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**Hartford Public Schools  
School Year 2011-2012  
Choice Parent Brochure**

# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process

## School Year 2011-2012

### **Mission**

Hartford's system of schools exists to provide all students with access to participation in a global economy through attainment of Academic Standards of the State of Connecticut and readiness for post-secondary education.

The Hartford Public Schools' Choice Process offers parents an opportunity to choose and apply to a variety of theme-based or neighborhood Hartford schools for their children.

Regional Choice schools such as magnet, vocational are not a part of this process.

Parents interested in their children applying to **Hartford Magnet, Vocational or Technical** schools should contact the Regional School Choice Office at 860-757-6188 or visit them at [www.magneteducation.org](http://www.magneteducation.org).

### **Vision**

Hartford Public Schools is a system of high performing, distinctive schools of Choice. The attainment of Hartford students in reading, math, science, and college readiness will reflect the high educational outcomes of the State of Connecticut.

### **Purpose**

Providing more school choices is a critical part of the plan to improve our schools and increase student achievement. The Hartford Choice plan will provide options for families based on student needs and higher education and career interests.

**This document contains information about the intra-district Hartford Public Schools' Choice Process for school year 2011-2012. Information in this brochure is subject to change. An up-to-date version is available on the Hartford Public Schools website. Please contact the Choice Department at (860)- 695-8876 should you have questions.**



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# Hartford Public Schools' Choice Process School Year 2011-2012 Important Dates for Parents/Guardians

Important Dates	First Day	Last Day
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade High School Bus Tour	11/9/10	11/9/10
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade High School Bus Tour	11/17/10	11/17/10
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade High School Bus Tour	12/2/10	12/2/10
Choice Brochure Online at HPS Website- <a href="http://www.hartfordschools.org">www.hartfordschools.org</a>	11/20/10	8/29/11
Choice Brochure Available at HPS Schools, Central Office, Public Libraries	11/20/10	8/29/11
Choice Online Application on HPS Website - <a href="http://www.hartfordschools.org">www.hartfordschools.org</a> and <a href="http://www.HPS Choice.org">www.HPS Choice.org</a>	01/10/11	3/31/11
Choice Parent Fair 1 with RSCO	11/20/10	11/20/10
Choice Parent Fair 2 with RSCO	12/11/10	12/11/10
Choice Parent Fair 3 with RSCO	1/5/11	1/5/11
Application assistance at Capital Prep	1/29/11	1/29/11
Application assistance at Noah Webster	2/19/11	2/19/11
Application assistance at Hartford Public Library	TBD	TBD
Choice Lottery Run	4/15/11	4/15/11
Choice Placement Letters Mailed to Parent/Guardians	4/30/11	4/30/11
Parent Responses of Acceptances/Declines Due to Choice Office	5/15/11	5/15/11
Registration at Schools	Ongoing	Ongoing

## Choice Parent Information Sessions

- ◆ A. I. Prince Technical High School, Saturday, November 20, 2010  
401 Flatbush Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106 (860) 951-7112  
9:00 a.m. – Noon
  
- ◆ Mary M. Hooker Magnet School, Saturday, December 11, 2010  
200 Sherbrooke Street, Hartford, CT 06106 (860) 695-3760  
9:00 a.m. – Noon
  
- ◆ University of Hartford Magnet School, Tuesday, January 5, 2011  
196 Bloomfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06117 (860) 236-2899  
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



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### Choice Facts

#### 1. Hartford Choice Program

Hartford Choice Schools program provides intra-district (within district) enrollment options for students on a space available basis. For example, Hartford students can enroll in a Hartford public school other than their assigned "neighborhood school."

Hartford Choice program intradistrict enrollment options include only Hartford Public schools that are **NOT MAGNET** schools.

#### 2. Student Participation in Hartford Choice Program

Parents are **NOT REQUIRED** to submit a Choice application when they want a child to remain in their current school and the school has the child's next grade level.

- All parents are **REQUIRED** to participate when their child:
  - Enters elementary school (Kindergarten).
  - Enters high school grade 9.
  - Has never attended a Hartford Public school, therefore is new to the district.
  - Was not enrolled in a Hartford Public School at the end of 2010-2011 school year and is now returning to the district.
- Parents may **CHOOSE** to participate when:
  - A school adds new grades, such as Bellizzi School added grade 4 this school year.
  - A new school of interest to the parent and child opens in the district.
  - Transportation will not be provided for your child and you want your child to attend a school where it will be provided.
  - The parent wants to change their child from one school of Choice to another school of Choice for other reasons, such as limited seats are available.

#### 3. Special Education Services at School Choices

- Students requiring Special Education services will follow the same Choice procedures as all Hartford students. Any special education services required will be provided at the new school.

If you have questions regarding special education services or building accessibility contact Senior Director of Special Education, Ellen Stoltz at 860-695-8550 or email her at: [stole001@hartfordschools.org](mailto:stole001@hartfordschools.org).



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#### 4. Bilingual Services at School Choices

- All schools must provide ESL and bilingual services when students requiring these services are enrolled.

#### 5. Homeless or Foster Students

- Homeless and foster students can participate in the Choice process as all Hartford students.

Homeless and foster students can participate in the Choice process as all Hartford students. If you have questions regarding homeless and foster children services contact Doris Kirkland, Family Service Specialist and Homeless Liaison at (860) 695-8637 or email her at: [dkirkland@hartfordschools.org](mailto:dkirkland@hartfordschools.org).

#### 6. Seat Availability

- The Hartford school district has 25 elementary schools and 11 secondary schools. Some schools will not participate in school year 2011-2012 Choice process when there are no seats available in the school to place new students.

**Most seats are available at the schools' entry grade, such as Kindergarten and 9<sup>th</sup> grade.**

For a list of schools and grades participating in school year 2011-2012 Choice process, please see:

- page 12 - elementary schools
- page 39 - secondary schools

#### 7. Parent Responsibilities

- Parents are required to select four school Choices. If your child is in elementary school, one of the school Choices **must** be within the student's home.
- Parents who participate in the Choice process must complete 3 important and necessary steps.
  - **Step 1:** Complete an application on time
  - **Step 2:** Respond by mail to accept the school placement
  - **Step 3:** Register their child at the new school
- Some Choice schools have been designed to focus on an area of specialization, teaching methods, and unique themes that are different from traditional public schools.



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#### 8. Right School for Your Child

- The right school choice for your child will depend upon a number of factors, educational needs, interest, goals, school location, and transportation.

Parents are highly encouraged to participate in one of the four information sessions to find the right fit (school) for their child. Please see page 4 for information session details.

#### 9. School Transportation

- Transportation **will be** provided when a child in grades:
  - Kindergarten, 1, 2 must live more than one-half mile from the school
  - Grades 3, 4, 5, must live more than one mile from the school
  - Grades 6, 7, 8, must live more than one and half miles from the school
  - Grades 9, 10, 11, 12, must live two miles or more from the school
- Transportation **will be** given to high school students who live 2 miles or more from their school.
- Transportation **will not** be provided for elementary students placed in a school outside of their home zone.
- Foster children will be provided transportation regardless of school or home.

#### 10. Choice Application Process

- The Choice Application with instructions can be found on the Hartford Public Schools website [www.hartfordschools.org](http://www.hartfordschools.org) or [www.HPSChoice.org](http://www.HPSChoice.org).
- The Choice Application must be completed and submitted online.
- There are no paper applications.
- If your child is currently enrolled in the Hartford Public School district, you **MUST** have your child's Student ID to complete an application. Student IDs can be obtained from your child's school.



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#### 11. Application Timeframe

- A fully completed Choice Application may be submitted online between **January 10, 2011 and March 31, 2011 midnight**.
- A fully completed application is **REQUIRED** for each child the parent wants to participate in Choice.

#### 12. Application Due Date

- No application will be processed until after the deadline on March 31, 2011.
- **The application MUST be submitted online by March 31, 2011 midnight.** If not, your child will not be included in the Choice Lottery.

#### 13. Application Confirmation Page

- A Confirmation Page including student name, Student ID, school Choices, confirmation date, confirmation time and confirmation number will display after the application is submitted online.
- It is **highly recommended** that parents print a copy of the Confirmation Page. This is your only proof that you submitted an application.

#### 14. Application Allowable Changes After Submission

- Changes to an application may be made after the application is submitted.
- Changes to an application can be made **only** online until the **March 31, 2011** midnight deadline. Please note changes **will not** be accepted on the telephone.

#### 15. Application Denial

- A Choice Application will be denied if incorrect or false information is provided in the application.

#### 16. Lottery Run Date

- Choice Lottery will run the week of **April 15, 2011**.



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#### 17. Choice Lottery School Placements

- School placement is performed by an automated process known as the Choice Lottery. The Lottery makes school placements based upon:
  - Grade Level
  - Neighborhood school
  - Siblings attending same school
  - Available seats
  - Student Home Zone
  - Alumni of Say Yes Program

#### 18. School Placement Letter

- Parents will receive a school placement letter for each child's application submitted.
- Each child's placement letter will include the placement school and placement grade.
- Placement letters will be mailed to parents in May 2011.

#### 19. School Placement Accepted/Declined

- Parents should sign and date the Accept Placement letter. The signed placement letter should be returned to:

Hartford Board of Education  
Office of School Design  
960 Main Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Hartford, CT 06103

- Parent responses must be received by May 15, 2011.
- If the Choice Team does not receive your child's placement letter by May 15, 2011 the placement will be considered DECLINED, and your child will lose the seat at the placement school.

#### 20. Wait List

- There will be a wait list created after the Lottery. A student is placed on a waitlist at their first choice school, IF they did not win a seat at their first choice school.

#### 21. Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) Registrations

- Parents must go directly to the school to register their children for Pre-K except when the school Choice is Betances Early Reading Lab or Breakthrough II.



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#### 22. Opportunity High School

- Opportunity High School is a grades 9-12 school designed for students who are:
  - at least 16 years-old and
  - have 5 or less high school credits and
  - have repeated the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Opportunity High application process includes an interview and space is limited. Please contact the school directly for more information about how to apply at **695-5980**. There is a school description on **page 49** of this brochure.
- Opportunity High **does not** participate in the Choice lottery but is available at the Information sessions to answer your questions.

#### 23. Adult Education Center

- Hartford Adult Education Center is a school designed to assist adult learners (ages 17 or older) in their pursuit of English language proficiency, secondary education completion, and skills needed for postsecondary opportunities and/or the workforce.
- Hartford Adult Education Center application process includes providing:
  - Proof of Hartford residency
  - Proof of Last high school attended indicating they have been officially withdrawn from school for at least six (6) months if applying to the GED program
  - Withdrawal form with a parent or guardian signature if 17 years old

Please contact the school directly for more information about how to apply and programs offered at **695-5840**. There is a school description on **page 50** of this brochure.

- Hartford Adult Education Center **does not** participate in the Choice lottery but is available at the Information sessions to answer your questions.



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### Choice New Online Application

#### Submitting an Application

- The Choice online application will be available from **1/10/2011 thru 3/31/2011 ONLY** on the Hartford Public Schools website:  
[www.hartfordschools.org](http://www.hartfordschools.org) or [www.HPSChoice.org](http://www.HPSChoice.org) .
- The Choice online application **must** be completed and submitted online.
- There are **NO** Choice paper applications and will **not** be available or accepted.
- There are six easy steps required to complete a Choice application.
  - **Step 1: Enter Personal Information (name, address, etc.)**
  - **Step 2: Enter Current School Information**
  - **Step 3: Enter Sibling Information (brothers and sisters)**
  - **Step 4: Select School Choices**
  - **Step 5: Enter Parent/Guardian Signature**
  - **Step 6: Print Application Confirmation Page**
- Detailed instructions are displayed on the front page and throughout the application.
- Informational messages will display during data entry of application, for example “Address must be correct as used during lottery placement”. These messages will help ensure the information entered is accurate.
- After an application is submitted, a Confirmation Page will display.
- The Confirmation Page will display important information you just entered (student ID, student name, four school Choices). Parents are required to verify the data is correct by checking a box on the page.
- The Confirmation Page is printable. Parents should print this page.
- The completed application **is not** printable.
- Parents may make changes to a submitted application by the **March 31, 2011** application deadline. For example, a parent may move and need to change the home address on the application.
- A new Confirmation Page with the **original confirmation number** will display each time changes are made to an application. Parents should print the revised page.



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### School Choices – Grades

#### Zone 1 Hartford Choice Schools

- AF Hartford (K, 1, 2, 3, 4)  
(Located at 305 Greenfield Street)
- AF Hartford (5, 6, 7, 8)  
(Located at 305 Greenfield Street)
- Breakthrough II (PK-age 3 and 4 – 5th gr.)
- Culinary Arts Academy (9-12)  
at Weaver High School
- Global Communications (K-4, 7,8)
- Journalism & Media Academy (9-12)  
(Temporarily located at Weaver High School)
- ML King (K-8)
- Rawson (PK-5)
- Rawson Middle School Academy (6-8)
- West Middle (PK-8)

#### Zone 2 Hartford Choice Schools

- America's Choice at SAND (K-8)
- Clark (PK-8)
- Core Knowledge at Milner (PK-8)
- Simpson-Waverly (K-8)
- Wish (PK-8)

#### Zone 3 Hartford Choice Schools

- Batchelder (PK-8)
- HPHS-Freshman Academy (9)  
(HPHS Freshman Academy will be the feeder school for the Law & Government Academy and the Nursing Academy)
- HPHS-Engineering & Green Technology (9-12)
- HPHS-Law & Government (10-12)
- HPHS-Nursing (10-12)
- Kennelly (PK-8)
- Latino Studies at Burns (PK-8)  
(.5 walk zone only, all grades)
- McDonough Expeditionary Learning Academy (6-8)
- Moylan (PK-5)
- Moylan Montessori (PK age 3)
- Parkville (PK-5)
- Sanchez (PK-5)

#### Zone 4 Hartford Choice Schools

- Asian Studies Academy @ Dwight/Bellizzi (PK-2)  
(Located at 585 Wethersfield Avenue)
- Asian Studies Academy @ Dwight/Bellizzi (3-8)  
(Located at 215 South Street)
- Betances (PK age 4 – 3<sup>rd</sup> gr.)
- Bulkeley High School, Lower School (9-10)
- Bulkeley High School, Humanities Studies (11-12)
- Bulkeley High School, Teacher Preparatory Studies (11-12)
- Burr (PK-8)
- High School, Inc.: Hartford Insurance and Finance Academy (9-12)
- MD Fox CommPACT School (K-7)  
MD Fox will be run out of a temporary facility for the 2011-2013 school years until major renovations to the entire building are complete)
- James H. Naylor Professional Development School (PK-8)  
(.5 walk zone only, all grades)

**\*Current McDonough, Moylan, Parkville and Sanchez students in grade five (5), will have a preference into McDonough Expeditionary Learning Academy (6-8).**

**\*McDonough and Moylan students will automatically roll into grade six (6) at McDonough.**

**\* MD Fox will not offer PK for a 2 year period. MD Fox will be run out of a temporary facility for the 2011-2013 school years until major renovations to the entire building are complete. Grades 1-6 will be in a temporary location (site to be confirmed)**

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## Achievement First (AF) Hartford Academy (Elementary Grades)

**Location:** 305 Greenfield Street, Hartford, 06112 (former Fox Middle building)  
**Phone:** 860-695-5280

**School Type:** District Charter School

**Grades:** K, 1, 2, 3, 4

**Elementary Principal:** Claire Shin

**Email:** [claireshin@achievementfirst.org](mailto:claireshin@achievementfirst.org)

**School Hours:** Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Friday 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Will be shared with parents during orientation

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

### Theme

The AF Hartford Academy is a new school modeled after the highly-successful Achievement First Academy in New Haven. The school will provide a rigorous academic environment in which all students can achieve excellence. Hartford students will gain the critical skills and knowledge to excel in high school, college, and the competitive world beyond. The AF Hartford Academy will foster positive character development and students will develop sophisticated social skills, a commitment to honorable values, and a commitment to responsible citizenship.

### Academic/School Programs

- Comprehensive elementary curriculum geared toward college preparation
- Reading mastery in the early grades
- Strong math and science skills
- Student understanding of their own history, the world in which they live, and the history and culture of many different countries and people
- After-school opportunities
- Field studies that expand the curriculum beyond the classroom
- Active parent involvement is required as defined by the School Compact

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## **Achievement First (AF) Hartford Academy (Middle Grades)**

**Location:** 305 Greenfield St, Hartford, CT 06112 (former Fox Middle building)

**Phone:** 860-695-6760

**School Type:** District Charter School

**Grades:** 5, 6, 7, 8

**Middle School Principal:** Jeff House

**Email:** [jeffhouse@achievementfirst.org](mailto:jeffhouse@achievementfirst.org)

**School Hours:** Monday – Thursday 7:30 am. – 4:00 p.m. and Friday 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Will be shared with parents during orientation

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## America's Choice at SAND

**Location:** 1750 Main St, Hartford, CT 06120

**Phone:** (860) 695-5040

**Grades:** K-8

**Principal:** TBD

**Email:** TBD

**School Hours:** 7:45 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Will be shared with parents during orientation

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

### Theme

SAND Elementary School opened its doors in August 2009 under an exciting new school design called America's Choice. America's Choice provides a comprehensive research-based school design that focuses on standards-based curriculum and instruction, integrated assessment, high level and on-going professional development for teachers and leaders including on-site coaching, and a parent engagement plan. America's Choice has been adopted as a school reform model in over 1,000 schools nationally with a record of turnaround success.

Students will engage in their language arts curriculum using a Readers and Writers Workshop approach which provides a highly organized classroom structure where students take the lead within learning centers. Learning centers may include a poetry center, an arts center, a writing center, a drama center to provide students with depth of understanding of the piece of literature or the theme in their unit of study. The language arts curriculum will also include an Author and Genre Study that will provide exposure to diverse literature. Literacy Navigator and Mathematics Navigator are two intervention programs that will be used in this school to help students who are not currently meeting grade level expectations and just as importantly to stop the achievement gap before it begins. The Rituals and Routines classroom management approach will be built into the instructional system to ensure that all students are engaged in productive learning.

Within this new school model a rigorous middle school curriculum will be developed in grades 6-8 that overlays a Journalism theme, where students will focus on developing strong writing skills. This will serve as advanced preparation for students who want to apply to Hartford's Journalism and Media High School for grades 9-12.



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## Asian Studies Academy @ Dwight/Bellizzi

### Dr. Joseph J. Bellizzi Middle School

**Grade Levels:** 3-8

**Principal:** Stacy McCann

**Location:** 215 South Street, Hartford, CT 06114

**Email:** [mccas001s@hartfordschools.org](mailto:mccas001s@hartfordschools.org)

**Phone:** 860-695-2400

**School Hours:** 8:15 a.m. - 3:25 p.m.

**Afterschool:** 3:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m. (Compass)

**Dress code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

### Henry C. Dwight School

**Grade Levels:** PreK - 2

**Principal:** Stacy McCann

**Location:** 585 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06114

**Email:** [mccas001s@hartfordschools.org](mailto:mccas001s@hartfordschools.org)

**Phone:** 860-695-3400

**School hours:** 8:15 a.m. – 3:18 p.m.

**After School Hours:** 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. (Boys & Girls Club)

**Dress code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

### Mission

Bellizzi School will be redesigned during the 2011-2012 school year to the **Asian Studies Academy @ Dwight/Bellizzi**. The Asian Studies Academy will be a 3-8 school that provides Hartford students with a unique opportunity to explore Asian cultures and study Mandarin Chinese from grades K-8.

The Asian Studies Academy @ Dwight/Bellizzi is a second language school offering Mandarin Chinese. Based upon the international Asia Society model the school emphasizes global themes, proficiency in at least one foreign language, and exchange of ideas and shared project work with peers around the world.

### Academic Programs

- (Pending) Fulbright Application for Teachers
- Mandarin Chinese Language Study
- Student UN Council Program
- Debate Club

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## Batchelder Elementary School

**Location:** 757 New Britain Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106

**Phone:** 860-695-2720

**Grades:** PK – 8

**Principal:** Brenda Greene

**Email:** [greeb001@hartfordschools.org](mailto:greeb001@hartfordschools.org)

**School Hours:** 8:15 a.m. – 2:40 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Will be shared with parents during orientation; OPMED

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

### Mission

Batchelder Elementary School is a community school with a diverse PK-8 student population. We are committed to the intellectual and moral growth of all children. Students will master knowledge and skills, defined by state standards; take responsibility for their own learning; develop a healthy sense of self and respect for others; and be able to be well prepared for high school.

In support of these goals, we strive to:

- Build a school community characterized by high expectations, academic excellence, mutual respect, caring and humor.
- Provide a strong academic program to meet the individual needs of every student.
- Provide quality instruction in all classes.
- Engage with parents and community in meeting school goals.
- Create an environment for staff characterized by collegiality, collaboration and inquiry.

We seek to foster a process of learning and growth, which students will continue throughout college and their lives.

### Special Features

- Junior Achievement
- HJCL Reading Mentors
- Math ACCESS
- M squared M cubed After School Program
- Storytellers Club
- Student Council
- Intramurals
- Family Resource Aide
- Golf
- City Slickers



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## Betances Early Reading Lab School

**Location:** 42 Charter Oak Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106

**Phone:** 860-695-2840

**Grades:** PK age 4 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

**Principal:** Immacula Didier

**Email:** [didi001@hartfordschools.org](mailto:didi001@hartfordschools.org)

**School Hours:** 8:45 a.m. – 3:18 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Will be shared with parents during orientation

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

### Theme

Betances Early Reading Lab School provides an environment that nurtures, encourages, and challenges the growth of every child. This is accomplished through the school goals of increasing student achievement in reading, vocabulary development, math, and parent involvement.

Betances Early Reading Lab will focus on PK-3 early ready success. All teachers will receive extensive training in the teaching of reading and their classrooms will become model classrooms for the city. The school will focus on strategies that ensure that every child is reading on grade level by grade 3.

Betances Early Reading Lab utilizes the ‘Responsive Thinking Process’ Model of discipline which encourages students to think about their actions and create a positive action plan. Students are expected to hold themselves accountable for their own behaviors and are required to be respectful and responsible and try their best throughout the school day.

Parental involvement is encouraged through participation in the School Governance Team, Parent Teacher Organizations (Betances PTO), Student Assistance Teams, Open House, Parent Teacher Conferences, student awards’ assemblies, day-to-day at home, and class projects.

Betances Early Reading Lab will draw students from each Hartford school with approximately 25% of students from each. Students will return to schools for grade 4 – 8.

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## Breakthrough II Elementary School

**Location:** 395 Lyme Street, Hartford, 06112  
**Phone:** 860-695-6380

**Grades:** PK ages 3 and 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Principal:** Tammy Cassile

**Email:** [tcassile@hartfordschools.org](mailto:tcassile@hartfordschools.org)

**School Hours:** Mon.–Thurs.8:15 a.m.–3:55 p.m.; Friday ends at 2:45 p.m.; Enrichment 3:00 –4:00

**After School Hours:** 4:00-5:30 available for a fee

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

### Theme

Breakthrough II Elementary School is a new school modeled after the highly-successful Breakthrough Magnet School in Hartford. The **B.R.I.C.K.** character education theme raises student awareness in five major areas by showing children how:

- B** To change **Breakdowns to Breakthroughs** by applying problem solving strategies
- R** To take **Responsibility** for being the author of one's life by mastering one's self-talk and subsequent actions
- I** To understand how **Integrity** (keeping one's word) empowers relationships and goals
- C** To increase **Contributing** to others within the classroom, school and community
- K** To increase one's **Knowledge** in all areas to better inform one's Choices

### Academic/School Programs

The school utilizes an interdisciplinary curriculum that celebrates the rich international and ethnic diversity of the student body. Additionally, students will experience:

- Student electronic portfolios
- Foreign Language study (Spanish)
- Strong Unified Arts program including Visual Arts, Music, Physical Education and Technology
- Computer Lab and 4-6 computers per classroom
- Community service projects
- S.T.E.P. Parents program

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#### **Burr Elementary School**

**Alfred E. Burr Elementary School**

**Location:** 400 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06114

**Phone:** 860-695-3080

**Principal:** Donna Caldeira

**Email:** [dcaldeira@hartfordschools.org](mailto:dcaldeira@hartfordschools.org)

**Grade Levels:** PK – 8

**School Hours:** 7:45 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Subject to specific program

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

**Extended Day Program:** A.E. Burr School is a **Community School**. The Village for Families and Children is the Lead Agency for our extended day programming. The programming time is Monday through Friday for grades 1 – 8, 2:55 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Burr School was the recipient of a major construction grant and now has new and renovated classrooms, support service and administrative offices, a new gymnasium, a business education lab, two science labs, a redesigned library media center with attached offices and computer lab, a math lab, a new outside play area with plantings and paving, a designated parent resource room, and a new stage area with lighting and curtains.

#### **Theme**

Alfred E. Burr School's theme is **S**trong **T**raditional **A**cademics for **R**esponsible **S**tudents (S.T.A.R.S.). Alfred E. Burr School students will attain high educational outcomes in language arts, math, and science which will empower them to achieve success in high school and post-secondary education and to meet the challenges of becoming life-long learners. The Alfred E. Burr School is committed to the development of the highest academic, moral and ethical standards in our students. We strive to create a challenging, stimulating and safe environment that promotes attainment of Academic Standards of the State of Connecticut and the ability to effectively participate in the global economy.

#### **Academics / School Programs**

- Language Arts Block
  - K – 3 Mondo Program
  - 4 – 5 Literacy by Design – Rigby Program
  - 6 – 8 Readers' / Writers' Workshop Model
- Pre-kindergarten classes
- All-Day Kindergarten
- Manipulative-based Numeracy Program
- Inquiry Based Science Program
- Business Education for grades 7 and 8
- Girls' Town / Boys' Town Life Skills Program
- Positive Behavior Support
- Awards Assemblies and Incentive Programs
- PTO
- Community School
- Family Resource Center

# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process School Year 2011-2012 Choice School Descriptions - Elementary

## Clark Elementary School

John C. Clark, Jr. Elementary School

**Location:** 75 Clark Street, Hartford, CT 06120

**Phone:** 860-695-3240

**Principal:** Bill Chambers

**Email:** [wchambers@hartfordschools.org](mailto:wchambers@hartfordschools.org)

**Grades:** PK – 8

**School Hours:** 6:53 a.m. – 2:48 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Will be shared with parents during orientation

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

### Mission

John C. Clark Elementary School serves children from Pre-K through Grade 8. We promote a positive learning environment by providing literacy and numeracy initiatives, student recognition and family involvement programs for its students and parents.

### Teaching Practices

- Standards-based lesson planning & IEP development
- Common planning times for teachers to monitor student mastery of standards
- Monthly Student Academic Reviews
- Professional development
- Data/Student portfolios
- Use of instructional rubrics

### Literacy & Numeracy Initiatives

- Haskins (Reading Instruction)
- Empowering Writers
- Structured Read Aloud Process
- Book Voyagers Literature Circle
- Family Literacy/Numeracy Workshops
- Skeleton Bee: Not Too Cute to Spell
- Students Academic Review Process (STARplus)
- CREATE DRP Scholars Method
- “Beee” a fluent Reader
- First in Math online technology
- Math Jeopardy Game Show: Not Too Cute to Compute



# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process School Year 2011-2012 Choice School Descriptions - Elementary

## Core Knowledge Academy at Milner

**Location:** 104 Vine Street, Hartford, CT 06112; Thirmin L. Milner Elementary School  
**Phone:** 860-695-4380

**Grades:** PK - 8

**Principal:** V. Tyrone Richardson

**Email:** [Richv002@hartfordschools.org](mailto:Richv002@hartfordschools.org)

**School Hours:** 7:45 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Will be shared with parents during orientation

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

### Mission

The Core Knowledge Academy at the Thirman L. Milner School exposes the children to an array of life Choices by preparing them through a **solid, specific, sequenced and shared curriculum**. Our students will attain superior levels of academic performance and literacy skills through the use of a rigorous Core Knowledge curriculum, which will prepare them for college preparatory high school courses of study. They will learn and contribute to learning within a safe learning environment. The Milner Core Knowledge Academy will join a network of over 1400 other successful Core Knowledge schools nationally!

### Benefits of Core Knowledge for Students

- Provides a broad base of knowledge and a rich vocabulary.
- Motivates students to learn and creates a strong desire to learn more.
- Provides the knowledge necessary for higher levels of learning and helps build confidence.
- Provides an academic focus and encourages consistency in instruction.
- Provides a plan for coherent, sequenced learning from grade to grade.

### Benefits of Core Knowledge for Parents and the Community

- Provides a clear outline of what children are expected to learn.
- Encourages parents to participate in their children's education both at home and in school.
- Partners with community members to help provide instructional resources.
- Becomes an effective tool for lesson planning and communication among teachers and with parents.

### Academic /School Programs

Core Knowledge is an exciting, hands-on learning curriculum that provides students with a rich and broad knowledge base on which future instruction can build to ensure educational success. Each content area is specifically detailed and well sequenced. Both teachers and parents will know what students are expected to have learned the prior year, the current year, and the next school year so that content is taught consistently year-after-year and organized to spiral through the grade levels, becoming more sophisticated and detailed in each successive grade.

# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process School Year 2011-2012 Choice School Descriptions - Elementary

## Global Communications Academy

**Location:** Grades K and 4 – 150 Tower Avenue, Hartford, CT 06112  
**Location:** Grades 6, 7, 8 – 305 Greenfield Street, Hartford, CT 06112

**Phone:** 860-695-1960

**Principal:** Kimberly Stone-Keaton

**Email:** [stonk001@hartfordschools.org](mailto:stonk001@hartfordschools.org)

**Associate Principal:** Tayarisha Stone

**Email:** [stont001@hartfordschools.org](mailto:stont001@hartfordschools.org)

**School Hours:** Mon.-Thurs., 8:15 a.m. – 3:55 p.m., Friday ends at 2:45

**After School Hours:** Enrichment, one hour

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

### Theme

The Global Communications Academy is a creative partnership design, which enables all students to be highly prepared for college. The Global Communications Academy is based on an international school design and helps develop the intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills to live, learn, and work in a rapidly globalizing world by offering a rigorous international curriculum. Students will become bi-literate, learning to speak, write and read in two languages. Say Yes to Education provides students with the skills necessary to successfully pursue and complete a post secondary education. SAY Yes provides a scholarship and academic intervention program, which is committed to awarding scholarships for post-secondary education. Students will receive academic counseling, career exploration, college readiness workshops, extended day tutoring, mentors and a summer program. The school is designed around three major components: the Primary Year Program for grades Pre-K - 5; the Middle Years Program for grades 6 - 10; and the Diplomat Program for grades 11 and 12; all at one campus site.

### Academic/School Programs

- Curriculum designed to prepare international-minded citizens
- Second language study beginning in Kindergarten
- After school enrichment programs and academic support for all students
- Summer exploratory program for all students
- Financial assistance for college
- A study abroad, international or U.S.-based visit opportunity
- Active parent involvement is required as defined by the School Compact

# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process

## School Year 2011-2012

### Choice School Descriptions - Elementary

#### **Kennelly Elementary School**

**E.B. Kennelly Elementary School**

**Location:** 180 White Street, Hartford, CT 06114

**Phone:** 860-695-3860

**Grades:** PK – 8

**Principal:** Peter Dart

**Email:** [dartp001@hartfordschools.org](mailto:dartp001@hartfordschools.org)

**School Hours:** 7:45 a.m. – 2:10 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Will be shared with parents during orientation

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

#### **Theme**

E. B. Kennelly School offers a dynamic, comprehensive Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade curriculum which is aligned to state and national standards. High quality instruction, with flexible, responsive interventions is provided to all in literacy, numeracy, science, and social studies. Students also take classes in physical education, art, music, library research, computers, and health. In addition, our school counselor offers classes to students in grades 5 through 8 to provide instruction and guidance in goal setting, career education, service learning, and high school placement.

The Kennelly School community has positive expectations of all to be respectful, responsible, and safe. As you enter our building we remind all to “Be the change you wish to see in the world.”

#### **Academic/School Programs**

- Direct Instruction
- Comprehensive and challenging elementary standards-based curriculum
- Literacy Intervention and supports
- Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports
- Integrated English Language Learners program
- Multi-age/grade level opportunities
- Integrated 7th and 8th grade middle school teams with advanced Algebra placements
- Field studies which explore neighborhood and state-wide resources and environments
- Active parent involvement through the School Governance Council and PTO
- After school test prep and skill-building classes
- Before and after school programs offered through La Casa and OPMAD

#### **Special Features**

- Direct Instruction
- Accelerated Reading
- Accelerated Studies Program
- ESL Education
- Annual Science Fair
- Academic Awards Assemblies
- Honor Roll Tea
- Special Recognitions/Awards:



# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process School Year 2011-2012 Choice School Descriptions - ELeментарy

## Latino Studies Academy at Burns Elementary School

**Location:** 195 Putnam Street, Hartford, CT 06106

**Phone:** 860-695-2980

**Principal:** Dr. Lourdes Soto

**Email:** [lsoto@hartfordschool.org](mailto:lsoto@hartfordschool.org)

**Grade Levels:** PK – 8

**School Hours:** 7:45 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Latino Studies Academy at Burns Elementary is a **community school**. This means the school is a center of the community and is open to everyone – all day, every day, evenings and weekends. Specific programs will be shared with parents during orientation

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

### Theme

The Academy for Latino Studies is a dynamic PK-8 community-based school that will serve as Hartford's first of two language study schools. The sister school to this Academy will be the Asian Studies Academy to open in 2010. Both schools will interact through shared student activities and events. Students who complete the Latino Studies program will be promoted to a new Advanced World Languages high school where they can continue their world affairs and language-based studies.

All students at the Burns Academy of Latino Studies will participate in an inclusive educational program focusing on Literacy, Science, Social Studies, Art, Mathematics and Spanish which begins in kindergarten ensuring nine years of world language study. The curriculum will integrate a comprehensive study of the cultures, communications, languages, and communities of Latin American countries aligned with the standards and grade-level expectations outlined by the Connecticut State Department of Education.

### Partners

Partner: World Affairs Council of CT (WACCT)

**\* Latino Studies Academy has a .5 walk zone only for all grades.**

# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process School Year 2011-2012 Choice School Descriptions - Elementary

## **McDonough Expeditionary Learning Academy**

**Thomas J. McDonough Elementary School**

**Location:** 111 Hillside Avenue, Hartford CT 06106

**Phone:** 860-695-4260

**Principal:** Paula Erickson

**Email:** [ericp001@hartfordschools.org](mailto:ericp001@hartfordschools.org)

**Grade Levels:** 6-8

**School Hours:** 7:45 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Will be shared with parents during orientation

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

### **Theme**

Thomas J. McDonough Elementary School provides an environment in which students, staff and families are learners for life. The school community embraces culture, technology, and leadership skills as well as each individual's talents and interests. The students at McDonough Elementary School will develop the academic skills required to meet State of Connecticut standards.

The school community works collaboratively and shares in the decision-making in the school. The school will be first and foremost a safe and nurturing environment for all with a clear and consistent focus on students' academic achievement.

### **Additional Services**

Additional services are provided to our families through our Family Resource Room. *Read and Rise*- a program offered through the Urban League teaches parents how to help instruct their children regarding early literacy skills. Reading and math tutors are available. In addition, the Family Read Program helps parents develop skills to use when reading at home with their children.

**\*Current McDonough, Moylan, Parkville and Sanchez students in grade five (5), will have a preference into McDonough Expeditionary Learning Academy (6-8).**

**\*McDonough and Moylan students will automatically roll into grade six (6) at McDonough.**

# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process

## School Year 2011-2012

### Choice School Descriptions - Elementary

#### **MD Fox CommPACT School**

**Location:** 470 Maple Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06114  
**Phone:** 860-695-3600

**Principal:** Richard Quinn

**Email:** [quinr001@hartfordschools.org](mailto:quinr001@hartfordschools.org)

**Grade Levels:** K – 7

**School Hours:** 8:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Will be shared with parents during orientation

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

#### **Theme**

With the approval of the local Board of Education, the community of M.D. Fox Elementary School has adopted the CommPACT school model, a grassroots school design process that has legislatively provided funding that enables a partnership with the University of Connecticut NEAG School of Education. The partnership provides research-based instructional practices, professional development for teachers and staff and a leadership coach.

The CommPACT school model is largely based on the successful model used by the city of Boston called Pilot Schools. The school design requires a partnership between school leaders, teachers, parents, students and community leaders to guide and develop the school design. The middle school curriculum development will continue as the school develops into a PK-8 school.

#### **Special Features**

- Responsible Thinking Center
- Inclusive Educational Environment for all students
- Bilingual/ESL Education
- Tutoring program available for identified students
- Family Resource Center
- Full Health Service Clinic
- Clothes Pantry
- Annual Science Fair
- Comprehensive School Reform

#### **Technology**

M.D. Fox Elementary is utilizing a computer lab of 20 computers in the media center and classroom computers for student and teacher use. All computers have high speed internet access. Teachers are online with email and are in the process of integrating technology with the curriculum. Teachers are being trained through district initiatives and N.E.A.T. in order to better utilize technology in our school.

**\*MD Fox will be run out of a temporary facility for the 2011-2013 school years until major renovations to the entire building are complete)**

# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process

## School Year 2011-2012

### Choice School Descriptions - Elementary

#### **M. L. King Elementary School**

**Martin Luther King Elementary School**

**Location:** 25 Ridgefield Street, Hartford, CT 06112

**Phone:** 860-695-3980

**Principal:** Baxter Atkinson

**Email:** [batkinson@hartfordschools.org](mailto:batkinson@hartfordschools.org)

**Grade Levels:** K – 8

**School Hours:** 7:45 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Will be shared with parents during orientation

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

#### **Theme**

Dr. Martin Luther King School is a professional learning community with high expectations for all of their students, where cultural diversity is celebrated, and parent and community participation is the key to student success. It is our belief that providing a safe, stimulating and nurturing environment where children and adults are respected, valued, appreciated and motivated to develop, will create productive learners prepared for life in an informational and technological age.

Our mission is to provide a safe, nurturing environment that is child – centered. We develop and prepare students who achieve academic standards while demonstrating appropriate social skills and strong leadership skills. King School is a community for learning in which the parents, staff, students and community work cooperatively to attain these goals.

#### **Academic/School Programs**

King School strives to increase student achievement by implementing educational practices that will meet the needs of our students and staff. Teachers have weekly common planning time. All teachers have weekly collaborative meetings where they receive ongoing numeracy and literacy professional development and support from the buildings' academic coaches and administrators. Teachers participate in cross-grade level meetings, discuss student data, and develop SMART academic goals to help our students increase their overall academic performance.

#### **Special Features**

Annual Science Fair

Choir

Chinese Club

Enrichment Clusters

Family Resource Aide

Early Steps Program

Safety Patrol

Student Council

School-based Dental Clinic

Tutoring Programs

Peer Mediation



# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process School Year 2011-2012 Choice School Descriptions - Elementary

## Moylan Elementary School

**Location:** 101 Catherine Street, Hartford, CT 06106

**Phone:** 860-695-4500

**Grades:** PK - 5

**Principal:** Irene Coe

**Email:** [icoe@hartfordschools.org](mailto:icoe@hartfordschools.org)

**School Hours:** 8:15 a.m. – 3:25 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Will be shared with parents during orientation

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

### Mission

The mission of Moylan is to educate students to become self-sufficient and productive in a technologically sophisticated and culturally diverse world. Moylan School is a safe and supportive educational environment where parents, staff, and community share the responsibility to ensure student learning. To this end, students will become culturally aware, socially responsible, and independent, life long learners.

### Special Features

- YMCA Before and After Day Care
- School Based Dental Clinic
- Instructional Music Program
- Student Assistance Center
- Swimming Pool

### Community Partners

- Trinity College



# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process School Year 2011-2012 Choice School Descriptions - Elementary

## Moylan Montessori

**Location:** 101 Catherine Street, Hartford, CT 06106  
**Phone:** 860-695-4500

**Grades:** Pre-K Age 3 Only

**Principal:** Irene Coe

**Email:** [icoe@hartfordschools.org](mailto:icoe@hartfordschools.org)

**School Hours:** 8:15 a.m. – 3:25 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Will be shared with parents during orientation

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

### School Curriculum

Moylan Montessori School is based on the highly-successful educational methods of Dr. Maria Montessori. Montessori emphasizes learning through all five senses. Children in Montessori classes learn at their own, individual pace, and according to their own Choice of activities from hundreds of possibilities.

Montessori classes place children in multiage settings: ages 3-6, ages 6-9, and ages 9-12 forming communities in which the older children spontaneously share their knowledge with the younger one.

### Discovery and Exploration

Montessori classrooms are designed for a three-year age mix to allow for both individual and social development. Our classrooms encourage children to respond to their natural drive to work and learn. The children's inherent love of learning is encouraged by giving them opportunities to engage in spontaneous, meaningful activities. Through their work, the children develop concentration, motivation, persistence and discipline.

### Primary Classrooms

- Children ages 3-6
- Children learn in a multiage setting through hands-on activities which focus on practical life, sensorial experiences, language arts, mathematics, geography, biology, botany, art and music.
- The prepared environment is designed to facilitate maximum independent learning and exploration by the child.
- Children learn to work independently based on their own initiative, which builds concentration and self discipline

### Special Features

AMI Montessori Preschool

Program 5 Days a week

Beautiful Montessori Materials

Opportunity to continue in the Montessori

Program Half-Day Program for 3 and 4 years old

Association Montessori International Teachers

Multiage Classrooms

Philosophy through the High School Level

Moylan Montessori will grow over the coming years through grade six and the Hartford Public Schools is planning both a Montessori Middle School and High School – providing a MONTESSORI PATHWAY OF EDUCATION from PreK through Grade 12.

# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process

## School Year 2011-2012

### Choice School Descriptions - Elementary

#### **James H. Naylor Professional Development School**

**Dr. James H. Naylor School**

**Location:** 639 Franklin Avenue, Hartford, CT 06114

**Phone:** 860-695-4620

**Grades:** PK – 8

**Principal:** Robert Travaglini

**Email:** [travr001@hartfordschools.org](mailto:travr001@hartfordschools.org)

**School Hours:** 8:45 a.m. – 3:10 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Will be shared with parents during orientation

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

#### **Mission**

Dr. James H. Naylor School is a dynamic, diverse learning community. Our students demonstrate civic responsibility, as they become independent, competent and confident users of information and technology. Our students acquire, implement and master literacy, numeracy, critical thinking and problem solving skills, as they develop their physical and artistic potential.

Our safe educational environment supports collaboration among Central Connecticut State University, and our staff, teachers, families and our community.

Our commitment is to academic excellence and responsible citizenship. In pursuing this mission, we believe:

- High expectations apply to all
- Children have an innate desire to learn
- Each child is unique
- Learning should be fun
- Dr. James H. Naylor School is a Professional Development site in collaboration with Central Connecticut State University.

Collectively, our focus is targeted at increased student achievement. We work to achieve this through teacher preparation, professional development, technology and grants.

Our collaboration is a critical area of focus.

Naylor School was named after Dr. James H. Naylor. Dr. Naylor was born in Schuylerville, New York in 1869. After graduating from medical school, Dr. Naylor became a practicing physician in the city of Hartford, and became very active in civic affairs. He was a member of the South School District Committee and became its president in 1920. When the last school in the South District was opened in 1927, it was named after him as attribute to Dr. Naylor's great interest and concerns surrounding education.

Dr. Naylor's interests continue to flourish even today, as Naylor's school theme is "Building Leaders Through Civics and Technology."

**\* James H. Naylor Professional Development School has a .5 walk zone only for all grades.**



# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process

## School Year 2011-2012

### Choice School Descriptions - Elementary

#### **Parkville Elementary School**

##### **Parkville Community School**

**Location:** 1755 Park Street, Hartford, CT 06106

**Phone:** 860-695-4720

**Fax:** 860-695-232-7350

**Grades:** PK – 5

**Principal:** Elizabeth J. Michaelis

**Email:** [emichaelis@hartfordschools.org](mailto:emichaelis@hartfordschools.org)

**School Hours:** 7:45 a.m. - 2:18 p.m. (Oct-Feb 7:45 a.m. -2:48 p.m.)

**After School Hours:** Will be shared with parents during orientation

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

#### **Theme**

Located in the west central section of Hartford, Parkville Community School services grades PK-6. Parkville Community School is home to 515 students from diverse backgrounds, with approximately 10 countries represented. Parkville School utilizes a large source of data and student work samples to determine individual, classroom and school needs. A myriad of strategies, materials and professional development workshops are utilized to address the needs of our students. Children are encouraged to become independent learners and critical thinkers. Differentiated instruction, multiple intelligence theory and an interdisciplinary approach to teaching nurture these goals.

#### **School Mission and Vision**

Parkville Community School is a multicultural community that challenges active learners using differentiated instruction while creating a safe environment to nurture respectful, responsible citizens.

Parkville Community School provides a learning environment wherein all students learn to the maximum of their potential and are prepared for middle school. We envision Parkville Community School as a community of active learners and leaders who are provided with a variety of ways to develop and nurture self-confidence, respect for themselves and their school and larger community. The multicultural and multilingual educational setting ensures sensitivity to and knowledge of a variety of cultures, meaningful, connecting, and linking knowledge is provided to students by highly skilled and caring individuals.

#### **Academic/School Programs**

- Comprehensive elementary curriculum aligned to State Grade level Expectations.
- Reading mastery in the early grades
- Strong math and science skills
- After-school opportunities
- Active parent involvement is required as defined by the School Compact

The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program and The Positive Behavior Support Program are components of the school's daily routine. Parkville Community School continually seeks to develop and recognize positive behaviors within the same time strengthening the school climate.



# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process School Year 2011-2012 Choice School Descriptions - Elementary

## **Parkville Elementary School (continued)**

Parkville Community School

### **Community Partners**

- Boys and Girls Club
- Judy Dworin Artists-in Residence Program
- Parkville Senior Center
- Parkville Business Association
- Alianca Brasileira nos Estados Unidos
- Parkville Day Care Center
- Brazilian Cultural and Community Center of Hartford, Inc.

### **Special Recognitions/Awards**

- Received "**Hartford Rising Star School**" recognition
- Awarded **#1** performing school on the Superintendent targeted district goal for grade 5 on the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) 2009 Writing Assessment
- Parkville Community School is among the Highest Performing schools in Hartford based on the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT 2009) results and as evident on the 2009-2010 Hartford Public School Performance Matrix.

### **Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) Scores**

Parkville Community School **Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT)** scores continue to be on the rise, and have improved significantly in the areas of reading, writing and math.



# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process School Year 2011-2012 Choice School Descriptions - Elementary

## Rawson Elementary School

Sarah J. Rawson Elementary School

Grades: PK - 5

Principal: Gerald Martin

Email: [gmartin@hartfordschools.org](mailto:gmartin@hartfordschools.org) Phone: 860-695-4840

## Rawson Middle School Academy

Sarah J. Rawson Elementary School

Grades: 6-8

Principal: Catherine Horton

Email: [hortc001@hartfordschools.org](mailto:hortc001@hartfordschools.org) Phone: 860-695-6860

**Location:** 260 Holcomb Street, Hartford, CT 06112

**School Hours:** 8:15 a.m. – 2:48 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Will be shared with parents during orientation

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

### Mission

Sarah J. Rawson School provides a community partnership to promote cooperation, respect and appreciation of life long learning for all that ensures academic excellence, appropriate social and emotional development, self confidence and problem solving skills, and communication among all stakeholders. All students will acquire strong ethical values and will learn to demonstrate creativity and responsibility, while effectively meeting the challenges of a diverse and changing world.

The school currently serves a population of 766 students in grades Pre-Kindergarten to grade eight. The neighborhood has a strong bond of parents who care and are involved in the education of their children.

Rawson has a tradition of performance. It is one of the top performing schools in the City of Hartford. Students, parents and educators work together to ensure that learning performance is the most important factor in our neighborhood outside of safety. Rawson continues to have its students outperform the city average in all areas of district and state assessments.

Rawson has community programs in operation in the school before, after and during the summer vacation months. We have several community partnerships:

- Educational Main Street, University of Hartford
- Sister schools programs in Middletown and Meriden
- Parks and Recreation programs, City of Hartford
- RAMSACC, Rawson School Age Child Care Educational Center;
- Boys and Girls Club
- Urban Boy Scouts
- Friendship Summer Club
- 4-H Clubs of Greater Hartford
- Blue Hills Civic Association

# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process School Year 2011-2012 Choice School Descriptions - Elementary

## Sanchez Elementary School

**María C. Colón Sánchez Elementary School**

**Location:** 176 Babcock Street, Hartford, CT 06106

**Phone:** 860-695-4940

**Grade Levels:** PK-5

**Principal:** Myrella Lara

**Email:** [laram001@hartfordschools.org](mailto:laram001@hartfordschools.org)

**School Hours:** 7:45 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Will be shared with parents during orientation

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

**Special Programs:** Discovery Center Annual Overnight Trip for 5<sup>th</sup>; After School Partnership with Mi Casa; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Adventure Program; Hartford Performs; Science Fair (Winner- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade across district in 2010); Assemblies: Talent Show; Maria Sanchez Month (January); PR Discovery Day (Nov.); Holiday Programs; Yearbook; Student Council; Student of the Month celebration; Girl Scouts.

**Literacy Programs:** K-6: MONDO Reading Program; K-2: Waterford; Grade 6: Read 180.

**Facilities:** Full clinic (dental and vision services); auditorium; cafeteria, gym and full library/Media Center; underground parking lot.

**OTHER Services:** Bilingual Staff (English and Spanish) ; Psychologist; Social Worker, Pre K classrooms and active PTO

**Business and Community Partnerships:** MI Casa; ING; Hands on Harford; United Churches; Junior Achievement; IBM.

**Technology:** Wi Fi, student computers in every classroom; Computer lab (30 computers); Read 180 Computer Lab; Waterford Computers.



# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process

## School Year 2011-2012

### Choice School Descriptions - Elementary

## Simpson-Waverly Elementary School

**Location:** 55 Waverly Street, Hartford, CT. 06112  
**Phone:** 860-695-5160

**Grade Levels:** K – 8

**Principal:** Nicolas Jones

**Email:** [njones@hartfordschools.org](mailto:njones@hartfordschools.org)

**School Hours:** 7:45 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Will be shared with parents during orientation

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

### Theme

Our Mission is to develop a comprehensive educational program that nurtures students' academic, social and emotional growth. We will create life-long learners who will be productive citizens. Our instructional practices will stimulate imagination, creativity, critical thinking and ensure high levels of academic achievements.

### Academic/School Programs

We are a Professional Learning Community, working together to improve the academic status for our students. Our students learn and apply researched-based Reading and Math strategies. We have a 2 ½ hour uninterrupted Language Arts block. Within the Language Arts block we utilize guided reading to instruct our children.

### Special Features

- Houghton-Mifflin Reading Program
- Annual Science Fair
- Enrichment Opportunities
- Tutoring Programs

**The Renzulli Academy** at Simpson-Waverly is a program designed for students who have a passion for learning and are capable of gifted performance in school. Students should apply who are academically talented, task-committed, and curious. Especially important are original thinkers and who are open to discovering their gifts in a creative educational setting are prime candidates for this program. Intrinsic motivation, creativity and a high aptitude are characteristics that **Renzulli Academy** students should possess.

**The Renzulli Academy** is housed in a separate wing of Simpson-Waverly School and will, in the future, feature a technology-rich environment blended with a project-based curriculum. **The Renzulli Academy** will provide an environment that enriches students' academic and arts experiences and provides an avenue for academy students to participate in project based activities such as History Day and Science Fair.

**The Renzulli Academy** offers students opportunities to research and create exhibits in school. Further, opportunities for students to work with mentors in print and on-line in their fields of study will be offered. Parents will be an integral component of the success of this program. They will need to commit to a minimum of 5 hours of volunteer work per month. In return, we offer your child an opportunity to thrive in an environment dedicated to meeting the needs of the passionate learner both academically and creatively.

# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process School Year 2011-2012 Choice School Descriptions - Elementary

## West Middle Elementary School

**Location:** 927 Asylum Avenue, Hartford CT, 06105  
**Phone:** 860-695-5480

**Grades:** PK – 8

**Principal:** Sheilda Garrison

**Email:** [Garrs001@hartfordschools.org](mailto:Garrs001@hartfordschools.org)

**School Hours:** 8:45 a.m. – 3:10 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Will be shared with parents during orientation

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

### Mission

West Middle Elementary School (WMES) is a multicultural environment that dynamically educates children by fostering high expectation through a joint collaboration of school, home and a supportive community.

Located in Asylum Hill, grades include PreK-8, Bilingual, Special Education, and Language Transition Support Service classes. Nearly 800 students from 18 countries speaking 14 languages are housed in a campus of two buildings bordered by Asylum Avenue, Sigourney Street and Niles Street.

### Community Partners

Supporting WMES are Hartford Financial Services Inc., Neighborhood Revitalization Education Sub-Committee, Asylum Hill Congregational Church, ConnectiKids, Boys and Girls Club, Community Services Inc., and CT Parents Plus. The community connections are continuing to grow along with active participation. Representatives of these organizations are on the School Governance Council and are part of the leadership.

# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process School Year 2011-2012 Choice School Descriptions - Elementary

## Wish Elementary School

Fred D. Wish Elementary School

**Location:** 350 Barbour Street, Hartford, CT 06120

**Phone:** 860-695-5600

**Grades:** PK - 8

**Principal:** Lorraine White

**Email:** [lwhite@hartfordschools.org](mailto:lwhite@hartfordschools.org)

**School Hours:** 8:15 a.m. – 2:48 p.m.

**After School Hours:** 2:49 – 4:30 p.m.

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

### Theme

WISH students' academic and social skills are strengthened through active learning. Students at each grade level participate in several museum excursions during the course of the school year and then they research, write, and analyze various points of view, solve problems and engage in collaborative decision making as they create museum exhibits across various curriculum content areas.

### Philosophy

The Staff Members of Fred D. Wish Elementary School believe that children will maximize their academic potential in a warm, child-centered learning environment. We fully understand the importance of being caring and nurturing, as we educate our students and challenge their minds to achieve at the highest possible levels. We continually reach out to parents and the community, embracing their involvement in the education process.

### Mission

The mission of Fred D. Wish Elementary School is to LEAD our students to LEARN, EXPLORE, ACHIEVE, and DISCOVER their dreams and goals. They will LEARN to be critical thinkers, creative problem solvers, and independent and collaborative learners; EXPLORE the world by exposure to museum-related activities; ACHIEVE positive results through hard work and persistence; and ultimately DISCOVER their dreams and goals

### School Features

- Girls' & Boys Town Social Skills Program
- Instrumental Music Program
- Museum Excursions PK – 8
- "O" Ambassador School, selected by Oprah Winfrey's Angel Network
- UCONN Husky Sports Program
- Over 25 Business and Community Partners
- Accelerated Math Program
- Ice Skating Program, sponsored by The Hartford Insurance Co.
- Debate Club, Sponsored by Shipman & Goodwin
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- Tutoring, sponsored by The Phoenix
- SMARTIES, Extended-Day Program



# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process

## School Year 2011-2012

### School Choices – Grades

#### Zone 1 Hartford Choice Schools

- AF Hartford (K, 1, 2, 3, 4)  
(Located at 305 Greenfield Street)
- AF Hartford (5, 6, 7, 8)  
(Located at 305 Greenfield Street)
- Breakthrough II (PK-age 3 and 4 – 5th gr.)
- Culinary Arts Academy (9-12)  
at Weaver High School
- Global Communications (K-4, 7,8)
- Journalism & Media Academy (9-12)  
(Temporarily located at Weaver High School)
- ML King (K-8)
- Rawson (PK-5)
- Rawson Middle School Academy (6-8)
- West Middle (PK-8)

#### Zone 2 Hartford Choice Schools

- America's Choice at SAND (K-8)
- Clark (PK-8)
- Core Knowledge at Milner (PK-8)
- Simpson-Waverly (K-8)
- Wish (PK-8)

#### Zone 3 Hartford Choice Schools

- Batchelder (PK-8)
- HPHS-Freshman Academy (9)  
(HPHS Freshman Academy will be the feeder school for the Law & Government Academy and the Nursing Academy)
- HPHS-Engineering & Green Technology (9-12)
- HPHS-Law & Government (10-12)
- HPHS-Nursing (10-12)
- Kennelly (PK-8)
- Latino Studies at Burns (PK-8)  
(.5 walk zone only, all grades)
- McDonough Expeditionary Learning Academy (6-8)
- Moylan (PK-5)
- Moylan Montessori (PK age 3)
- Parkville (PK-5)
- Sanchez (PK-5)

#### Zone 4 Hartford Choice Schools

- Asian Studies Academy @ Dwight/Bellizzi (PK-2)  
(Located at 585 Wethersfield Avenue)
- Asian Studies Academy @ Dwight/Bellizzi (3-8)  
(Located at 215 South Street)
- Betances (PK age 4 – 3<sup>rd</sup> gr.)
- Bulkeley High School, Lower School (9-10)
- Bulkeley High School, Humanities Studies (11-12)
- Bulkeley High School, Teacher Preparatory Studies (11-12)
- Burr (PK-8)
- High School, Inc.: Hartford Insurance and Finance Academy (9-12)
- MD Fox CommPACT School (K-7)  
MD Fox will be run out of a temporary facility for the 2011-2013 school years until major renovations to the entire building are complete)
- James H. Naylor Professional Development School (PK-8)  
(.5 walk zone only, all grades)

**\*Current McDonough, Moylan, Parkville and Sanchez students in grade five (5), will have a preference into McDonough Expeditionary Learning Academy (6-8).**

**\*McDonough and Moylan students will automatically roll into grade six (6) at McDonough.**

# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process

## School Year 2011-2012

### Choice School Descriptions - Secondary

#### **Bulkeley High School: Lower School**

**Location:** 300 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06114; Located in Bulkeley High School  
**Phone:** 860-695-1202

**Principal:** Oscar Padua, Lower School

**Email:** [padu001@hartfordschools.org](mailto:padu001@hartfordschools.org)

**Grade Levels:** 9-10

**School Hours:** 8:15 a.m. – 3:25 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Will be shared with parents during orientation

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

#### **Theme**

Bulkeley High School is evolving its organizational structure to that of a lower (9-10) and upper (11-12) school with the purpose of providing a high quality academic education for all students, while creating an atmosphere that fosters positive relationships between staff, students and families.

The Bulkeley Lower School will focus on core subjects: English (Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening), Mathematics and Science in order to prepare for a successful upper school experience. Multiple forms of supports will be provided to ensure all students attain the knowledge/skills required for success. Students will be assigned to teams of teachers for their entire lower school experience. These teachers will work closely with the students to help master a rigorous set of standards that will prepare them for college coursework and the specialized/advanced courses in one of the three areas of study in the Upper School. For a student to move from the lower school they must earn a Certificate of Initial Mastery (CIM). The CIM is earned in an average of two years and reflects the mastery of skills.

#### **Academic/School Programs**

- Self-contained teams in the Lower School taught by the same team of teachers
- Mastery of core skills
- High expectations for all students
- Performance-based student work and assessments
- Theme-based programs for Upper School
- Support to ensure academic success
- Upper School course offerings aligned with college entrance requirements
- Student and family support with the college application process

# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process School Year 2011-2012 Choice School Descriptions - Secondary

## Bulkeley High School: Upper School

**Location:** 300 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06114; Located in Bulkeley High School  
**Phone:** 860-695-1010

**Principal:** Gayle Allen-Greene  
**Email:** [ggreene@hartfordschools.org](mailto:ggreene@hartfordschools.org)  
**Grades:** 11-12

**Upper School Hours:** 7:45 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Will be shared with parents during orientation

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

The Bulkeley Upper School will include three theme-based academic programs to prepare students for college.

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### **Academy: Bulkeley Teacher Preparatory Studies**

#### **Theme**

Hartford's Teacher Preparatory Pathway will encourage students to explore and pursue careers in the field of education. Students will have multiple opportunities to participate in project-based learning, community service and extra curricular activities that support the theme of the school. The Teacher Preparatory Pathway will provide its students with a rigorous, college preparatory program designed to build student awareness of the many options for pursuing a career in teaching. Teachers in this Pathway will share their passion and enthusiasm for teaching and will model research-based teaching and learning practices at all times.

#### **Academic/School Programs**

- A high level of academic rigor
- Curriculum focused on preparing students for a career in the field of education
- Credit for college courses
- Community service-learning
- Multiple teaching experiences
- Early college experiences

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### **Academy: Humanities Studies @ Bulkeley Upper School**

#### **Academic/School Programs**

The academic/school programs will include liberal arts (general studies) within a rigorous academic curriculum for students who want to attend college but who are not yet ready to commit to a specific career. The program base is an interdisciplinary curriculum with a thematic approach and is usually presented with an emphasis on the influencing philosophy of a particular time period.

Humanities studies typically include integrated studies in history, languages, literature, arts, philosophy, and religion.

# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process School Year 2011-2012 Choice School Descriptions - Secondary

## Hartford Culinary Arts Academy

**Location:** 15 Granby Street, Hartford, CT 06112; Located in Weaver High School  
**Phone:** 860-695-1733

**Grades:** 9-12

**Principal:** Matthew J. Conway

**Email:** [conwm001@hartfordschools.org](mailto:conwm001@hartfordschools.org)

**School Hours:** 7:45 a.m. – 2:13 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Will be shared with parents during orientation

**Dress Code:** Summer orientation is required and will include information on required business attire.

### Theme

The Hartford Culinary Arts Academy is a college preparatory small school for 400 students in grades 9-12. The Academy will engage students in a 21st Century learning environment that combines rigorous academic courses with a related sequence of career pathway courses focused on Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management. Students earn an industry recognized ProStart certificate by meeting the applied learning standards set forth by the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation. Students may also be eligible to earn dual college credits through area colleges.

### Academic/School Program

The Hartford Culinary Arts Academy will offer a core high school curriculum aligned with national and state standards that will meet college admission expectations. Additionally, the curriculum will be industry and national skill certification driven. The integration of career and technical course pathways aligned with a college readiness core curriculum will provide an interdisciplinary approach and real world relevance. An essential component of the curriculum will be mentoring and internships affiliated with local restaurants, hotel chains, and culinary institutions.

# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process School Year 2011-2012 Choice School Descriptions - Secondary

## High School, Inc: Hartford's Insurance & Finance Academy

**Location:** 275 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, CT 06103

**Phone:** 860-695-7100

**Grades:** 9-12 (Open seats in 9<sup>th</sup> grade only)

**Principal:** Terrell Hill

**Email:** [HillT001@hartfordschools.org](mailto:HillT001@hartfordschools.org)

**School Hours:** 8:45 a.m. – 4:35 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Will be shared with parents during orientation

**Dress Code:** Summer orientation is required and will include information on required business attire.

### Mission

The Insurance and Finance Academy is a college preparatory independent school model for 400 high school students, grades 9-12 who are interested in pursuing careers in the insurance and financial services industries. The curriculum will be based on the National Academy Foundation Finance model.

The mission of the Academy is to provide students with the skills necessary to pursue higher education and careers in the finance and insurance industries through a personalized learning environment and a rigorous and relevant curriculum. Students will experience a planned sequence of specialized elective academic and technical courses and be involved in the connection between the classroom and the real world through internships, mentoring and field work programs.

The themes of the Academy will be based on Hartford's Financial Services Cluster which includes:

- Insurance (incl. Health Insurance)
- Banking
- Investments/Securities
- International Business
- Financial Services

Major partners include: Connecticut Insurance and Financial Services (IFS) Cluster, Travelers Companies, Franklin Trust Federal Credit Union, Smith Barney (Citigroup), The Hartford Financial Services Group, Waddell & Reed



# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process School Year 2011-2012 Choice School Descriptions - Secondary

## Hartford Public High School: Freshman Academy

**Location:** 55 Forest Street, Hartford, CT 06105; Located in Hartford Public High School  
**Phone:** 860-695-1500

### (HPHS Freshman Academy will be the feeder school for the Law & Government Academy and the Nursing Academy)

**Grades:** 9

**Principal:** Tory Niles

**Email:** [tniles@hartfordschools.org](mailto:tniles@hartfordschools.org)

**School Hours:** 8:45 a.m. – 3:13 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Will be shared with parents during orientation

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

#### Theme

Students who enter Grade 9 at Hartford Public High School will enroll into the **Freshman Academy**. The Freshman Academy provides students with both enriched learning opportunities as well as the intervention supports they will need to meet grade-level expectations. In doing so, they will gain the prior knowledge necessary to complete a core college-readiness curriculum. The Academy supports active and engaging learning experiences within 90-minute blocks for both mathematics and language arts. The small setting within the larger high school allows students and staff to form relationships that enhance learning and creates a more “family-like” atmosphere. During their Grade 9 experience, students will take an exploratory course that will survey the variety of career pathways being offered during grades 10-12. Students will choose one of these pathways that will link their educational experiences to a career interest.

At the end of the 9th grade year students have the opportunity to choose one of three academies at Hartford Public High School: **Engineering and Green Technology Academy, the Law and Government Academy or the Nursing Academy**. These academies blend career themes into core academic courses to help students move toward graduation, college and other post-secondary opportunities. All academies are college-preparatory as well as skill-building in a thematic area.

#### Academic/School Programs

- College readiness core curriculum for Math, English, Science and Social Studies
- Interdisciplinary teaching teams with freshmen-only teachers
- Specialized curriculum with double-periods in English and Math
- Exploratory course for 10-12 career pathways of interest
- Self-contained academic teams of 125-150 students taught by the same four or five teachers
- Standards-based curriculum for intervention and enrichment levels

# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process

## School Year 2011-2012

### Choice School Descriptions - Secondary

#### Hartford Public High: Engineering & Green Technology Academy

**Location:** 55 Forest Street, Hartford, CT 06105; Located within Hartford Public High School  
**Phone:** 860-695-1300

**Grades:** 9-12

**Principal:** Jill Carey

**Email:** [carej001@hartfordschools.org](mailto:carej001@hartfordschools.org)

**School Hours:** 7:41 a.m. – 2:09 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Will be shared with parents during orientation

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

#### Theme

The Academy of Engineering and Green Technology is for students who have an interest in continuing their education after high school in engineering or a related field such as technology, environmental science, or scientific research. Students will take challenging courses to build on the following skills: creativity, critical thinking and problem solving, communication and collaboration.

#### Academic/School Program

All students will continue to build their core knowledge by taking classes required to earn a high school diploma in the state of Connecticut. The Academy will place a special focus on math, science and English as building blocks to success.

Students will also participate in courses to learn how science and math are used to design and construct equipment, structures, and power/energy sources that impact our world. Students will explore concepts of green or earth-friendly technologies and the role they can take in preserving natural resources. Students will work with local companies and agencies in Hartford for on-site learning opportunities, which may include visits to high-tech manufacturing and alternative energy companies, listening to guest speakers, job shadowing and participating in internships.

The theme-based curriculum is drawn from two national programs: Project Lead the Way (PLTW) and the National Academy Foundation (NAF).

The school has a significant partnership with the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA) and is a grant recipient of United Technologies.

# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process

## School Year 2011-2012

### Choice School Descriptions - Secondary

#### **Hartford Public High School: Law and Government Academy**

**Location:** 55 Forest Street, Hartford, CT 06105; Located within Hartford Public High School  
**Phone:** 860-695-1320

**Grade Levels:** 10-12

**Principal:** Adam Johnson

**Email:** [ajohnson@hartfordschools.org](mailto:ajohnson@hartfordschools.org)

**School Hours:** 7:41 a.m. – 2:09 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Will be shared with parents during orientation

**Dress Code:** Jacket and tie required, will be discussed with parents at registration

#### **Theme**

The Law and Government Academy is designed for students with an interest in pursuing the fields of law, government or community leadership. Students will be challenged with a rich liberal arts and sciences curriculum that fosters a sense of responsibility in the next generation of young men and women to improve their community.

The Academy is a community of learners who embrace high academic and social standards. Students will take challenging courses which build on interpersonal, social and communication skills. They will have opportunities to connect with leaders in the fields of law and government.

#### **Academic/School Programs**

The Law and Government Academy will offer a core high school curriculum aligned with national and state standards that will meet college admission expectations. Additionally, students will participate in courses to learn about specific social and legal issues that relate to law, government and the community such as Civil and Criminal Law, Legal Research, and Forensics. All students will contribute to community development by participating in a community service project that aligns with their area of interest.

Students will also have summer learning opportunities with the University Of Connecticut Law School.



# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process

## School Year 2011-2012

### Choice School Descriptions - Secondary

#### Hartford Public High School: Nursing Academy

**Location:** 55 Forest Street, Hartford, CT 06105; Located within Hartford Public High School  
**Phone:** 860-695-1325

**Grades:** 10-12

**Principal:** David Chambers

**Email:** [chamdoo1@hartfordschools.org](mailto:chamdoo1@hartfordschools.org)

**School Hours:** 7:41 a.m. – 2:09 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Will be shared with parents during orientation

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

#### Theme

The Nursing Academy will include multiple science labs and technology that will simulate a health care environment. The school greenhouse will be used to teach students about holistic health and nutrition. Students will have multiple opportunities to learn from and interact with experienced nurses and other health care providers.

#### Academic/School Program

The Academy curriculum is based on the concept of C.A.R.E. (*Character, Accountability, Responsibility and Excellence*). This concept will be developed with all students as they prepare to deliver excellence in the medical field. As part of the core high school curriculum, students will take biology, chemistry, physics, and anatomy and physiology. To further ensure that students are well prepared for college and the field of nursing, students will take three years of Spanish and will be encouraged to prepare for the Spanish Advanced Placement exam which will give them college credit. The Academy curriculum includes specialized courses such as Medical Terminology, Contemporary Health Topics and a Medical Internship. All students will learn how to put together an e-portfolio that they can use for college admission and employment.

The Nursing Academy has 4 courses articulated with Capital Community College: Alg. II, Anatomy and Physiology, Developmental Psychology, and Public Speaking. Students can earn up to 15 credits at CCC or transfer the credits to another school. UCONN biology is also offered for 3 additional credits. Students are dually enrolled in high school and college at same time.

The Academy has numerous partnerships with area health care providers for internships and focus groups: Hartford Hospital, Dept. of Public Health, Aetna Better Health, CWP and Catholic Charities, Ed. Connection course in health care and technology.

Students also go to Capital Community College to shadow a nursing student for a day. They participate in all classes and labs with their assigned mentor.



# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process School Year 2011-2012 Choice School Descriptions - Secondary

## Journalism and Media Academy

**Location:** 415 Granby Street, Hartford, CT; Temporarily located in Weaver High School

**Grades:** 9-12

**Principal:** Sheryl McLean-Houle

**Email:** [Mcles001@hartfordschools.org](mailto:Mcles001@hartfordschools.org)

**Phone:** 860-695-1818

**School Hours:** 7:45 a.m. – 3:25 p.m.

**After School Hours:** Will be shared with parents during orientation

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, will be discussed with parents at registration

### Theme

The Journalism and Media Academy is a program designed for those with an interest in the fields of Journalism and Media. The curriculum will be infused with Media Literacy – students will be exposed to reading and writing for various formats as well as learn to understand the language, power, and business of the media world.

Students will be regularly exposed to and work in the areas of online/print, radio, and television media, working and learning from professionals in field. Ultimately, the students at JMA will be media-literate, with high levels technology, writing, research, and creative thinking skills, making them competitive candidates for Journalism or Communication colleges and careers.

### Academic/School Programs

The goal of the school is to prepare media-literate, college-ready students who can access, analyze, evaluate and produce both print and electronic media. Media literacy builds an understanding of the role of media in society and provides students with the essential skills of inquiry and self-expression. The school will develop and deliver cutting-edge curricula that build skills in writing, critical thinking, and creative media production.

Three media foci will drive the goals and curriculum of the Journalism Academy:

- Writing as a main focus
- Videography
- Engineering

# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process

## School Year 2011-2012

### Choice School Descriptions - Secondary

## Opportunity High School

**Location:** 875 Asylum Ave., Hartford, CT 06105  
**Phone:** 860-695-5980 **Fax:** 860-722-8529

**Grades:** 9-12

**Principal:** Venitia Richardson

**Email:** richv001@hartfordschools.org

**School Hours:** 8:45 a. m. – 4:35 p. m.

**After School Hours:** NA

**Dress Code:** School uniform required, please call the school for specifics

### Theme

Opportunity High School (OHS) is a partnership school between the Hartford Public Schools and Our Piece of the Pie, a leading youth development agency that helps Hartford youth ages 14 to 24.

Opportunity High School is designed for students who are over-aged, under-credited, and are looking for a way to accelerate credit attainment and graduate within two to 2½ years. By offering a year round schedule and an extended day, students at Opportunity High School can earn up to 11 credits a year while participating in enrichment activities, internships and valuable extensions activities within the community.

Opportunity High School will integrate its Pathway to Success System. Each student will be assigned to a Youth Development Specialist who will help youth develop employment and personal skills that lead them through the Pathways to Success. Students will meet individually and in groups to accomplish their goals. Youth Development Specialist will work collaboratively with teachers, parents, students and community.

### Academic/School Programs

Opportunity High School will offer a core high school curriculum aligned with national and state standards that will meet college admission requirements.

Additionally, students will be able to participate in one of five, core areas of concentration. These cores will focus on college and work readiness opportunities in the areas of Sport Fitness and Nutrition, Technology, Global Environmental Studies, Inter-District Partners in learning and a Work and Learn Center. While earning credits, students will concentrate in one of these areas possibly earning a certification of training.

- Comprehensive High school curriculum geared toward college preparation
- Dual credit enrollment
- Read 180 a reading intervention program
- Strong math and science skills
- Student understanding of their own history, the world in which they live, and the history and culture of many different countries and people
- After-school opportunities
- Job Shadowing and Internship opportunities that expand the students' learning beyond the classroom
- A caring adult involvement is required as defined by the School Compact

# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process School Year 2011-2012 Choice School Descriptions - Secondary

## Adult Education Center in Hartford

**Location:** 110 Washington Street, Hartford, CT 06106

**Phone:** 860-695-5840

**Fax:** 860-722-8606 ♦ **Website:** [www.hartfordctadulsted.org](http://www.hartfordctadulsted.org)

**Grades:** Adults

**Executive Director:** Tina Jeter

**Email:** [tjeter@hartfordschools.org](mailto:tjeter@hartfordschools.org)

**School Hours:** 8:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m./12:50 p.m. – 3:30 p.m./6:00 p.m. – 8:40 p.m.

**Specialized Programs:** 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**After School Hours:** 3:30 P.M. – 9:00 p.m.

**Dress Code:** Optional Adult Education Center Attire see website for details

### Mission

The Adult Education Center in Hartford (AECH) is a newly redesigned school modeled after the highly-successful Carlos Rosario International Charter School in Washington, D.C. The school will provide a rigorous academic environment in which all students can achieve a General Education Development (GED) or National External Diploma Program (NEDP) diploma or learn English as a Second Language or prepare for the U.S. Citizenship examination.

Students will gain the critical skills and knowledge to excel in post-secondary education or training or the 21<sup>st</sup> century workplace. The AECH instills in its students the values of perseverance, **responsibility**, moral, ethical and lawful discipline in the family, the community, and the workplace.

We offer free classes in the morning, afternoon, and evening. We also provide free transportation and free child care.

### Academic/School Programs

- English as a Second Language (ESL - Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced)
- Adult Basic Education (ABE)
- General Education Development (GED)
- National External Diploma Program (NEDP)
- United States Citizenship Preparation Course
- Family Literacy at America's Choice at SAND Elementary School
- Transition to Post Secondary Program
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce Preparation

### Special Recognitions/Awards

- **CAACE Statewide Awards (2009) – two students**
- **CAACE Statewide Awards (2010) – ESL teacher**

### Test Scores

- **ABE/GED** % of students completing level increased by 15.95% over 2008.
- **GED** examination % of students passing the examination increased by 7% over 2008.

# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process

## School Year 2011-2012

### Parent Checklist

- Contact your child's current Hartford Public school to obtain their Student ID:
  - Student ID for students who are currently enrolled in a Hartford Public School will be required to complete a Choice application.
  - Student ID's for brothers and sisters currently attending a Hartford Public school will be required when:
    - i. you want a child to attend the same elementary school a brother or sister is currently attending and
    - ii. the brother or sister will continue at that school next year.
  
- Read the Choice Parent Handbook for information about the schools you are interested in.
  
- Attend a Parent Information Session (see Page 4).
  
- Call the schools of interest or the Choice team regarding any questions you may have about the schools.
  
- Find information about a school's theme on the internet.
  
- Find information about the Hartford district, schools, teachers and student achievement on the Connecticut Department of Education website, <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde>.
  
- Attend a school parents meeting.
  
- Attend a student special event at the school.
  
- Determine how far the schools are from your home. See page 52 for instructions on using the Smart Choices website: <http://smart Choices.trincoll.edu/>.
  
- Get answers to your transportation and school distance questions by calling the district Transportation Office at 860-695-8478 or visit [www.smart Choices/trincoll.edu](http://www.smart Choices/trincoll.edu) .
  
- Decide your school Choices and the order of preference. One of the school Choices must be within the students' home zone.
  - 1 = First School Choice
  - 2 = Second School Choice
  - 3 = Third School Choice
  - 4 = Fourth School Choice

Remember, four school Choices are required.



# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process School Year 2011-2012 How to Determine School Distance From Home

**Smart Choices** is a website designed by Trinity College to help parents in the Greater Hartford region choose which public school they would like their child to attend by providing the distance of schools from a home address.

You only need to enter your street address, city, state and student grade.

Visit the website at: <http://smart Choices.trincoll.edu/>.

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<a href="#">McDonough Elementary</a>	111 Hillside Ave Hartford, CT	0.4 miles	PreK to 6	<a href="#">Apply to HPS Choice</a> <small>Preference for your HPS choice based on...</small>		2007: 5 2008: 11	

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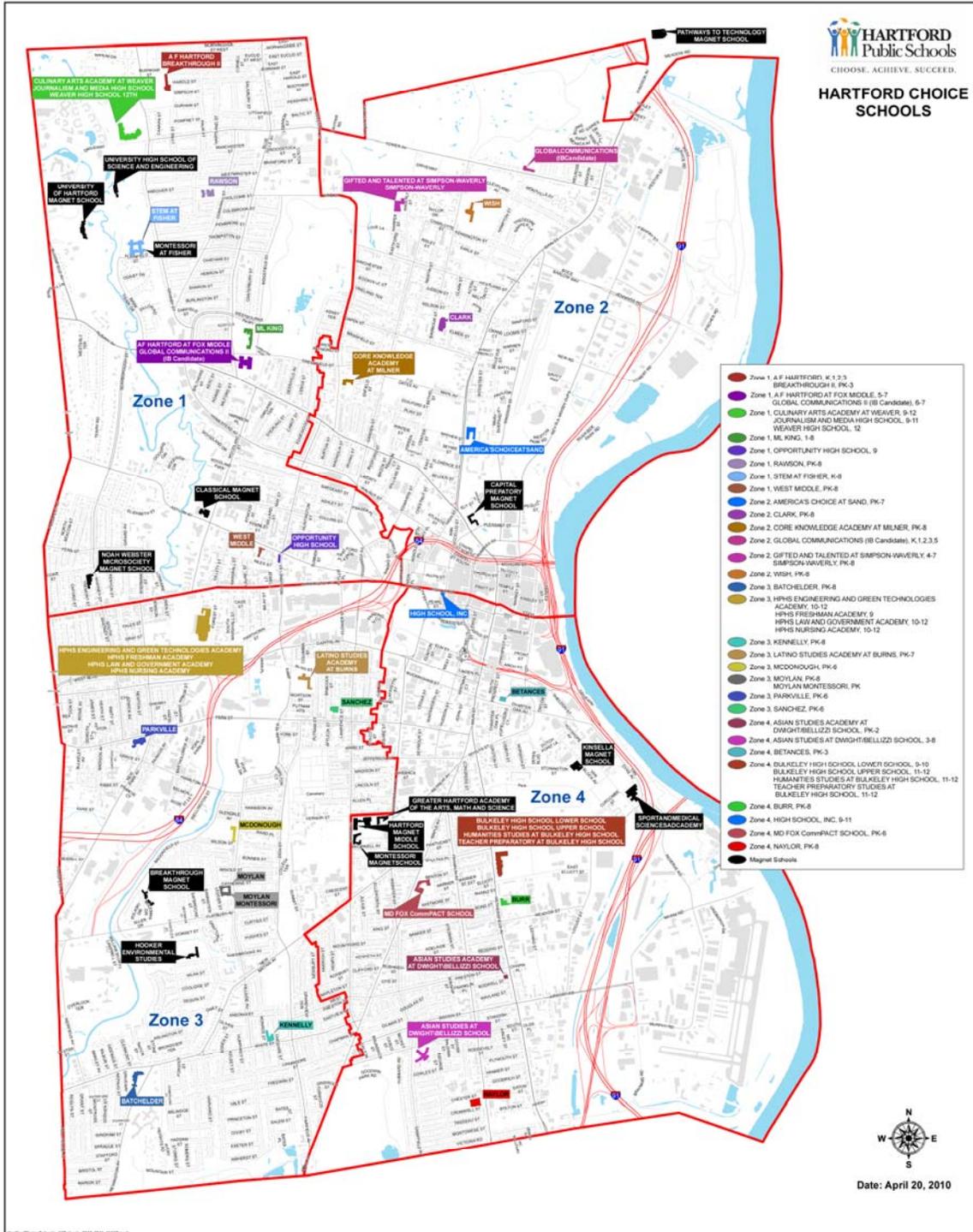
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# Hartford Public Schools Choice Process School Year 2011-2012 Zone Map

## Transportation Options

Grades K - 2	Grades 3-5	Grades 6 - 8	Grades 9 - 12
Student who live one half mile or more will be bused.	Student who live one mile or more will be bused.	Students who live one and one half mile or more will be bused.	Students who live two miles or more will be bused or be issued city bus pass.
Students who attend a school outside of their zone will not be provided with transportation. Parents will be responsible for providing transportation. * With the exception of students attending designated city-wide schools.	Students who attend a school outside of their zone will not be provided with transportation. Parents will be responsible for providing transportation. * With the exception of students attending designated city-wide schools.	Students who attend a school outside of their zone will not be provided with transportation. Parents will be responsible for providing transportation. * With the exception of students attending designated city-wide schools.	Transportation will be provided for students attending a High School outside of their zone if beyond the 2 miles walking distance.
Students attending Global Communication will be bused city-wide. AF Hartford and will be transported from Zone I and 2.	Students attending Global Communication will be bused city-wide. AF Hartford and will be transported from Zone I and 2.	Students attending Global Communication will be bused city-wide. AF Hartford and will be transported from Zone I and 2.	
All Hartford Magnet students who live one half mile or more from the school will be bused.	All Hartford Magnet students who live one mile or more from the school will be bused.	All Hartford Magnet students who live one and one half mile or more from the school will be bused.	All Hartford Magnet students who live two miles or more from the school will be bused.

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