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ABOUT THE DISTRICT

OUR STUDENTS

Serving 17,000+ Students from 82 Towns
Pre-K through 12th Grade

- 55% HISPANIC/LATINO
- 29% BLACK/AFRICAN-AMERICAN
- 80% QUALIFY FOR FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH

85 LANGUAGES SPOKEN

OUR STAFF

- 27% TEACHERS OF COLOR
  HIGHEST PERCENTAGE IN THE STATE
- 10% TEACHERS LIVE IN HARTFORD
- 1/3 STAFF HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED IN THE DISTRICT FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS

3,300+ TALENTED & DEDICATED EMPLOYEES

HARTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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OUR SCHOOLS

ELEMENETARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Betances Learning Lab | PK3 - 4
Betances STEM Magnet School | 5 - 8
Breakthrough Magnet School South | PK3 - 5
Breakthrough Magnet School North | PK3 - 8
Burns Latino Studies Academy | K - 5
Alfred E. Burr Middle School | 6 - 8
Capital Preparatory Magnet School | PK3 - 12
Dwight Bellizzi Dual Language Academy | PK4 - 8
Environmental Sciences Magnet School at Mary Hooker | PK - 8
Expeditionary Learning Academy at Moylan School | PK4 - 5
Global Communications Academy | PK3 & PK4
Hartford PreK Magnet School North Campus | PK3 & PK4
Hartford PreK Magnet School South Campus | PK3 & PK4
Kennelly School | PK4 - 8
Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts | PK - 8 Campus
Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School | 6 - 8
McDonough Middle School | 6 - 8
MD Fox School | PK4 - 5
Milner Middle School | 6 - 8
Montessori Magnet School at Annie Fisher | PK3 - 8
Montessori Magnet School at Batchelder | PK3 - 6
Naylor School | PK4 - 5
Noah Webster MicroSociety | PK3 - 8
Parkville Community School | PK4 - 5
Rawson School | PK4 - 5
Renzulli Gifted and Talented Academy | 4 - 8
Sanchez Elementary School | PK4 - 5
S.A.N.D. School | PK4 - 5
STEM Magnet School at Annie Fisher | K - 8
West Middle School | PK4 - 5
Wish Museum School | PK4 - 5

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Bulkeley High School | 9 - 12
Capital Preparatory Magnet School | PK3 - 12
Classical Magnet School | 6 - 12
Great Path Academy at MCC | 9 - 12
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Hartford Public High School | 9 - 12
Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts High School | 9 - 12
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University High School of Science and Engineering | 9 - 12
Weaver High School | 9 - 12

LEARN MORE: School Directory
WATCH VIDEO: State of the District
SUPERINTENDENT  Dr. Leslie Torres-Rodriguez

Dr. Torres-Rodriguez was born in Puerto Rico and migrated to Hartford at the age of nine. A proud graduate of Hartford Public Schools, she went on to serve as an education leader in the Greater Hartford region for more than 25 years.

CABINET

Evette Avila
Chief of Schools

Dr. Madeline Negrón
Chief Academics Officer

Nuchette Black-Burke
Chief Engagement & Partnerships Officer

Phillip Penn
Chief Financial Officer

Dr. Tiffani Curtis
Chief Talent Officer

Dr. Bethany Silver
Chief Performance Officer

Sherri Davis-Googe
Chief Operating Officer

Jesse Sugarman
Sr. Advisor for Strategy & Institutional Advancement

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Technology Assistance:
MHIS HelpDesk | (860) 757-9411
helpdesk@hartfordschools.org
http://servicedesk.hartford.gov:8443/

For Student Devices, Internet Access for Families or Google Support:
technicalsuppport@hartfordschools.zendesk.com

Payroll Questions:
Payroll | (860) 695-8488
Accounting | (860) 695-8503

Benefits:
(860) 695-8763
(860) 695-8607

Talent Management
(Personnel Related Matters)
(860) 695-8000 (press 4)
talent@hartfordschools.org

Security Office:
If there is an emergency, call 911
(860) 695-8871

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Julia.Skrobak@hartfordschools.org

Deb Zimmerman Herz | (860) 695-8426
ZimmD001@hartfordschools.org

Superintendent’s Office:
(860) 695-8401
superintendent@hartfordschools.org

The Welcome Center:
(860) 695-8400

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### GLOSSARY

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More commonly used acronyms & terms
HELPFUL INFORMATION

MORE: HPS Calendars

Adopted 3/15/2022

The last day of school is scheduled for June 15. All days of school or district closure, weather-related or otherwise, will be made up after June 15, to provide 180 instructional days to students. This calendar includes 187 days for certified staff and offers 8 Extended Learning Days for intersession.
Hartford is among the oldest cities in the US, founded in 1653. The Hartford Courant is the country’s oldest continuously published newspaper, founded in 1764. Mark Twain was an adult home of Hartford.
DEMOGRAPHICS

POPULATION

120,576
CITY OF HARTFORD

$36,154
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

HISPANIC/LATINO

44%

BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN

37%

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

73%

COLLEGE GRADUATE

17%

CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

Polish Cultural Club of Greater Hartford, Inc.
Connecticut Institute for Community Development-Puerto Rican Parade Committee
West Indian Social Club of Hartford
Ukrainian National Home of Hartford
Hartford Pride

Visit the City of Hartford site for services and more
LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Luke Bronin
Mayor of Hartford

Ned Lamont
Governor of Connecticut

Joshua Fonfara
State Senator
HPS Graduate

Doug McCrory
State Senator
Chair of Education Committee,
Former HPS Teacher

Matt Ritter of the 1st
State Representative
Speaker of the House

Minnie Gonzalez of the 3rd
State Representative

Julio Concepcion of the 4th
State Representative

Maryam Kahn of the 5th
State Representative

Edwin Vargas of the 6th
State Representative
Former HPS Teacher

Joshua Hall of the 7th
State Representative
Asst. Principal at Weaver HS

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Richard Blumenthal
United States Senator

Chris Murphy
United States Senator

John Larson
United States Representative

REGISTER TO VOTE AND FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE

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Hartford is made up of 17 neighborhoods.

**BLUE HILLS** borders Keney Park and is a suburban neighborhood. Much of the University of Hartford campus is located in the Blue Hills neighborhood.

**NORTH EAST** borders Keney Park and has a variety of housing choices. Keney Park includes a golf course, tennis courts, a swimming pool and playgrounds.

**NORTH MEADOWS** is home to Riverside Park, which offers live music, food trucks, boat launches, and more. The area is mostly industrial and commercial.

**CLAY ARSENAL** located just north of Downtown, Clay Arsenal is an older neighborhood with many rental properties.

**DOWNTOWN** is the central business district. It’s home to many historical sites, landmarks, entertainment, and restaurants.

**UPPER ALBANY** is an historic district that is quickly becoming home to shopping, arts centers, and more thanks to investments from community groups and businesses.

**ASYLUM HILL** was once home to notable figures such as Mark Twain and Harriet Beecher Stowe. Their homes are now open to the public for tours. Asylum Hill is within walking distance of Downtown.

**WEST END** is an historic district with larger, Victorian homes. It borders Elizabeth Park.

**FROG HOLLOW** is located near the State Capitol and several large employers including The Hartford and Aetna.

**PARKVILLE** has a mix of art, restaurants, and housing. Visit Parkville Market for a taste of the many different cultures that make up the city.

**BEHIND THE ROCKS** is named after the former Rocky Hill Quarry. The quarry is now a park with a playground and sports fields.

**SOUTH WEST** borders the town of Newington and is known as a quiet, suburban area.

**SOUTH END** is a large residential area. Goodwin Park is located in South End and offers a golf course, community pool, and playground.

**BARRY SQUARE** is near Trinity College, Hartford Hospital, and the Institute for the Living. It’s Hartford’s original Irish neighborhood.

**SHELDON CHARTER OAK** is located along the Connecticut River and is home to the restored Colt Armory, which is now a commercial and apartment building.

**SOUTH GREEN** is home to Congress Street, which is on the National Register of Historical Places. The founders of Pratt & Whitney lived on Congress Street.

**SOUTH MEADOWS** is mainly an industrial area. The Hartford Regional Market and Brainard Airport are located here.
Bradley International Airport (BDL) is about halfway between Hartford and Springfield, Massachusetts. Convenient parking, plentiful charging stations, free Wi-Fi, good restaurant options, and a relaxed atmosphere.

Tweed-New Haven Airport saves time by flying to thirteen destinations! Skip the drive and avoid the hassle and stress of flying out of larger, congested airports.

CTfastrak is Connecticut’s first Bus Rapid Transit system. A stress-free ride equipped with WiFi, riders can take advantage of their travel, using their time to do something more productive than driving, or to just relax. Even travelers located many miles away from the CTfastrak corridor are able to use express transit routes that travel on the dedicated CTfastrak guideway to swiftly transport them to their destination.
Hartford is home to a wide variety of restaurants, markets, and cafes to fit every taste. The diversity of the city is reflected in the cuisine.

PARKVILLE MARKET
1400 PARK STREET
Parkville Market is the first food hall in Connecticut. Located in the former Lumber Co. building in the Parkville neighborhood. Home to 19 food stalls, each offers authentic, international cuisine.

Restaurants include Mofongo, J’s Crab Shack, Jamaican Jerk Shack, Que Chivo, and Twisted Italian Cafe.

HARTFORD REGIONAL MARKET
101 RESERVE ROAD
The Hartford Regional Farmers’ Market provides a space for farmers and wholesalers to sell and distribute food and products. There are 144 stalls and 230,000 square feet of warehouse space.

Open Saturdays and Sundays from 6 am - 9 am.

STAFF FAVORITES
Golden Krust | Caribbean
Salute | Italian
Pho Boston | Vietnamese
Max Downtown | Fine Dining
The Place 2 Be | Brunch
Black-Eyed Sally’s | Southern Fare
Wood n’ Tap | CT Restaurant Group
The Russell | Caribbean
Mozzicato Bakery | Italian Bakery
Tisane | Euro-Asian Cafe
Story and Soil | Coffee Shop
PIZZA

Connecticut is famous for its New Haven-style pizza, which has a thin, crispy crust and is cooked in a high-heat oven. White Clam Pizza is one of the most popular varieties of New Haven Style pizzas. There are several spots in the city of New Haven that are nationally acclaimed for their pizza including Frank Pepe, Modern and Sally’s, but you don’t have to make the 45 minute drive to the Elm City to sample a slice. There is a Frank Pepe location in West Hartford. Other local favorites include Angelina’s Pizza, Bro’s Dough Pizzeria, Nevin’s Pizza Bar, & George’s Pizza House.

LOBSTER ROLLS
Connecticut is known for its lobster rolls, served hot and with butter, compared to New England-style lobster rolls served cold and tossed with mayonnaise. Try popular spots like Abbott’s in Noank or Lobster Landing in Clinton.

STEAMED CHEESEBURGERS
The steamed cheeseburger is said to be invented in Connecticut. The burger and cheese are steamed in a stainless-steel cabinet. Ted's Restaurant in Meriden is famous for this!

SPECIALTY GROCERY STORES

Crossroads Supermarket
Caribbean grocery store
1062 Albany Ave, Hartford, CT 06112

Key Food Supermarket
Columbian, Puerto Rican, & Mexican grocery store
1250 Park St, Hartford, CT 06106

A Dong Supermarket
Asian grocery store
160 Shield St, West Hartford, CT 06110

Viva Mexico Grocery Store
Mexican grocery store
624 Park St, Hartford, CT 06106
WHAT TO DO

HARTFORD HAS IT

MUSEUMS

**Wadsworth Atheneum** | The oldest, continuously operating art museum in the United States

**Connecticut Science Center** | More than 165 interactive exhibits that focus on everything from space to butterflies

**Mark Twain House & Museum** | Home of the author known for works like Adventures of Huckleberry Finn and Tom Sawyer

**Harriet Beecher Stowe Center** | Interactive guided tours offered at the former home of the abolitionist and author

**Connecticut Historical Society** | A museum, library, and research center with millions of artifacts

PARKS

**Riverside Park** | Miles of walking trails, a community rowing program, boat launches and fishing access

**Colt Park** | Popular spot for sports fields, swimming pool, playscapes, and splash pads

**Elizabeth Park** | More than one hundred acres of green space, recreational facilities, and gardens, including the first municipal rose garden in the U.S. and the third largest in the country

**Bushnell Park** | Located on the Capitol grounds and includes a working carousel dating back to 1914

**Keney Park** | One of the largest public parks in New England and home to an 18-hole golf course and the Ebony Horsewomen Equestrian and Therapeutic Center
NIGHT ON THE TOWN

MUSIC & MORE

The Bushnell Performing Arts Center | A center for arts, education, and community in Downtown Hartford. See concerts, speakers, Broadway and beyond

Hartford Stage | A non-profit regional theater company with fewer than 500 seats that hosts classic plays and musicals and newer works

XFINITY Theatre | An indoor/outdoor amphitheater owned by Live Nation that can seat 30,000 people

Infinity Music Hall | A two-level, intimate venue for concerts and comedy shows

Webster Theatre | A music venue that has a main stage and a smaller, attached venue known as the Webster Underground

ATHLETICS

Hartford Yard Goats | AA MiLB affiliate of the Colorado Rockies
Mascots: Chompers and Chew Chew
Home: Dunkin' Donuts Park, named Best Double-A Ballpark in America by Ballpark Digest

Hartford Athletic | Professional men's USL league soccer team
Colors: Hartford Blue and Green
Home: Trinity Health Stadium (formerly Dillon Stadium)

Hartford Wolfpack | Professional AHL ice hockey team
Mascot: Sonar the Wolf
Home: XL Center

The Travelers Championship
Each June, professional golfers from around the world compete in this PGA Tour event in Cromwell, just 20 minutes south of Hartford.

The Connecticut Forum
Expert panelists and celebrities take part in live, unscripted conversations. Forums are presented four times a year at the Bushnell Theatre.
**FALL**

Temperature Ranges from 50's to 70's °Fahrenheit

**FUN THINGS TO DO:**
- Pick apples & pumpkins
- Explore the New England foliage
- Visit a local cidery
- Hiking

**EVENTS:**
- Hartford Yard Goats Baseball Opening Day
- Visit Keney & Goodwin Golf Courses
- Hartford Blooms Garden Tours

**Winter**

Temperature Ranges from mid-30's to 0°Fahrenheit

**Average Snowfall: 25" per year**

**FUN THINGS TO DO:**
- Skiing, snowboarding or snowshoeing
- Free ice skating at Bushnell Park

**EVENTS:**
- Hartbeat Music Festival
- The Hartford Marathon
- Small State Great Beer Festival

**Spring**

Temperature Ranges from 40's to 60's °Fahrenheit

**FUN THINGS TO DO:**
- Hartford Yard Goats Baseball Opening Day
- Visit Keney & Goodwin Golf Courses
- Hartford Blooms Garden Tours

**EVENTS:**
- Greater Hartford Latino Festival
- Greater Hartford Festival of Jazz
- Riverfront Dragon Boat & Asian Festival
- Riverfront Food Truck Festival
- Puerto Rican Day Parade
- Hartford Pride

**Summer**

Temperature Ranges from mid-80's to mid-90's °Fahrenheit

**FUN THINGS TO DO:**
- Visit Elizabeth Park's Rose Garden
- Enjoy a Yard Goats game
- Cool off along the Connecticut River
- Free yoga classes by Yoga in Our City

**EVENTS:**
- Greater Hartford Latino Festival
- Greater Hartford Festival of Jazz
- Riverfront Dragon Boat & Asian Festival
- Riverfront Food Truck Festival
- Puerto Rican Day Parade
- Hartford Pride
WHERE IS THAT?

WITHIN A 20-MINUTE DRIVE OF HARTFORD

WITHIN AN HOUR DRIVE OF HARTFORD
New York City
Need we say more? You can reach the city by hopping on the Metro North for a 3-hour train ride. You can even start in Hartford and transfer in New Haven.

New Haven
Home of Yale University and several famous pizzerias (see Page 15). After lunch, check out the shopping, history, and museums.

Boston
Home to great seafood, sports, and history. It’s less than a 2 hour drive away!

Connecticut Shoreline
Explore quintessential New England towns like Mystic, Milford, and Old Saybrook. Stop by one of the many beaches!

Rhode Island
Tour the mansions of Newport, enjoy the beaches of Misquamicut, or taste the food scene in Providence. You can even get a glimpse of Taylor Swift’s house in Westerly!

Hartford’s central location in Connecticut makes it an ideal location for quick trips to popular destinations.