



**The Greenwich High School Windrose Program**  
*Setting direction for future success for students in Grades 11 and 12*

Dear Parents and Students,

The Greenwich Public Schools is pleased to announce the opening of a newly designed programming option for GHS students for the 2017-2018 school year. The new program, Windrose, is the result of a committee comprised of GHS teachers who worked throughout the current school year to design a more personalized learning environment for select high school students.

Windrose has the following specific purpose and expectations:

- Setting an academic course toward high school graduation.
- Personalized preparation for college and career.
- Find a greater purpose and meaning for learning.

Windrose will be located at St. Catherine's of Sienna in Riverside, and the program will start at 8:30 am and end at 3 pm. The following criteria will help determine eligibility to participate:

- Prefers a small school and classroom environment with a low student teacher ratio.
- Responds well to structure and support.
- Over-age and under-credit.
- Want to find a greater purpose and meaning for learning.

All students will design goals to improve their own learning outcomes and have opportunities to make authentic choices for their learning. A dedicated staff mentor will continually monitor each student's academic success to ensure that targeted instruction is aligned to specific student needs and learning goals. Additionally, students will be required to better connect with their community by participating in internships that are relevant to their career and academic interests.

Space is limited. Students must apply and be accepted to participate in Windrose. The program is reserved for students in grades 11 and 12 who need to recover credit through mastery-based learning.

“Wind rose” is the ancient term used by sailors for a compass rose because they linked the winds with polar directions. Because students will find purpose and direction for their post-secondary life as a result of our time with them, the name of the new program is Windrose.

If interested in enrolling, students should notify their guidance counselor.

Sincerely,

Diane Chiappetta Fox  
Program Administrator