

1996 Holding of the Supreme Court of Connecticut: Affirmative Obligations of the State

Duty to Provide Education: "Our Connecticut constitution... contains a *fundamental right to education* and a corresponding *affirmative state obligation* to implement and maintain that right."
(238 Conn. 1 at 21)

Duty to Provide an Effective Remedy to Segregation: "[I]n the context of public education, in which the state has an affirmative obligation...to equalize educational opportunity, the *state's awareness of...severe racial and ethnic isolation imposes upon the state the responsibility to remedy 'segregation...because of race...'*"
(238 Conn. 1 at 29)

"Every passing day denies these children their constitutional right to a substantially equal educational opportunity. Every passing day short-changes these children in their ability to learn to contribute to their own well-being and to that of this state and nation."
(238 Conn. 1 at 46)

Some of the Awards Won By Hartford Area Magnet Schools:

Greater Hartford Classical Magnet
US News and World Report's *Best High Schools in America*

Metropolitan Learning Center
Winner of the Goldman-Sachs Award for *Excellence in International Education 2004*
Named as a *Magnet School of Distinction* by the *Magnet Schools of America* in 2002, 2004, 2005, and 2006

University High School of Science and Engineering
2008 Magnet School of Excellence Award

Montessori Magnet School
2008 Magnet School of Excellence Award

Sport and Medical Sciences Academy
US News and World Report's *Best High Schools in America*



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Hartford Area Magnet School List

Connecticut parents can choose from a range of public K-12 magnet schools.

These inter-district magnet schools in Greater Hartford are part of the public education system, but generally offer a specialized theme or focus and are designed to meet Sheff v O'Neill integration goals. Most are built with state support and admission is usually by lottery.

Why Choose a Magnet School?

Magnet schools offer an academic focus or theme that may suit your child's interests and talents. Magnet schools also offer improved academic achievement; diverse student body; higher attendance rates, graduation rates, and lower drop-out rates; and greater parental involvement.

Benefits of Integration

Studies increasingly show that students integrated settings gain a variety of advantages over students attending segregated schools, including:

- better critical thinking skills
- better ability to form cross-racial friendships,
- improved academic outcomes and graduation rates.

The regional magnet schools offer a far more racially and economically integrated student body than most area public schools.

An integrated school, under Sheff standards, is a school where the percentage of "minority" students (Black, Latino, Asian) does not exceed 30% of the regional average minority enrollment. Under this definition, schools meeting the integration standard currently have at least 25% white enrollment or more. Most of the magnet schools are also integrated economically as well.

Information in this list collected from school officials and public sources by the Sheff Movement. Please contact us at (860) 509-3773 with comments or changes. Parents may get more information and apply to any school through the CREC/Hartford Public Schools Joint Magnet office:

www.magneteducation.org
385 Washington St. Hartford, CT 06106
(860) 757-6188

SCHOOL NAME	SERVES GRADES	PRINCIPAL	OPERATING ORGANIZATION	INTEGRATION STATUS	DESCRIPTION	LINK TO STRATEGIC SCHOOL PROFILE**	School Web Site	% GRADUATED	YEAR FOUNDED
Breakthrough Magnet School (860) 695-5700 290 Brookfield St. Hartford, CT 06106	PK, K, 1,2,3, 4,5,6,7,8	Norma Neumann-Johnson	Hartford Public Schools	This school meets state standards for integration.	The B.R.I.C.K. character education theme offers a unique approach to developing young, critical characteristics in children.	www.csde.state.ct.us/public/der/ssp/SCH0607/element028.pdf	www.breakthrough9.tripod.com	2005	
Capital Preparatory Magnet (860) 695-9800 960 Main St Hartford, CT 06103	6,7,8,9,10, 11,12	Stephen D. Perry	Hartford Public Schools	<i>This school does not yet meet the state standards for integration.</i>	The Capital Preparatory Magnet School is a year-round college preparatory school with a social justice theme.	www.csde.state.ct.us/public/der/ssp/SCH0607/sr054.pdf	www.capitalprep.org/	100% last year	2005
Great Path Academy (860) 512-3560 Manchester Community College Great Path Manchester, CT 06045	10,11,12	Thomas Danehy	Capitol Region Education Council	This school meets state standards for integration.	Great Path Academy offers many special features for high school students – from the opportunity to earn college credits tuition-free to internships at local companies.	www.csde.state.ct.us/public/der/ssp/SCH0607/sr162.pdf	www.crec.org/magnetschools/schools/greatpath		Became a Magnet School between 2001-2006***
Greater Hartford Academy of Mathematics and Science (860) 757-6316 15 Vernon Street Hartford, CT 06106	9,10,11,12	Eric Bernstein	Capitol Region Education Council	This school meets state standards for integration.	A half-day school program focusing on math, science, and technology with an emphasis on inquiry-based research programs.		www.crec.org/magnetschools/schools/ghams		
Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts (860) 757-6300 15 Vernon Street Hartford, CT 06106	9,10,11,12	Eric Bernstein	Capitol Region Education Council	This school meets state standards for integration.	This school provides college preparatory visual and performing arts training to high school students from throughout the region.	www.crec.org/magnetschools/schools/artsacademy	www.crec.org/magnetschools/schools/artsacademy		
Classical Magnet School (860) 695-9100 85 Woodland St Hartford, CT 06105	6,7,8,9,10, 11,12	Timothy Sullivan	Hartford Public Schools	This school meets state standards for integration.	The Classical Magnet School provides highly motivated students the opportunity to engage in a rigorous liberal arts curriculum firmly rooted in the classics.	www.csde.state.ct.us/public/der/ssp/SCH0607/sr050.pdf	www.ClassicalMagnet.org	2004	
Hartford Magnet Middle School (860) 757-6201 53 Vernon St Hartford, CT 06016	6,7,8	Sally Ann Biggs	Hartford Public Schools	This school meets state standards for integration.	Hartford Magnet Middle School offers highly motivated students a rigorous core academic program with a focus on the arts and sciences.	www.csde.state.ct.us/public/der/ssp/SCH0607/r050.pdf	www.hmms.crec.org	2001	
International Magnet School for Global Citizenship (860) 895-9114 656 Silver Lane East Hartford, CT 06118	PK,K	Cindy Ringling	Capitol Region Education Council	This school is expected to meet the state standards for integration.	This program aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.	www.crec.org/magnetschools/schools/met	www.crec.org/magnetschools/schools/met		
Metropolitan Learning Center (860) 242-7834 1551 Blue Hills Avenue Bloomfield, CT 06002	6,7,8,9,10, 11,12	Anne McKernan	Capitol Region Education Council	This school meets the state standards for integration.	A global and international studies theme that emphasizes interdisciplinary global understandings.	www.csde.state.ct.us/public/der/ssp/SCH0607/sr161.pdf	www.crec.org/magnetschools/schools/met	100% graduation rate with 80% accepted to 4 year colleges	
Montessori Magnet School (860) 757-6100 1460 Broad Street Hartford, CT 06106	PK,K,1,2,3,4,5,6	Jackie Constantino	Capitol Region Education Council	<i>This school is expected to meet state integration standards in the near future.</i>	Montessori emphasizes learning through all five senses. Children in Montessori classes learn at their own, individual pace and according to their own choice of activities from hundreds of possibilities.	www.csde.state.ct.us/public/der/ssp/SCH0607/element513.pdf	www.crec.org/magnetschools/schools/montessori	2004	
Montessori Magnet School at Annie Fisher (860) 695-3560 395 Lyme Street Hartford, CT 06112	PK, K, 1,2,3,4,5,6	John Freeman	Hartford Public Schools	This school meets state standards for integration.	Montessori emphasizes learning through all five senses. Children in Montessori classes learn at their own, individual pace and according to their own choice of activities from hundreds of possibilities.	www.csde.state.ct.us/public/der/ssp/SCH0607/element023.pdf	www.hartfordschools.org/schools/montessori/home	2008	
Noah Webster Micro Society Magnet School (860) 695-5380 5 Cone St Hartford, CT 06105	PK, K, 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8	Delores Cole	Hartford Public Schools	<i>This school does not yet meet state standards for integration.</i>	Students from diverse backgrounds create a "miniature society" within the school.	www.csde.state.ct.us/public/der/ssp/SCH0607/element020.pdf	www.noah-webster.org	2004	
Pathways to Technology Magnet School (860) 695-9450 184 Windsor Ave Windsor, CT 06095	9,10,11,12	Steven Dellinger-Pate	Hartford Public Schools	<i>This school is expected to meet state integration standards in the near future.</i>	Pathways to Technology is a magnet high school with a state of the art approach to integrating technology into education. Students work collaboratively in this high-tech, hands on environment.	www.csde.state.ct.us/public/der/ssp/SCH0607/sr052.pdf	www.pathwaystotechnology.com	99% last year and 98% the year before	2002
Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts (860) 695-4140 245 Locust St Hartford, CT 06114	PK, K, 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8	Pamela Totten-Alvarado	Hartford Public Schools	<i>This school does not yet meet the state standards for integration.</i>	Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts provides all students the opportunity to develop their skills through the performing arts. This philosophy integrates comprehensive training, cultural exposure, and the arts integration as a means to develop a child socially, linguistically and cognitively.	http://www.csde.state.ct.us/public/der/ssp/SCH0607/element020.pdf	www.kmspa.org	Became a Magnet School 2006	
Reggio Magnet School of the Arts (860) 674-8549 150 Fisher Drive Avon, CT 06001	Pre K, K	Kerri-Lynn Faselle	Capitol Region Education Council	This school is expected to meet the state standards for integration.	The Reggio Emilio approach to teaching young children puts the natural development of children as well as the close relationships that they share with their environment.		www.crec.org/magnetschools		
Sport and Medical Sciences Academy (860) 695-6900 280 Huyshope Ave Hartford, CT 06106	7,8,9,10, 11, 12	John Lavery	Hartford Public Schools	This school meets state standards for integration.	A college preparatory school with a focus on medical and sports sciences.	http://www.csde.state.ct.us/public/der/ssp/SCH0607/sr051.pdf	www.sportandmedicalsciences.org	100% past 3 years	2002
The Greater Hartford Public Safety Academy Magnet School (860) 253-0274 227 Brainard Road Enfield CT	6,7,8,9,10, 11,12	Bill Jaeger	Capitol Region Education Council	This school is expected to meet the state standards for integration.	The Academy will offer students in grades 6 through 12 an academic curriculum and hands-on experiences and field training that will enable them to successfully further their education or pursue a career in the field of law enforcement, firefighting, emergency medical services, public safety communications, corrections, or homeland security.		http://www.crec.org/magnetschools/schools/index.php		
The School for Young Children on Asylum Hill (860) 244-3111 814 Asylum Avenue Hartford, CT06105 1265 Asylum Avenue Hartford, CT 06105	PK,K,1,2,3,4,5	Director: Irene Gameau	Capitol Region Education Council	This charter school is expected to meet the state standards for integration.	This is a family-centered, socially and economically integrated school serving urban and suburban children from three years through grade three, focused on development of the whole child with an emphasis on literacy.	http://www.csde.org/magnetschools/schools/index.php	http://www.crec.org/magnetschools/schools/index.php		
Two Rivers Magnet Middle School (860) 290-5320 337 East River Drive East Hartford, CT 06108	6,7,8	Jean Privitera	Capitol Region Education Council	This school meets the state standards for integration.	A school focus on environmental science using state-of-the-art technology.	http://www.csde.state.ct.us/public/der/ssp/SCH0607/jr166.pdf	www.crec.org/magnetschools/schools/tworivers		
University High School of Science and Engineering (860) 695-9020 30 Elizabeth Street Hartford, CT 06105	9,10,11,12	Dr. Elizabeth J Colli, Ph D	Hartford Public Schools	<i>This school is expected to meet state integration standards in the near future.</i>	A partnership of University of Hartford and Hartford public schools that prepares graduates for further education or careers in scientific, engineering, and technology fields.	http://www.csde.state.ct.us/public/der/ssp/SCH0607/sr053.pdf	http://www.hartfordschools.org/schools/uni_high/home.shtml	91.2% last year (first graduating class)	2004
University of Hartford Magnet School (860) 236-2899 196 Bloomfield Ave West Hartford, CT 06117	PK,K,1,2,3,4,5	Dr. Eilaina Brachman	Capitol Region Education Council	This school meets the state standards for integration.	The school employs Howard Gardner's Theory of Multiple Intelligences, which proposes that there are many kinds of intelligence that are important aspects of human capabilities.	www.csde.state.ct.us/public/der/ssp/SCH0607/element512.pdf	http://www.crec.org/magnetschools/schools/uofhf/index.php	Became a Magnet School between 2001-2006***	

**Strategic School Profiles, published by the state, contain school data on test scores, poverty rates, student/teacher ratios, and many other factors.

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*** Information according to the Strategic School Profile