricultural fields, including animal science, agricultural mechanics, natural resources, and plant science. Our program offers opportunities to earn college credits in the animal science and plant science pathways and industry certifications in animal science and agricultural mechanics. As one of three ASTE programs in the Greater Hartford Region, we provide a comprehensive education that equips students with the skills and knowledge needed for success in the agricultural sector.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Comprehensive high school program with access to Advanced Placement (AP), Early College Experience (ECE), honors, and college preparatory courses
- > No cost to families; tuition and transportation are covered by the local Board of Education
- > Strong focus on hands-on experiences, real-world applications, and leadership development in agriculture

FUTURE READINESS

We prepare students for the future by combining theoretical knowledge with practical, hands-on experiences. Our program offers four career pathways: Natural Resources, Animal Science, Plant Science, and Agricultural Mechanics. Our students graduate with a well-rounded education that includes academic knowledge, practical skills, leadership development, and a strong connection to the agricultural community. These skills and values position students for success in various educational and career pathways within the agricultural sector.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > Two students placed 10th and 13th in the floral design competition at the Big E
- > Forty-eight students competed in District and State Level competitions
- > Twenty-five students earned Tractor Safety and Driving Certification in Agricultural Mechanics
- > Twenty-six students received an Animal Care certificate in Animal Science
- > Seven students placed in the CT Agriscience Fair

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Students can participate in intramural/interscholastic athletics and various clubs and activities at Glastonbury High School. Contact the school for additional information.

FUN FACT

Glastonbury High School’s Landscape Design Team captured first place at the Big E in 2021.



COMMUNITY

The Glastonbury AgriScience Program has a parent and alumni group called “The Friends of the FFA” that supports students by running fundraisers and assisting with various school events. They offer scholarships to senior graduates and donate back to the program to support students. We also have a large community base of industry professionals who speak to our students about career options and collaborate on special projects.

APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

The Glastonbury AgriScience Center, an ASTE school, is an option for students entering 9th grade. Students do not apply to an ASTE school through the RSCO application but must apply separately. Contact the school for application and additional program information. **Application deadline is December 19, 2024, for the 2025-26 school year.**

ADDRESS

330 Hubbard Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033

HOURS

7:25 AM - 2:15 PM

UNIFORM

No

WEBSITE

Scan QR code below

CONTACT

AgriScience@glastonburyus.org
860-652-7200 (main office)
860-652-7200 x11101 (Ag Center)

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“I came to the Glastonbury AgriScience Program because of their extensive animal science pathway. I want to become a veterinarian, so this program offered me an opportunity to learn more about animals. It was a perfect match!”

– Manuela, Hartford, CT



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Suffield Regional AgriScience Center at Suffield High School



CITY: West Suffield, CT
GRADES: 9-12
TYPE OF PROGRAM: ASTE
SPECIALIZATION: College and Careers: Agricultural Science and Technology



Gain classroom and hands-on experience in agricultural science and technology, preparing for college and careers in fields such as animal science, agribusiness, and natural resources.

The Suffield Regional AgriScience Center at Suffield High School prepares students for futures in various agricultural fields, including animal science, agribusiness, agricultural mechanics, aquaculture, biotechnology, food science, marine technology, natural resources, and plant science. Our program combines theoretical foundations with hands-on laboratory experiences, reinforcing classroom learning through practical application. As one of three ASTE programs in the Greater Hartford Region, we offer students opportunities to earn college credit while gaining real-world skills that prepare them for success in the agricultural industry.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- > Strong communication skills, teamwork, and leadership development
- > Comprehensive program integrating classroom knowledge with real-world agricultural experiences
- > Opportunities to participate in the Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program, building career skills and exploring interests

FUTURE READINESS

We prepare students for the future by offering a rigorous curriculum that combines academic knowledge with practical skills and leadership development. Our Ag STEM Extension program helps students build foundational skills, expand their interests, and care for the agriscience center, earning SAE hours. The program benefits all students by developing relationships and career skills and exploring agricultural interests. Students graduate ready for college, business, and the workforce, with a strong foundation in agricultural science and technology.



SPECIAL FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- > The Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program provides real-world career experiences in various agricultural fields
- > Students can participate in five SAE categories: Placement/ Internship, Ownership/Entrepreneurship, Research, School-Based Enterprise, and Service Learning
- > The Suffield Regional AgriScience Program offers students a rigorous curriculum that prepares them for rewarding careers in agriscience disciplines



SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Students have the opportunity to participate in intramural/ interscholastic athletics and various clubs and activities at Suffield High School. Contact the school for additional information.

STUDENT SUCCESS STORY

Avery, a shy student from a sending town, joined Suffield High School's agriscience program due to her love for animals. Despite initial challenges, she grew into a leader, serving as Chapter President of the Suffield FFA. Her journey in the program, especially developing public speaking skills, led her to pursue journalism. Avery is now a freshman at UConn and a sports reporter covering the football and hockey teams.



APPLYING TO SCHOOL CHOICE

The Suffield AgriScience Center, an ASTE school, is an option for students entering 9th grade. Students do not apply to an ASTE school through the RSCO application but must apply separately. Visit shs.suffield.org/agriscience-center for application and program information.

ADDRESS

1060 Sheldon Street
West Suffield, CT 06093

HOURS

7:30 AM - 2:10 PM

UNIFORM

No

WEBSITE

shs.suffield.org/agriscience-center

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