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CONCORD MAGNET SCHOOL



A BANK STREET SCHOOL WITH A FOCUS ON ARTS INTEGRATION

Concord Magnet K-8 School (CMS), located on the Ponus Ridge campus, is the only K-8 school in Norwalk Public Schools and the old magnet school in the district. It is also one of 10 Higher Order Thinking (HOT) Schools in Connecticut, and CMS is dedicated to the core components of strong arts, democratic practice and arts integration.

Our brightly lit classrooms are highlighted by the endless amounts of learning showcased on the walls. CMS offers The Bank Street approach to learning, which is a method recognizing that individuals learn best when actively engaged with materials, ideas and people. We offer well-developed opportunities for ongoing social, emotional and cognitive development. Through these interactions, students apply higher-order thinking processes of imagination, decision-making, creating, performing and responding.

Students experience learning on a deeper, more personal level through field trips and an arts-integrated curriculum. Teachers work with community partners in dance, theater, visual arts, music, or creative writing to design authentic arts-integrated learning opportunities. Our students showcase their classroom learning by producing "informances" for our monthly gatherings known as All School Meetings. Families are encouraged to attend and watch and, at times, participate!

Renowned for its exemplary sense of culture and climate, teachers adhere to best practices in collaborative learning. We ensure universal customs and ideas are shared, leaving no student behind. Our teachers create an egalitarian environment where we celebrate every aspect of the eclectic lives we serve. A few examples include The Festival of Lights, Hispanic Heritage Celebration, Black History (often referred to as Everyday History), and PRIDE.

We provide pathways to the various specialty high school programs, such as The Digital Media & Communications Academy program at Norwalk High School, and the Japanese language and culture, providing a pathway to the Center for Global Studies (CGS).

Come to CMS because, as our school song says, "Our school's a rainbow, a wonderful place where we all learn and grow!"



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NATHAN HALE MIDDLE SCHOOL



AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE CANDIDATE SCHOOL FOSTERING GLOBAL LEARNING, INNOVATION, AND WELL-ROUNDED GROWTH

Nathan Hale Middle School is proud to be an International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Program candidate school, providing a seamless educational transition from IB elementary through high school. Our students engage in a rigorous, internationally recognized curriculum that emphasizes creative problem-solving, inquiry-based learning, and a global perspective.

At Nathan Hale, students delve into a diverse curriculum that includes science, technology, engineering, math, and language arts, while also exploring the arts through band, choir, orchestra, and theatre. Our commitment to professional development ensures that our staff can create a dynamic, student-centered learning environment.

We prioritize the holistic development of each student, focusing on social-emotional health and well-being. Initiatives like Fun FRESH Friday and interactive homeroom activities help students build meaningful connections and develop the skills needed to thrive as responsible members of society.

In partnership with Verizon, we're excited to integrate 5G technology into our learning labs, placing students and teachers at the forefront of innovative education.

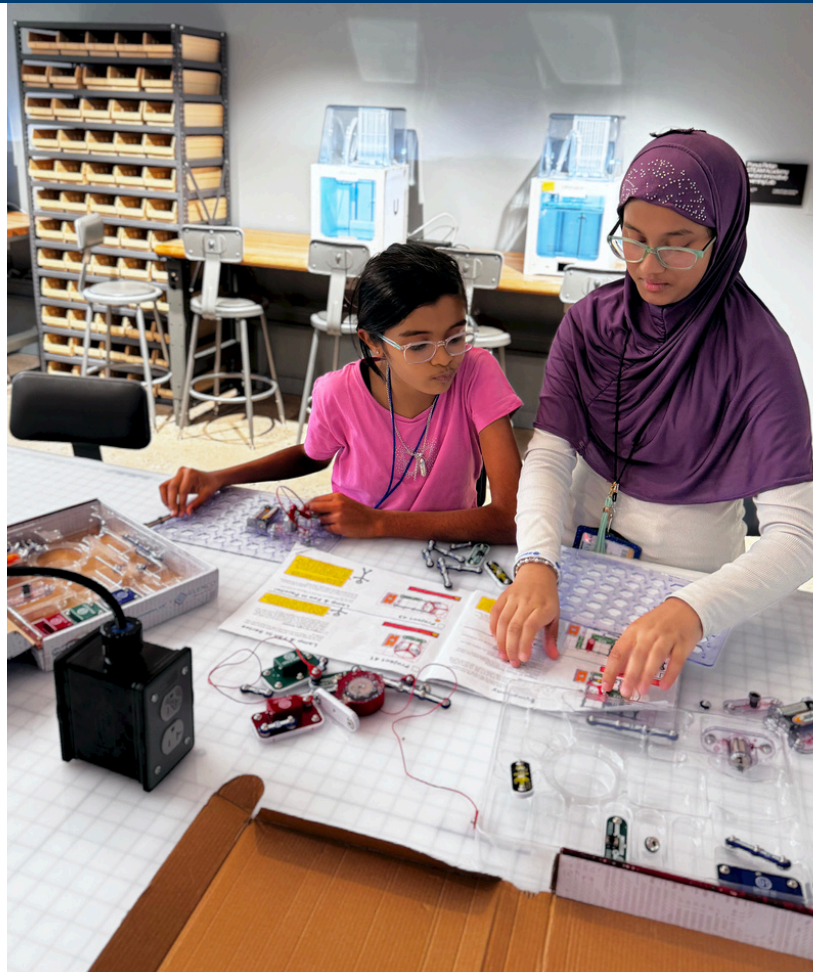
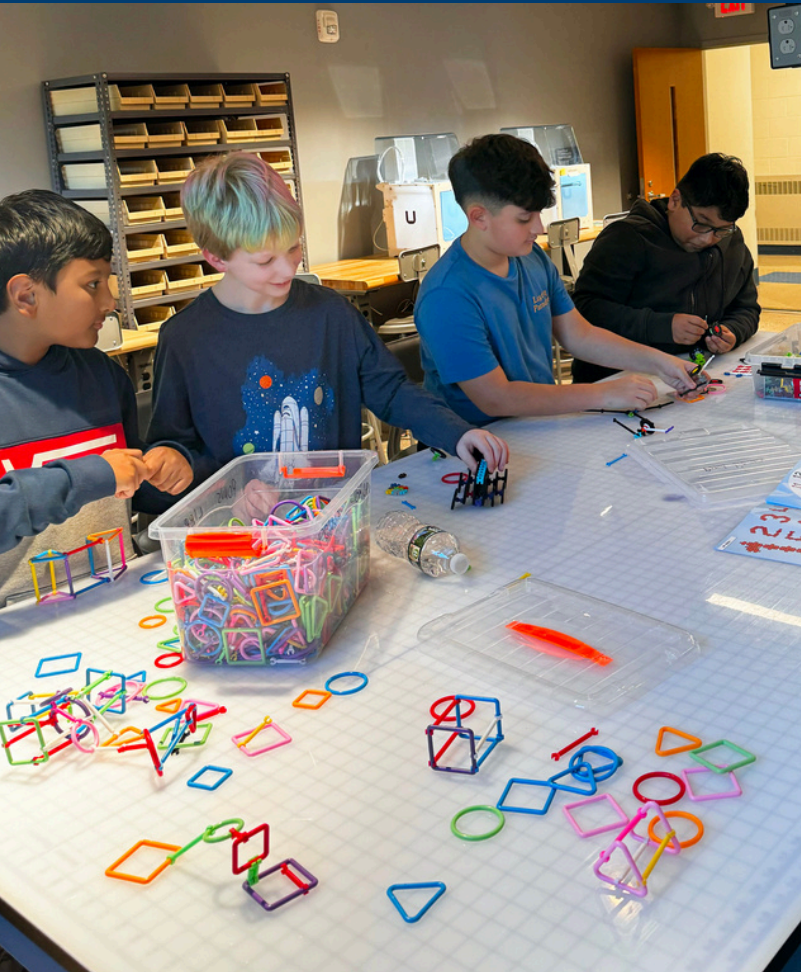
We offer a variety of competitive interscholastic sports and after-school programs in collaboration with the Carver Center, keeping our students active and engaged beyond the classroom. Nathan Hale is dedicated to developing well-rounded, capable individuals ready to take on the challenges of the future.



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PONUS RIDGE STEAM ACADEMY



CULTIVATING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS AND PROMOTING COLLABORATION THROUGH SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ART & MATH

At Ponus Ridge STEAM Academy, we believe in fostering a love of learning, enabling a growth mindset, taking ownership for learning and that children can impact the world. We always strive to “be better than yesterday.”

STEAM Initiatives

- Students engage in the engineering design process to complete schoolwide challenges during STEAM days, which take place twice a year. Students also innovate and enter national competitions based on interest and can join clubs such as the STEAM club, robotics club, podcasting club, underwater robotics club, esports club, and more!
- Ponus also has full-time band, orchestra, chorus, and art teachers. Beginner and advanced classes are offered for each discipline.

Workforce Development Skills

- Students have the opportunity to engage with industry experts, learn about different STEAM careers, and learn critical workforce development skills throughout their time at Ponus.

Technology

- Students have the opportunity to choose from a diverse set of related arts classes such as Immersive Media, Digital Product Innovations, Computer Science, Robotics, Music Technology, and 3D Design and Game Development.
- All students have access to technology such as virtual reality headsets and 3D printers. Teachers plan strategically to incorporate technology into the classroom.

Interdisciplinary Projects

- Students create proposals, prototypes, and presentations to local experts in a 7-day STEAM unit. Additionally, students build connections through project-based learning and interdisciplinary projects throughout the year.

ROTON MIDDLE SCHOOL



COMPREHENSIVE PATHWAYS & PROGRAMS PROVIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH SKILLS NEEDED FOR FUTURE SUCCESS

Roton Middle School is a caring, welcoming, richly diverse place where we value and celebrate all students within our community. We promote a safe, accepting environment, rooted in culture, artistic expression, technology, and rigorous and relevant curricula.

At Roton Middle School, we foster an experience where independent and collaborative thinking skills are encouraged. With particular emphasis on literacy, numeracy, and social-emotional learning, all students are exposed to rich curricula in addition to various extracurricular activities to enhance their real-world connections.

Our strong student-family-teacher partnerships create a culture of inclusivity, equity, and excellence, all within a community where students meet or exceed academic expectations. Students who are promoted from Roton Middle School are equipped with the tools necessary to compete with their peers at the high school level, making them future-ready.

Roton Middle School students can choose from a variety of pathways and programs depending on their interests including the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme and the Global Citizenship and International Studies pathway. These programs provide a bridge from middle school to high school, where students can continue to follow and develop skills via various pathway opportunities throughout the district.

A comprehensive and rigorous five-year program of study (grades 6-8 and 9-10), the IB Middle Years Programme is recognized internationally as excellent preparation for high school and higher education. The IB Programme prepares students to become creative, critical, and reflective thinkers with an emphasis on the inquiry into local, state, and global problems.

The Global Citizenship and International Studies pathway focuses on learning through the lens of social, political, environmental, and economic topics to develop globally minded individuals and think about communities on an international scale. Students who enroll in either Chinese or Japanese will be automatically entered into the Global Citizenship and International Studies pathway.

The study of Asianic languages allows students to explore the reading and writing systems of China (Mandarin) and Japan. Spoken languages studied include practical and physical set phrases and vocabulary needed by students or those visiting these respective countries. Geography, calligraphy, and traditional art are among the cultural topics students discover in sixth grade.



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WEST ROCKS MIDDLE SCHOOL



DIVERSE PATHWAYS & PROGRAMS PREPARE STUDENTS FOR FUTURE SUCCESS

West Rocks is an inclusive community that brings together dedicated educators, curious students, and engaged families in an environment where people are allowed to embark on a journey of discovery; to learn through academic excellence, exploration and equitable practices; to develop respect for themselves and others; and to acquire the skills to be future ready.

At West Rocks, we support students emotionally, socially, and academically. We encourage collaborative learning through exploration and discovery. We strengthen an equitable learning environment to build character and respect. Our goal is to cultivate a passion for knowledge and prepare students with the skills they need to be future ready.

The program described offers a rich, immersive educational experience that blends dual-language instruction with environmental science, arts, and technology. Key aspects include:

Dual Language: Students spend half their day in English and the other half in Spanish, learning from native speakers of both languages. This approach supports bilingualism and cultural exchange, building on the Silvermine Dual Language Magnet School program.

Marine Science Partnership: Collaboration with the Maritime Aquarium gives students hands-on experiences with marine life, connecting classroom lessons with real-world ecological studies. This aligns with environmental science curricula and the Marine Science pathway at Brien McMahon High School.

Visual and Performing Arts: West Rocks has a strong tradition in music, theatre, and the arts, with state and national recognition for its programs. Students are encouraged to express creativity through band, orchestra, chorus, theatre, art, and technology-based arts. Verizon's 5G technology is being introduced through learning labs, placing students at the forefront of innovative tech education. This likely enhances their access to advanced tools and resources.

Overall, this program offers a well-rounded curriculum combining language acquisition, science, arts, and technology, preparing students for diverse educational pathways.



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- Bank Street School model



- International Baccalaureate program*

*Candidate School



- STEAM Academy



- Mandarin
- Japanese
- International Baccalaureate program



- Dual-Language
- Environmental Marine
- Visual and Performing Arts