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Norwalk Public Schools Selected for a 2026 Distinguished District Award by ISTE+ASCD

Norwalk, Conn. (June 8, 2026) — Norwalk Public Schools is honored to be recognized by ISTE+ASCD with a 2026 Distinguished District Award for its work advancing teaching and learning across the district.

The ISTE+ASCD Distinguished District Award recognizes U.S. school districts that are driving meaningful, systemwide change. These districts embrace innovation to improve learning experiences for all students and serve as models for other schools and districts nationwide.

“This recognition from ISTE+ASCD is a confirmation of our district’s commitment to ensuring all our scholars have access to high-quality learning experiences and the support they need to thrive,” said Dr. Alexandra Estrella, superintendent of Norwalk Public Schools. “Our educators and staff have worked tirelessly to strengthen instruction, advance equity, and create school communities where every student feels a sense of belonging. From enhancing literacy instruction and professional learning to expanding social-emotional supports and culturally responsive practices, this work has been driven by a shared belief that all students can achieve at high levels.”

As part of the selection process, NPS demonstrated effectiveness and innovation throughout its schools, along with a strong commitment to continuously enhancing the learning experience. The district also highlighted its comprehensive approach to improving student outcomes by strengthening instruction, advancing equity, and supporting student well-being. Additionally, NPS showed how it actively engages all stakeholders including staff, students, families, and community members in its efforts to drive improvement and success.

This recognition highlights the district’s ongoing commitment to creating engaging, future-focused learning opportunities while fostering collaboration across the entire school community.



Norwalk Public Schools will be formally recognized later this summer at ISTE Live 26 and the ASCD Annual Conference.

About ISTE+ASCD

As a unified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, ISTE+ASCD supports educators throughout their careers by providing strategies and support for creating effective teaching and learning environments. We combine technology-driven innovation with resources on transformative pedagogical practices to shape the future of education through ISTE+ASCD conferences, Books and Educational Leadership magazine, certification programs, professional learning services, and community webinars.

About Norwalk Public Schools: At Norwalk Public Schools, our mission is to provide an excellent and equitable education so that all students graduate future-ready as civically responsible, globally engaged and positive contributors to an ever-changing and diverse world. Reflecting our diverse community, NPS families speak 51 different languages and represent many countries from around the world.

Norwalk Public Schools includes 12 elementary schools, four middle schools, four high schools, one K-8 school, and a range of Pre-K programs serving children with both typical and special needs. Starting in Fall 2025, the district now offers a comprehensive K-12 International Baccalaureate (IB) continuum, providing globally recognized, rigorous academic opportunities from the early years through graduation.