

# WESTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL

An 'AVID Schoolwide' Program



Western is an 'AVID Schoolwide' middle school. AVID, which stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination is a college readiness and executive functioning program designed to help all students achieve their goals and reach their full academic potential. Your child will be exposed to a variety of instructional methods, including critical reading strategies, focused note-taking, Socratic Seminars and Philosophical Chairs. These strategies are designed to help students grow as readers, thinkers, collaborators and writers. In addition, students will be taught a variety of executive functioning skills to help them learn how to plan and prioritize tasks, organize their thoughts and materials and reflect on their learning and goals. Students will be exposed to a variety of career and college opportunities, set long term and short term goals and work on progress monitoring.

## WMS Virtual Open House Schedule

January 20, 2021, 6:30 p.m.  
January 21, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

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# GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## MAGNET SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Elementary and Middle School Choice

**2021-2022  
Magnet Application Season**

### Magnet Schools

Hamilton Avenue School  
International School at Dundee  
Julian Curtiss School  
New Lebanon School  
Western Middle School

[www.greenwichschools.org/magnetschools](http://www.greenwichschools.org/magnetschools)  
Greenwich, CT

# **NEW LEBANON SCHOOL**

**International Baccalaureate  
Primary Years Programme Magnet School**

***Many Cultures • One Community***



New Lebanon School (NLS) is an authorized International Baccalaureate World School offering the Primary Years Programme (PYP). The school has a brand new, state of the art, student-centered building that opened in February 2019, complete with a new media center, gymnasium, cafeteria (offering free breakfast and lunch for all students), playground and other support spaces for children, teachers, and school administration. NLS also offers a robust aftercare program. The magnet program presents the GPS curriculum in a holistic, inquiry-based framework, which makes connections among subject areas with an emphasis on global perspectives. NLS offers world language instruction in Spanish in grades K-5, Teachers College Columbia University Reading and Writing Workshop and partnerships with local community organizations, including the Byram Schubert Library, the Boys and Girls Club of Greenwich, Family First (Family Centers), Horizons at Brunswick and Byram Archibald Neighborhood Center (BANC).

## **NLS Virtual Open House Schedule**

January 12, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

January 13, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

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# JULIAN CURTISS SCHOOL

Magnet School of World Languages

**60 Countries and 30 Languages in 1 Great School**



Julian Curtiss School (JCS) offers world language instruction in grades K-5 in either Spanish or French and has been described as “the little United Nations School of Greenwich” in *The New York Times*. The student body and staff represent nearly 60 different countries and 30 different languages. This diversity is recognized and celebrated as a source of strength and a reflection of the world. Building on the strength of this international foundation, JCS provides a rigorous academic curriculum, a strong social-emotional learning framework in a personalized learning environment and partnerships with local community organizations such as FLEX, Boys and Girls Club of Greenwich, Horizons and Family First.

## **JCS Virtual Open House Schedule**

January 14, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

January 19, 2021, 9:15 a.m.

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## **Overview of the Greenwich Public Schools Magnet Application Guidelines**

The Greenwich Public Schools (GPS) provides an opportunity for families to choose to send their children to one of four elementary or one middle magnet schools through an annual application process. The GPS magnet program is designed to:

1. provide parents and students with options to personalize educational opportunities based on individual preferences
2. balance enrollment among the elementary and middle schools on a voluntary basis

**Programs and Services:** GPS magnet schools provide the same curriculum, programs and services as all other Greenwich public elementary/middle schools. In addition, magnet schools offer a particular instructional framework and/or features that are unique to the individual schools.

**Lottery Process:** Each of the GPS magnet schools is also a neighborhood school, with students enrolled from within the designated attendance area. A limited number of magnet seats are available by application for students residing outside the magnet schools' attendance areas. If more applications are received than there are seats available, a lottery is conducted.

**Applicant Eligibility:** Any resident of the Town of Greenwich with school-age children is eligible to apply to a GPS magnet school. Non-resident Town of Greenwich (TOG) employees are also eligible to apply to GPS magnet schools; Non-resident TOG applications will be considered after Greenwich resident applications are filled.

To learn more about the magnet school application process and the magnet programs at each school:

- explore this brochure
- visit the District and School web sites
- attend a Magnet School Virtual Open House in January 2021
- contact a magnet school principal

**Magnet School Application Deadline is February 5, 2021**

For more details and a magnet school application, visit the GPS web site at: [www.greenwickschools.org/magnetschools](http://www.greenwickschools.org/magnetschools)

# HAMILTON AVENUE SCHOOL

STEAM Magnet School



Hamilton Avenue School (HAS) is the District's first Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) school. STEAM education ignites interest and uses an inquiry approach to develop the skills and knowledge that prepares students for expanding college and career opportunities. In a state-of-the-art building, built in 2009, with a design lab, HAS was one of the first two Greenwich Public Schools to launch a Digital Learning Environment in 2012. HAS offers world language instruction in Spanish in grades K-5, Suzuki Violin (PreK-5), and smaller average class sizes in grades K and 1.

## HAS Virtual Open House Schedule

January 13, 2021, 9:00 a.m.  
January 19, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

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# THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AT DUNDEE

International Baccalaureate  
Primary Years Programme Magnet School

*A Community of Global Learning*



The International School at Dundee (ISD) is the District's first authorized International Baccalaureate World School, offering the Primary Years Programme (PYP). The magnet program presents the GPS curriculum in a holistic, inquiry-based framework, facilitating connections among subject areas with an emphasis on global perspectives. A Connecticut School of Distinction, ISD offers world language instruction in Spanish in grades K-5, and cultural partnerships with well-known organizations, such as the Audubon Center and the Guggenheim Museum.

## ISD Virtual Open House Schedule

January 12, 2021, 6:30 p.m.  
January 14, 2021, 9:15 a.m.

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