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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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CONCORD MAGNET SCHOOL K-8

NATHAN HALE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

Nathan Hale Middle School is proud to be an International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Program 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, students don't just go to school—they grow into problem-solvers, innovators, and confident learners. Through a powerful combination of academic rigor, hands-on learning, and a deeply supportive environment, we help every student Dream big, Design with purpose, and Do the work to turn ideas into action.

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, broadcasting 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, Smart Solutions, Computer Science, Robotics, Music Technology, Digital Citizenship and Cybersecurity, Digital Communication and Social Media, and Intro to Broadcast Journalism. All 6th grade students take Coding 101.
- All students have access to technology such as virtual reality headsets, 3D printers, and a broadcasting studio. Teachers plan strategically to incorporate technology into the classroom.

Interdisciplinary Projects

- Project-based Learning
  - Students create business plans, prototypes, and pitches to local experts in a 7-day STEAM unit. Additionally, students build connections. year-round through engaging project-based learning and interdisciplinary projects.

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ROTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

At Roton Middle School, our mission is to empower students to excel through rigorous, globally-minded curricula. Guided by dedicated faculty, we develop adaptable, critical thinkers, compassionate leaders and effective communicators. Through literacy, STEM and intercultural learning, we prepare principled, innovative lifelong learners to thrive in a changing global society.

This mission is rooted in a diverse community that celebrates every student. Roton fosters an inclusive, principled environment emphasizing inquiry, communication and risk-taking. Our rigorous curriculum develops knowledgeable, balanced and open-minded lifelong learners ready to thrive in a changing world.

Building on this commitment, Roton is an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme (MYP) for grades 6-8, providing a bridge from middle school to high school. The school is committed to fostering students who are curious, critical thinkers and responsible global citizens, all while embracing the values of the IB Learner Profile. By prioritizing inquiry-based learning and interdisciplinary methods, Roton is shaping students for both academic achievement and personal development, with a strong emphasis on global awareness and lifelong learning.

Roton's global focus extends to its language and cultural studies. The study of Asianic languages allows students to explore the reading and writing systems of China (Mandarin) and Japanese. 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. Roton also offers French and Spanish language and cultural studies.

In addition to developing global perspectives, Roton helps students begin exploring their futures. Through Career Pathways, students select opportunities aligned with their passions and interests. Inside the classroom, enrichment programming builds skills and supports career exploration. Beyond the classroom, students gain career exposure and participate in opportunities designed to prepare them for future workforce success.

Learning and engagement continue after the school day ends. Roton students can participate in a variety of clubs and sports, as well as the RAMS After School Program offered Monday through Thursday in partnership with The Carver Foundation.

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ROTON RAMS

WEST ROCKS MIDDLE SCHOOL

DIVERSE PATHWAYS & PROGRAMS PREPARE STUDENTS FOR FUTURE SUCCESS

West Rocks educators and staff are dedicated to providing a dynamic, supportive and enriching environment that guides students through critical middle school years. We focus on academic excellence, character development and preparing students for high school and beyond.

To support students' diverse talents and interests, West Rocks is proud to offer three specialized academic pathways:

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

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.

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.

Beyond our specialized pathways, we are deeply committed to the holistic development of every child:

Social-Emotional Learning (SEL): We prioritize emotional well-being and positive school climate through dedicated SEL frameworks, student leadership and community partnerships that foster empathy and resilience.

Student-Centered Community: Our dedicated teams of educators, counselors and staff work closely with families to ensure every student feels valued, connected and empowered to succeed.

At West Rocks, we believe in building academic confidence, strong character and a vibrant community where every middle schooler can safely explore their passions and reach their full potential.

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