

GREATER HARTFORD REGION SCHOOL CHOICE - AT A GLANCE



RSCO IS EMPOWERING FAMILIES TO DREAM, DISCOVER AND DECIDE!

YOU HAVE A CHOICE ABOUT WHERE YOUR CHILD ATTENDS SCHOOL!

Thousands of children in the Greater Hartford Region already attend our free, public Magnet, Open Choice and Technical High Schools! Check out your options for incredible schools and programs from the Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) that:

- **Give families quality, diverse school options** to set kids up for success.
- **Empower kids to increase their academic achievement** while learning in culturally diverse and enriching schools.
- **Offer Pre-kindergarten through 12th grade** options that focus on engaging students' interests and preparing them for college and careers.
- **Offer unique programming** to fit with students' talents through theme-based Magnet schools (including Arts, STEM, Montessori and more), the Open Choice Program and Technical High Schools (CTECS).

DID YOU KNOW?

- **Selective colleges and universities** look for students who learn in diverse environments and have meaningful experiences with diversity.
- **Selective colleges look for students** with developed interests and long-standing commitments to service and their education...Choice schools give students that opportunity to drive their learning and pursue their passions!
- **Research shows** that diverse classrooms lead to increased creativity, problem-solving, and critical thinking.
- **Students who attend** genuinely integrated schools are most likely to: have friends of other races and ethnicities, experience success in college and the workforce, and work in nontraditional occupations with higher socioeconomic status.
- **Learning in a diverse setting** reduces anxiety, increases confidence, and promotes leadership skills.
- **RSCO's school choice system brings together families** from over 40 towns in the Greater Hartford Region in rich and engaging learning environments.

CHENEY



GRADUATE RATE

97.9%

WORK BASED
LEARNING PARTNERS

~65

TRADES AVAILABLE

11

COURSE FOR
COLLEGE CREDIT

3

SENDING TOWNS

30

GOODWIN



GRADUATE RATE

98.4%

WORK BASED
LEARNING PARTNERS

~50

TRADES AVAILABLE

11

COURSE FOR
COLLEGE CREDIT

6

SENDING TOWNS

20

PRINCE



GRADUATE RATE

96.6%

WORK BASED
LEARNING PARTNERS

~20

TRADES AVAILABLE

14

COURSE FOR
COLLEGE CREDIT

6

SENDING TOWNS

26

RSCO SCHOOL PROGRAM TYPES

MAGNET SCHOOLS (Grades PK3–12) (Theme-Based schools)

Magnet schools are unique programs that focus on specific themes, such as science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); visual and performing arts; International Baccalaureate; and the Montessori method of teaching or other specialized instruction that fits the natural talents and interest of students.

- **Offer free** public elementary and secondary “schools of choice”
- **Focus on diversity** to give students a global educational experience that reflects the “real world” around them and prepares them for success in college and beyond
- **Use hands-on, customized instruction** to bring learning to life, engage students in their education, and provide students with a variety of courses and experiences to develop their interests and natural talents
- **Spark a lifelong love of learning** in a fun, dynamic environment
- **Provide a theme-based program** that excites, engages and inspires kids to learn every day

OPEN CHOICE SCHOOLS (Grades PK4–12) Culturally Diverse Schools Reflecting the Real World

The Open Choice Program is a public school program that provide students who live in Hartford to attend public schools in nearby suburban school districts, and students who live outside of Hartford to attend certain public schools in Hartford. Through the Open Choice Program Hartford resident students are able to access the benefits of academic programming in suburban communities and learn and play alongside students from a school district outside of Hartford. Suburban resident students are able to access the benefits of special programming in Hartford schools.

- **Allow children to learn** in a culturally diverse school district outside of their town
- **Offer high-quality academic programs** that prepare students for future success
- **Support kids in building knowledge, personal connections and an understanding of diverse cultures** to prepare for success as an adult
- **Most graduates attend post-secondary education programs**, including four-year colleges such as Clark, UConn, ECSU, Lesley, CCSU, Western New England, the University of Hartford (grants available for Hartford residents), Johnson and Wales, and the University of Florida.



TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS (CTECS) (Grades 9–12) (Career and College Readiness Programs)

CTECS technical high schools provide students in grade 9 to 12 with the **opportunity to master skills in a career and technical education (CTE) program** while completing core academic subjects. They offer state-of-the-art classrooms; latest instructional technology and industry-standard equipment give students a well-rounded, 21st century education.

- **Combine core academics** and specialized career/technical education
- **Award students a high school diploma**, plus a certificate in their technical field
- **Prepare students** for immediate employment, apprenticeship programs, or college

RSCO ANNUAL SCHOOL FAIRS

Our annual fairs are coming soon. Attend in person or virtually (or both!) and meet with teachers, staff and other parents to learn about the many schools, program offerings and special activities available throughout the Greater Hartford Region through school choice.

IN-PERSON FAIRS

FALL - Sat, Nov 13, 2021

10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Connecticut River Academy at Goodwin
University 9 Riverside Drive,
East Hartford CT

WINTER - Sat, Jan 8, 2022

10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Location TBD

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov 8, 2021

Opening Day for RSCO on-line
School Choice Application.

Jan 10, 2022

Deadline for RSCO early application
period for CTECS Technical High
Schools (9th grade only).

Jan 31, 2022

Deadline for RSCO School
Choice Applications.

VIRTUAL FAIRS (WEBSITE)

Dec 4 –11, 2021

Jan 24 – 31, 2022



bit.ly/RSCOInfo



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choiceeducation.org or bit.ly/RSCOInfo

CONTACT US

EMAIL: rscsde@ct.gov or
CALL: 860-713-6990

IN-PERSON

The RSCO office hours: M-F from 8 am to 5 pm
and also provides application assistance.