

2024-2025

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Adult & Continuing Education



The Adult & Continuing Education program is a consortium of 16 school districts that provides free in person and online academic programs and fee-for-service enrichment classes for adult learners at convenient locations around Litchfield County.

These classes are FREE for adults who live in our service area:

- GED (General Educational Development) Preparation
- CDP (High School Credit Diploma Program)
- NEDP (National External Diploma Program)
- Adult Basic Education: Reading and Math
- ESL (English As A Second Language)
- Citizenship Classes

EdAdvance can design customized workplace training to meet the training needs of any business or organization.

EdAdvance Continuing Education offers in-person and online enrichment classes each semester. These classes cover a wide range of topic areas, including Arts & Crafts, Computer Training, Finance, Languages, Personal Development, and Recreation & Leisure.

We are an Eligible Training Provider through CTHires for ServSafe Food Manager. Additional career enhancement topics can be taken through our Ed2Go portal. Districts can access essential staff development options through our Global Compliance Network portal.

The course catalog is mailed in late August (fall semester) and late December (spring semester) to homes in Barkhamsted, Bethlehem, Canaan, Colebrook, Cornwall, Goshen, Hartland, Kent, Litchfield, Middlebury, Morris, New Hartford, Norfolk, North Canaan, Plymouth, Salisbury, Sharon, Sherman, Southbury, Thomaston, Torrington, Warren, Watertown, Winchester, Winsted, and Woodbury.



Our Pearson Vue Testing Center offers convenient testing for Northwest Connecticut for all Pearson tests including GED, Foundations of Reading, and many professional certifications and for Educational Testing Service (ETS) exams including Praxis and ParaPro.

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Skills21 supports schools, organizations, and businesses looking to amplify their success through GenAI. This work includes keynote presentations, hands-on training, and AI tools. Skills21 has provided AI Professional Learning support for 2,000 CT educators. Topics have included:

- Exploring AI/ChatGPT and What's Next for AI in Education and Workforce Development
- Planning for Change
- Crafting Safe and Effective AI Use
- Building Durable Tasks in the Age of AI
- AI Prompts for Leaders
- AI Equity Challenges and Opportunities
- Mastering Tough Conversations with AI
- AI and Creativity
- Student-Facing AI
- My GPT

AI Community of Practice and Conferences

Skills21, in partnership with the RESC Alliance, has led the development of a statewide community of practice for K12 educators and leaders on AI in education. EdAdvance and the RESC Alliance will host these COP meetings monthly during the 24-25 school year starting in September. EdAdvance hosted 2 sold out regional conferences on AI in Education and the service center will continue to host these in the 24-25 school year in Litchfield, CT.

ChatEDU: AI in Education Podcast

Skills21 at EdAdvance has launched a weekly AI in education podcast to support K12 teachers and school leaders as they navigate the rapidly evolving world of AI in Education. Each week the co-hosts (Matt Mervis and Liz Radday) explore a range of current topics in AI and together they go beneath the surface as they do a deep dive into a critical AI issue facing schools. For more information visit <https://www.skills21.org/podcast>.

AI Microcredentials

During the 24-25 academic year, Skills21 at EdAdvance will launch a new AI microcredential. The microcredential will run over a six-week period with 3 synchronous meetings. For more information visit skills21.org/AI.



August 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19 <u>New Staff/Teacher Orientation:</u> Bethel Danbury Winchester	20 <u>New Staff/Teacher Orientation:</u> Bethel Danbury Region 1 Schools Region 12 Winchester	21 <u>Convocation:</u> Plymouth <u>New Staff/Teacher Orientation:</u> Bethel, Danbury, Region 14, Sherman, The Gilbert School, Torrington <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> Region 12 <u>Teacher Professional Meetings:</u> Region 1 Schools <u>Teacher Work Day:</u> New Milford	22 <u>Convocation:</u> Region 15, The Gilbert School <u>New Teacher Orientation:</u> New Fairfield, Region 14, Torrington <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> Danbury, New Milford, Plymouth, Region 12 <u>Teacher's First Day:</u> Sherman <u>Teacher Professional Meetings:</u> Region 1 Schools	23 <u>Convocation:</u> New Milford <u>New Teacher Orientation:</u> New Fairfield, Thomaston <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> Danbury, Plymouth, Region 12, Region 15, Sherman, The Gilbert School
26 <u>Convocation:</u> Region 20, Torrington <u>New Staff/Teacher Orientation:</u> Brookfield <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> Barkhamsted, Bethel, Colebrook, EdAdvance Special Education Schools, New Hartford, Newtown, Norfolk, Region 1 Schools, Region 7, Region 14 (Convocation), The Gilbert School, Thomaston, Watertown, Winchester <u>School Begins:</u> New Milford (Early Dismissal - PD), Plymouth, Sherman <u>Staff Only:</u> Hartland <u>Teacher's First Day:</u> New Fairfield <u>Teacher Pre-Opening:</u> Danbury <u>Teacher Work Day:</u> Region 15	27 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> New Milford - PD <u>New Staff/Teacher Orientation:</u> Brookfield <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> Bethel, Colebrook, EdAdvance Special Education Schools, New Fairfield, New Hartford, Newtown, Norfolk, Region 7, Region 14, Region 20, Thomaston, Torrington, Watertown, Winchester <u>School Begins:</u> Danbury, The Gilbert School (Grades 7 & 9), Region 1 Schools, Region 12, Region 15 <u>Staff Only:</u> Barkhamsted Hartland	28 <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> Brookfield New Fairfield Region 20 Torrington Watertown <u>School Begins:</u> Barkhamsted Bethel CCA Colebrook EdAdvance Special Education Schools Hartland New Hartford Newtown Norfolk Region 7 Region 14 The Gilbert School Thomaston (early dismissal) Winchester	29 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Thomaston <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> Brookfield <u>School Begins:</u> EdAdvance Special Education Schools New Fairfield Newtown (Early Dismissal - PD) Region 20 - (Phase In Day 1) Torrington Watertown (early dismissal)	30 <u>Convocation:</u> Brookfield <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Newtown - PD Thomaston <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> Region 1 Schools <u>School Begins:</u> Region 20 - (Phase In Day 2) Watertown (early dismissal)

BASES Programs

Our BASES (Before and After School Extended Services) Programs provide a state-licensed twelve-month program for children of elementary and middle school age. On-site before and after school programs, as well as full-day Summer Adventure Programs, offer a variety of enriching and quality experiences. Our programs are conveniently located in school buildings; no transportation is required. Parents have peace of mind knowing their child receives quality, affordable care. These programs are primarily funded by parent fees and require no additional funding from school districts.



Scheduled activities include: enrichment programs, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math) and Literacy components, physical activities, SEL (Social Emotional Learning) focused activities, quiet time, and structured homework time. Students have some choice in planning and implementing activities in which they want to participate. Nutritious snacks are provided daily.

We Offer:

- On-site before and/or after school programs for students.
- Enrichment courses for elementary and middle school students.
- Customized professional development opportunities provided to other programs.
- Consulting and technical assistance in your district/agency.
- Full day summer programs for students. Our Summer Programs are currently offered in Newtown and Torrington. Each week includes swimming, field trips, and fun activities based on our version of STEAM, which is Science, Technology, Energy (physical activities), Arts, Measure up (cooking with math).

We Can Help Your School District:

- Prepare a comprehensive needs assessment for your before and after school needs.
- Offer programming based on your district needs including early dismissals and summer.
- Design, implement, and evaluate local before and after school programs.



September 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 <u>LABOR DAY:</u> All Schools & EdAdvance Closed	3 <u>School Begins:</u> Brookfield	4	5 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Torrington (HS) - <i>Welcome Back Night</i> EdAdvance Board of Directors Meeting	6
9	10 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Danbury - PD	11 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> The Gilbert School Winchester - PD	12 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> EdAdvance Special Education Schools Torrington (MS) - <i>Welcome Back Night</i>	13 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Barkhamsted - PD Hartland - PD Norfolk - PD
16	17	18 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 1 Schools - PD Region 20 - <i>Teacher Work Day</i>	19 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Torrington - PLC Watertown - PD	20
23	24 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Danbury - PD	25 <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> Newtown	26 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> EdAdvance Special Education Schools Plymouth - PD Region 12 - PD Torrington (Elem) - <i>Welcome Back Night</i>	27 <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> Sherman
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College and Career Accelerator



The College and Career Accelerator (CCA) exists to provide customized postsecondary educational and career opportunities for students while still enrolled at their home high school. Collaboratively, with our district partners, we provide programs that are aligned with the interests of students and the workforce needs of local businesses in the Northwest Region and across Connecticut.

CCA leverages partnerships with higher education and industry to offer high school students intensive and expansive dual and concurrent enrollment opportunities that can lead to an Associate Degree, College Certificates and workforce credentials across four broad pathways:

1. Manufacturing and Engineering
2. Education and Early Childhood Education
3. Healthcare
4. Public Safety

A critical pillar of CCA is our Work-Based Learning (WBL) program. This structured educational strategy integrates academic learning with practical workplace experiences. Students can apply classroom knowledge in real-world settings, gaining skills and insights that enhance their understanding of the content while preparing them for future careers. The WBL experiences are designed to prepare students for their future careers by enhancing their understanding of industry practices, developing their professional skills, and exploring potential career pathways.



October 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3 <i>ROSH HASHANAH - Schools Closed:</i> Bethel, Brookfield, Danbury, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Region 15, Sherman <i>EdAdvance Annual Meeting</i>	4 <i>Professional Development (No Students):</i> New Fairfield
7	8 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Danbury - PD	9 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> The Gilbert School Winchester - PD	10 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> EdAdvance Special Education Schools Norfolk - PD	11 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Region 20 - Teacher Work Day <i>Professional Development (No Students):</i> Barkhamsted, Bethel, Colebrook, Hartland, New Hartford, Norfolk, Region 7
14 <i>STATE HOLIDAY Closed:</i> Barkhamsted, CCA, Colebrook, Danbury, EdAdvance Special Education Schools, Hartland, New Fairfield, New Hartford, New Milford, Norfolk, Plymouth, Region 1 Schools, Region 7, Region 12, Region 14, Region 15, Region 20, Sherman, The Gilbert School, Thomaston, Torrington, Watertown, Winchester <i>Open:</i> Bethel, Newtown <i>Professional Development (No Students):</i> Brookfield	15	16 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Bethel - Conferences Region 1 Schools - PD	17 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Bethel - Conferences Torrington - PLC Watertown - PD	18 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Bethel - Conferences <i>Professional Development (No Students):</i> Region 15
21	22 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Danbury - PD	23 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Barkhamsted - Conferences Brookfield - Conferences Newtown (Elem, Reed) - Conferences Region 12 - Conferences	24 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Barkhamsted - Conferences Brookfield - Conferences EdAdvance Special Education Schools New Milford - PD Newtown (Elem., Reed, MS) - Conferences Region 12 - Conferences <i>Late Arrival:</i> Sherman - Conferences	25 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Barkhamsted - Conferences Brookfield - Conferences Newtown (Elem., Reed, MS) - Conferences Region 12 - Conferences Sherman - Conferences
28	29	30	31	

Community Services

All programs provide person-centered supports, and approach services with a strengths-based philosophy that recognizes that each individual has the potential to grow, deserves to pursue their dreams, and have the right to live a good life.

Residential Programs:

In Home Supports: Services are personalized to assist program participants as they identify, pursue, and achieve goals that align with their visions for good lives. Customized supports promote independence by helping individuals to strengthen adaptive daily living skills while incorporating participation in meaningful experiences. Individuals build necessary skills for daily life while creating relationships through purposeful experiences with peers, and involvement in the community.

Day Services:

Individual Day Supports (Vocational and Non-Vocational): Provides a person-centered model for day supports related to the acquisition, improvement, and retention of skills and abilities.

Supported Employment (Individual): Provides a person-centered model of employment supports. These supports may include skill development, needs assessment, community and work exploration, resume and interview supports, job development and placement supports, on-the-job training, and situational assessments.

Day Support Options (DSO): Provides supports for participants that lead to the acquisition, improvement, and/or retention of skills and abilities in preparation for work and/or community participation. Members are supported in meaningful socialization, leisure, vocational, and life skill building activities.

Behavior Supports Program (BSP):

The BSP Program provides customized adaptive daily living supports to DDS-qualified children, adolescents, and young adults, ages 8-21 years old, and their families. Our services include: advancing life and social skills, providing individualized extracurricular programming, collaborating with a behaviorist to develop and implement behavior plans, and providing parent support and education.



November 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 <i>Professional Development (No Students):</i> New Hartford Region 12
4	5 <i>ELECTION DAY</i> <i>Professional Development (No Students):</i> Barkhamsted, Bethel, Brookfield, Colebrook, Danbury, EdAdvance Special Education Schools, Hartland, New Fairfield, Newtown, Norfolk, Plymouth, Region 7, Region 14, Region 20, Sherman, The Gilbert School, Torrington, Winchester <i>Closed:</i> CCA, New Milford - Conferences, Watertown - Conferences <i>Open:</i> New Hartford, Region 1 Schools, Region 12, Region 15 (early dismissal Elem & MS), Thomaston	6 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Brookfield - Conferences Region 1 Schools - PD Region 15 (Elem & MS) - Conferences Region 20 (Elem) - Conferences Thomaston - Conferences Watertown - Conferences	7 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Brookfield - Conferences Region 15 (Elem & MS) - Conferences Region 20 (Elem) - Conferences Thomaston - Conferences <i>EdAdvance Board of Directors Meeting</i>	8 <i>Professional Development (No Students):</i> Region 20 (Elem) - Conferences Thomaston
11 <i>VETERAN'S DAY Closed:</i> Bethel, CCA, Danbury, New Milford, Region 1 Schools, Region 12, Region 14, Region 20, Thomaston, Watertown <i>Open:</i> Barkhamsted, Brookfield, Colebrook, EdAdvance Special Education Schools, Hartland, New Fairfield, New Hartford, Newtown, Norfolk, Plymouth, Region 7 (early dismissal), Region 15, Sherman (early dismissal), The Gilbert School, Torrington, Winchester	12 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Danbury (Elem) - Conferences Region 7 (MS) - Conferences	13 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Danbury (Elem) - Conferences New Milford - Conferences Newtown (MS & HS) - Conferences	14 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Danbury (Elem) - Conferences EdAdvance Special Education Schools Newtown (MS & HS) - Conferences Region 20 (MS & HS) - Conferences	15
18 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Danbury (MS) - Conferences	19 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Danbury (MS) - Conferences Region 14 (BES/MES) - Conferences	20 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Danbury (MS) - Conferences	21 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Region 14 (BES/MES) - Conferences Torrington - Conferences	22 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Region 14 (BES/MES) - Conferences Torrington - Conferences
25 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Colebrook - Conferences Danbury (HS) - Conferences Hartland - Conferences New Hartford - Conferences Norfolk - Conferences Torrington - Conferences	26 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Colebrook - Conferences Danbury (HS) - Conferences Hartland - Conferences New Hartford - Conferences Norfolk - Conferences Torrington - PLC	27 <i>THANKSGIVING RECESS - Closed:</i> Barkhamsted, Bethel, CCA, Colebrook, Danbury, EdAdvance Special Education Schools, Hartland, New Fairfield, New Hartford, Newtown, Norfolk, Plymouth, Region 1 Schools, Region 7, Region 12, Region 15, Region 20, Sherman, The Gilbert School, Thomaston, Torrington, Watertown, Winchester <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Brookfield, New Milford, Region 14	28 <i>THANKSGIVING DAY:</i> All Schools & EdAdvance Closed	29 <i>THANKSGIVING RECESS:</i> All Schools & EdAdvance Closed

Early Childhood & Family Programs

The Early Childhood & Family Programs partners with early childhood education centers, schools, and communities to ensure successful outcomes for all children and families. We offer an array of programs and services to meet community and family needs.

Programs in school districts and communities include:

- BASES (Before and After School Extended Services)
- Danbury School Readiness Professional Development and Council
- Head Start and Early Head Start
- Litchfield County Family Child Care Network
- Management of the Western CT Home Visitation Partnership
- McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Outreach
- Parents as Teachers Home Visitation Program
- Plymouth Family Resource Center
- Plymouth Preschool at PLA
- Torrington Family Resource Center

Services for school districts and communities:

- Coaching and mentoring to early childhood teachers
- Early Childhood screenings/referrals
- Management of the Western CT Home Visitation Partnership
- McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act support/training
- NAEYC Accreditation Support
- Professional development and technical assistance to childcare and preschool centers
- Professional development on standards, curriculum, and assessment
- School-based preschool support (CT ELDS, CT DOTS, and curriculum support)
- School Readiness Liaison Roles in Danbury, North Canaan, and Thomaston



Birth to Three Services

Birth to Three provides comprehensive early intervention services (IDEA Part C) to infants and toddlers with developmental delays. The program's goal is to support and strengthen a family's capacity to help their child grow and develop in their natural setting. Our autism-specific program offers assessment, intensive home visitation, and behavioral supports by qualified staff. Birth to Three works closely with families and school districts to ensure a smooth transition to pre-kindergarten services at age three.

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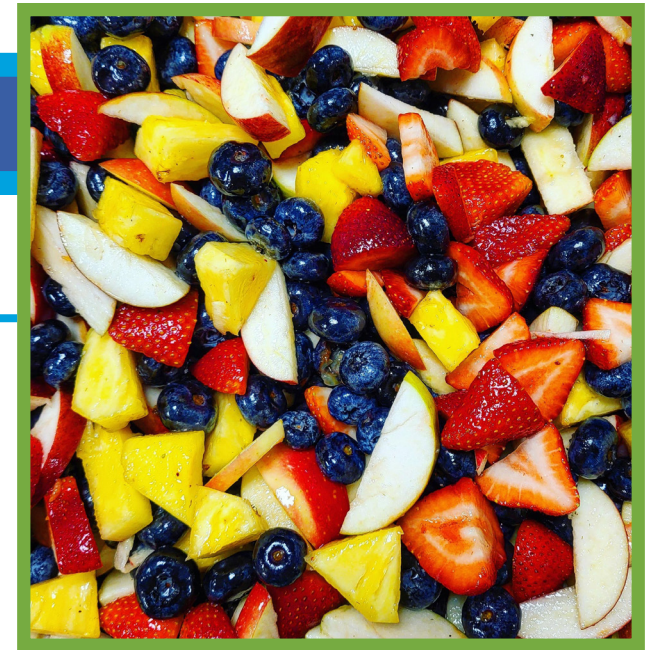
December 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 15 - PD The Gilbert School Winchester - Conferences	5 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> The Gilbert School Winchester - Conferences EdAdvance Board of Directors Meeting	6 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> The Gilbert School Winchester - Conferences
9 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 14 (WMS) - Conferences	10 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 14 (WMS) - Conferences	11 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> New Fairfield - PD Region 1 Schools - PD	12 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> EdAdvance Special Education Schools New Milford - PD Region 12 - PD Region 14 (WMS) - Conferences Watertown - Conferences	13 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Norfolk - PD
16	17	18	19 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Torrington - PLC	20 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Barkhamsted Colebrook Hartland New Hartford Newtown Region 14 Region 20 The Gilbert School Winchester
23 <u>WINTER RECESS - Closed</u> All Schools Closed	24 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> All Schools Closed	25 <u>WINTER RECESS:</u> All Schools & EdAdvance Closed	26 <u>WINTER RECESS:</u> All Schools & EdAdvance Closed	27 <u>WINTER RECESS:</u> All Schools Closed
30 <u>WINTER RECESS:</u> All Schools Closed	31 <u>WINTER RECESS:</u> All Schools Closed			

Food Services

The Food Services Department understands that today's student faces many challenges, both inside and outside the classroom. A fundamental need of all children and young adults for proper growth and development is good nutrition.

Food Services works collaboratively with our districts, the Connecticut State Department of Education's Office of Child Nutrition and the School Nutrition Association to improve the health and education of children by creating innovative public and private partnerships that promote nutritious and healthy habits that last a lifetime. Our Food Services staff have many years of experience in managing, operating, and implementing food service programs.



We Can Provide Customized Services in the Following Areas:

- After School Snack Programs
- Assistance with School Wellness Programs
- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- Consultation Services
- Farm-to-School
- Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Programs
- Free and Reduced Claims Management
- Grant Assistance
- Healthy Food Certification
- Management of National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- Menu Planning/Development
- On-Site/Off-Site Catering
- Purchasing of Government Commodities
- School Breakfast Program (SBP)
- State Administration Review Assistance
- Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
- Technical Assistance
- Training/USDA Required Professional Development

January 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 <u>WINTER RECESS:</u> All Schools & EdAdvance Closed	2 <u>WINTER RECESS:</u> CCA Closed Region 1 Schools Closed Region 20 Closed <i>EdAdvance Board of Directors Meeting</i>	3 <u>WINTER RECESS:</u> CCA Closed Region 1 Schools Closed Region 20 Closed
6	7	8 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> The Gilbert School Winchester - PD	9 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Watertown - PD	10
13	14	15	16 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Torrington - PLC	17 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Brookfield - PLC New Hartford - PD Norfolk - PD Region 14 - PD Region 20 - Teacher Work Day Sherman - PD
20 <u>MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY:</u> All Schools & EdAdvance Closed	21	22 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 1 Schools - PD	23 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> EdAdvance Special Education Schools	24
27	28 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Danbury - PD	29 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> New Fairfield - PD Newtown - PD	30 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Plymouth - PD Region 12 - PD	31 <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> Sherman

Head Start: Prenatal to Five



Early Head Start: Prenatal to Three

Early Head Start: Prenatal to Three provides home-based services for expectant families and children ages birth to three that meet eligibility requirements. Services include weekly home visits focusing on health, nutrition, education, social services, and parent engagement. Playgroups are held each month at the Torrington and Winsted sites.

Head Start: Three to Five

Head Start: Three to Five provides an array of quality, comprehensive services, including health, nutrition, parent support, education and mental health, to children ages three to five and their families. Our vision is “each child and family leaves Head Start, healthy, eager to learn, and ready for success.” Program staff works closely with families to ensure that each child has the skills and knowledge necessary to be successful in kindergarten. Our goal is to lay the foundation for children and their families to be life-long learners.

Head Start sites are located in New Milford, Torrington, Watertown, and Winsted. We also have School Readiness programs at our Torrington and Winsted sites.



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Prenatal to Five



February 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> New Milford - PD Watertown - PD <i>EdAdvance</i> <i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	7
10	11 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Danbury - PD Region 14 (BES/MES) - Conferences	12 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> The Gilbert School Winchester - PD	13 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> EdAdvance Special Education Schools Region 14 (BES/MES) - Conferences	14 <i>PRESIDENTS' DAY/FEBRUARY</i> <i>BREAK - Schools Closed:</i> Bethel, New Milford, Newtown <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Barkhamsted - PD, Brookfield - PLC, Colebrook - PD, Hartland - PD, Norfolk - PD, Region 7, Region 14 (BES/MES) - Conferences, Region 20 - Teacher Work Day, Sherman - PD <i>Professional Development (No Students):</i> New Hartford, Region 15, Sherman, Thomaston
17 <i>PRESIDENTS' DAY:</i> All Schools & EdAdvance Closed	18 <i>PRESIDENTS' DAY/FEBRUARY</i> <i>BREAK - Schools Closed:</i> Barkhamsted, Brookfield, CCA, Colebrook, Danbury, EdAdvance Special Education Schools, Hartland, New Fairfield, New Hartford, Newtown, Plymouth, Region 1 Schools, Region 7, Region 14, Region 15, Sherman, The Gilbert School, Watertown, Winchester <i>Professional Development (No Students):</i> Bethel, Region 12, Torrington <i>Schools Open:</i> New Milford, Norfolk, Region 20, Thomaston	19 <i>FEBRUARY BREAK - Schools Closed:</i> Plymouth <i>Professional Development (No Students):</i> Region 1 Schools	20 <i>FEBRUARY BREAK - Schools Closed:</i> Plymouth <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Torrington - PLC	21 <i>FEBRUARY BREAK - Schools Closed:</i> Plymouth
24	25	26	27 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> EdAdvance Special Education Schools	28

Professional Learning

Our Professional Learning Team offers training, facilitation, and support in many areas, including the high-leverage areas identified below. We are committed to supporting your focused efforts on learning outcomes, practices and standards that are foundational for students' future success in life, learning, and work beyond school.

Leadership/Instructional Coaching and Support

- Administrator Coaching and Support
- Instructional Coaching and Instructional Coaching Support

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment for High Leverage Learning

- CT Standards Alignment and Priorization
- Curriculum Audits, Revision, and Writing for Deep Learning
- Culturally Responsive and Equitable Teaching Practices
- Differentiated Instruction
- Engaging Learners
- Personalized Learning
- Capstone and Personal Interest Projects

- English Learners Support
- Formative Assessment Practices and Effective Feedback

Educator Talent, Evaluation and Support

- Foundational Skills for Evaluators of Teachers
- TEAM (Teacher Education and Mentoring) and TEAM Review of Practice (ROP)
- Teacher Evaluation and PDEC Support
- Review of Practice Teacher Evaluation Model Support

Professional Councils and Learning Communities

- Curriculum, English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies
- English/Language Arts and Mathematics Instructional Coach Professional Learning Communities
- Artificial Intelligence (AI)



- Technology
- Multilingual Learners

Strategic Coherence Planning

- NEASC Accreditation Preparation and Support
- School Improvement Planning
- District Level Strategic Coherence Planning

Powerschool Support/Data Analysis

- Powerschool Support/Scheduling, etc.
- District and School Data Analysis
- Student Data Analysis

Customized Professional Learning

March 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Brookfield (WMS) - Conference	5 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> New Milford - Conferences Region 15 - PD Watertown - Conferences	6 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Brookfield (BHS) - Conferences Plymouth - PD Watertown - Conferences EdAdvance Board of Directors Meeting	7 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Hartland - PD <u>Professional Development - No School:</u> Region 20, The Gilbert School, Winchester
10	11	12 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 1 Schools - PD	13 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Brookfield (CLES) - Conferences Hartland - Conferences Newtown - Conferences Region 12 - Conferences <u>Late Opening:</u> New Milford - Conferences	14 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Brookfield (CLES) - Conferences Hartland - Conferences New Hartford - PD Newtown (Elem, Reed, MS) - Conferences Region 12 - Conferences <u>Professional Development - No School:</u> EdAdvance Special Education Schools
17	18 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Danbury - PD	19 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Barkhamsted - Conferences Bethel - Conferences (BHS - PD) New Hartford - Conferences Norfolk - Conferences Region 15 (Elem) - Conferences Region 20 (Elem) - Conferences The Gilbert School Winchester - Conferences <u>Late Arrival:</u> Sherman - Conferences	20 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Barkhamsted - Conferences Bethel - Conferences (BHS - PD) Colebrook - Conferences New Hartford - Conferences Norfolk - Conferences Region 14 (NHS) - Conferences Region 15 (Elem) - Conferences Region 20 (Elem) - Conferences Sherman - Conferences The Gilbert School Winchester - Conferences <u>Professional Development - No School:</u> Watertown	21 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Barkhamsted - Conferences Bethel - Conferences (BHS) Colebrook - Conferences Norfolk - PD Region 20 - Conferences Sherman - Conferences The Gilbert School Winchester - Conferences <u>Professional Development - No School:</u> Region 14
24 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Torrington - Conferences	25 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Torrington - Conferences	26 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Newtown - PD Torrington - Conferences	27 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> EdAdvance Special Education Schools Torrington - PLC	28 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Brookfield - PLC Day <u>Professional Development - No School:</u> New Fairfield New Hartford
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Skills21

Skills21 offers a range of self-paced student projects and professional learning supports designed to accelerate student success. The project curricula and platforms have been crafted specifically to meet the unique challenges districts currently face. An increased focus on the opportunities and challenges associated with generative AI is reflected across the team's work.

- **Capstone** - In the Skills21 Capstone Program, students demonstrate key college and career ready skills through an individual passion project. Skills21 works with school districts to design a Capstone program that aligns with the school's portrait of a graduate and can be used to fulfill state level mastery-based graduation requirements.
- **Social Balance** - An innovative curriculum program for middle and high school students that explores the impact of social media through the lens of STEM. The Social Balance helps students, teachers, and families think critically, so they can leverage the benefits of social media while navigating risks and putting a premium on real-world, in-person relationships. The Social Balance strives to positively impact student relationships and school culture.
- **Sidekick AI Academy** - Sidekick AI Academy is a dedicated space for students and teachers to learn how to use AI chatbots. The platform walks students through seven unique AI prompts and features instructional videos on how to get the most out of AI in a safe and productive manner. Sidekick AI Academy complies with student data privacy standards and allows teachers to review and provide feedback on student interactions with the chatbot.



- **Personal Interest Projects (PIP)** - The Skills21 Personal Interest Project (PIP) provides an opportunity for students to follow their passions and complete a project where they can “learn, solve, make, or do” while mastering high leverage skills necessary for school and beyond.
- **Journey of You (JOY)** - In the Skills21 Journey of You (JOY), students embark on an experience that builds resilience. Through each activity, students explore new practices that will instill positivity, healthy habits, and Social Emotional Learning (SEL) strength building.



April 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Region 20 - Teacher Work Day	3 <i>EdAdvance Board of Directors Meeting</i>	4 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Barkhamsted - PD
7	8	9 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Thomaston - Conferences	10 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> EdAdvance Special Education Schools Thomaston - Conferences	11 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Norfolk - PD The Gilbert School Winchester
14 <i>SPRING RECESS - Schools Closed:</i> Barkhamsted, Bethel, Brookfield, CCA, Colebrook, Danbury, EdAdvance Special Education Schools, Hartland, New Fairfield, New Hartford, New Milford, Newtown, Norfolk, Plymouth, Region 1 Schools, Region 7, Region 12, Region 14, Region 15, Region 20, Sherman, The Gilbert School, Thomaston, Watertown, Winchester <i>Open:</i> Torrington	15 <i>SPRING RECESS - Schools Closed:</i> Barkhamsted, Bethel, Brookfield, CCA, Colebrook, Danbury, EdAdvance Special Education Schools, Hartland, New Fairfield, New Hartford, New Milford, Newtown, Norfolk, Plymouth, Region 1 Schools, Region 7, Region 12, Region 14, Region 15, Region 20, Sherman, The Gilbert School, Thomaston, Watertown, Winchester <i>Open:</i> Torrington	16 <i>SPRING RECESS - Schools Closed:</i> Barkhamsted, Bethel, Brookfield, CCA, Colebrook, Danbury, EdAdvance Special Education Schools, Hartland, New Fairfield, New Hartford, New Milford, Newtown, Norfolk, Plymouth, Region 1 Schools, Region 7, Region 12, Region 14, Region 15, Region 20, Sherman, The Gilbert School, Thomaston, Watertown, Winchester <i>Open:</i> Torrington	17 <i>SPRING RECESS - Schools Closed:</i> Barkhamsted, Bethel, Brookfield, CCA, Colebrook, Danbury, EdAdvance Special Education Schools, Hartland, New Fairfield, New Hartford, New Milford, Newtown, Norfolk, Plymouth, Region 1 Schools, Region 7, Region 12, Region 14, Region 15, Region 20, Sherman, The Gilbert School, Thomaston, Watertown, Winchester <i>Open - Early Dismissal:</i> Torrington - PLC	18 <i>SPRING RECESS/GOOD FRIDAY - Schools Closed:</i> Barkhamsted, Bethel, Brookfield, CCA, Colebrook, Danbury, EdAdvance Special Education Schools, Hartland, New Fairfield, New Hartford, New Milford, Newtown, Norfolk, Plymouth, Region 1 Schools, Region 7, Region 12, Region 14, Region 15, Region 20, Sherman, The Gilbert School, Thomaston, Torrington, Watertown, Winchester
21 <i>SPRING RECESS - Schools Closed:</i> Torrington Watertown	22 <i>SPRING RECESS - Schools Closed:</i> Torrington	23 <i>SPRING RECESS - Schools Closed:</i> Torrington	24 <i>SPRING RECESS - Schools Closed:</i> Torrington	25 <i>SPRING RECESS - Schools Closed:</i> Torrington
28	29 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Danbury - PD	30 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Region 15 - PD		

School Climate & Mental Health Services



Supporting district and school leaders in creating and sustaining conditions for a positive school climate and culture.

School Climate Legislation Support

A positive school climate provides students and adults with a sense of safety, well-being, and belonging. EdAdvance will provide support to district and school leaders for all new obligations under Public Act 23-167. A series of professional development opportunities will be offered to assist schools in improving school climate with additional in-district support available to implement and sustain this work. Highly qualified school climate coaches will be available to support building leaders. Available support includes:

- School Climate Survey
- School Climate Improvement Planning
- School Climate Coaching
- Social Emotional Learning Training
- Restorative Practices
- Creating Quality Relationships
- Family Collaboration

Personal Safety & Well Being

Personal safety and well-being are foundational pillars of a fulfilling and balanced life. These encompass a spectrum of considerations, from safeguarding oneself against potential physical or emotional harm to nurturing a positive and resilient mental state. It involves understanding and addressing various aspects such as physical safety, emotional health, healthy relationships, and responsible behavior. In this context, exploring and implementing strategies for personal safety and well-being becomes an imperative role for district and school leaders.

- Alcohol Use
- Drug Abuse
- Eating Disorders
- Family Resources
- School Safety
- Social Media Safety
- Supporting Healthy Development
- Trauma Informed Care Therapy

May 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 <i>EdAdvance Board of Directors Meeting</i>	2 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Barkhamsted - PD Hartland - PD
5	6	7 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Region 1 Schools - PD Region 20 - <i>Teacher Work Day</i> The Gilbert School Winchester - PD	8 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> EdAdvance Special Education Schools	9 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Norfolk - PD
12	13	14 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> New Fairfield - PD Newtown - PD	15 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> New Milford - PD Plymouth - PD Torrington - PLC Watertown - PD	16
19	20 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Danbury - PD	21	22	23 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Bethel - PD Brookfield - PLC Colebrook - PD Region 7 Region 14 - PD Sherman - PD <i>School Closed:</i> Danbury - PD
26 <i>MEMORIAL DAY (OBSERVED):</i> All Schools & EdAdvance Closed	27	28	29	30

Special Education & Related Services



Program Options

K-12 Academic/Intensive Support Outplacement Schools

EdAdvance serves K-12 students who need highly individualized services that are not available within their district public school setting. Our small student-to-staff ratio allows us to provide prompt academic and behavioral interventions which are customized to each student's unique strengths and needs to optimize learning.

Post-secondary Transition Program

The University Pathways Program (UPP) at Post University, in collaboration with EdAdvance, is an 11-month program that provides comprehensive transition services for young adults (ages 18-22) who have completed high school credit requirements and need additional special education services and post-secondary transition experiences to maximize their independence. The UPP program at Post offers two distinct pathways for learners to reach their transition goals with the necessary supports. Both pathways are aligned with the Connecticut Core Transitions Skills.

Expelled Student Educational Programs

Our school programs in Torrington (grades 6-12) and in Bethel (grades 9-12) provide academic and counseling services for students who have been expelled from their public school district for all or a portion of a school year.

Short-term Diagnostic Placement

Each school accepts students who can receive their education in the small, structured setting for up to 45 school days, while further analyses of the student's academic and behavioral needs are completed toward designing an appropriate educational program.

Professional Development

EdAdvance provides targeted professional development for special education and related services staff. Some topics are Trauma Informed Practices; CT-SEDS; IEP Quality; Charting the LifeCourse; Co-teaching; SEL and Behavior Interventions; Transition; Customized Employment; PD topics for Paraprofessionals and much more.

June 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 <i>Teacher Work Day (No Students):</i> Region 15	3 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Danbury - PD	4 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Plymouth	5 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Plymouth <i>EdAdvance Board of Directors Meeting</i>	6 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Plymouth <i>Last Day of School:</i> New Milford (early dismissal) Norfolk (early dismissal) The Gilbert School (early dismissal)
9 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Hartland <i>Last Day of School:</i> Plymouth (early dismissal) Sherman (early dismissal) <i>Teacher PD (No Students):</i> Norfolk <i>Teacher Work Day (No Students):</i> New Milford	10 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Barkhamsted Hartland Region 12 <i>Last Day of School:</i> EdAdvance Special Education Schools Region 7 Region 15 (early dismissal) Thomaston (early dismissal) Winchester	11 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Watertown <i>Last Day of School:</i> Barkhamsted (early dismissal) Colebrook (early dismissal) Hartland (early dismissal) New Hartford (early dismissal) Region 1 Schools Region 12 Region 14 Torrington <i>Teacher Work Day (No Students):</i> Region 15 Winchester	12 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Watertown <i>Last Day of School:</i> CCA New Fairfield <i>Teacher PD (No Students):</i> New Hartford <i>Teacher Professional Meetings:</i> Region 1 Schools	13 <i>Last Day of School:</i> Brookfield Newtown Region 20 (early dismissal) Watertown (early dismissal)
16	17 <i>Last Day of School:</i> Danbury (early dismissal)	18 <i>Post Closing:</i> Danbury (All Staff Report)	19 <i>JUNETEENTH</i> <i>Last Day of School:</i> Bethel (early dismissal)	20
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Transportation Services

Our Transportation Services department specializes in transporting special needs students. We have a fleet of 100 GPS equipped vehicles with trained drivers and aides to meet your needs. We service school districts in northwest Connecticut with a focus on members of our Regional Transportation Collaborative, students attending the STEPS program at the Dr. Jeff Kitching Regional Learning Center, Partnership Learning Academy in Terryville, BEAM Elementary School in Danbury, and WorkspaceCT in Bethel. We transport students to 55 out-of-district placements and programs within Connecticut. We deliver safe, reliable, and cost-effective transportation.

We can fill your transportation needs on a one-time or on-going basis. Call our Transportation Department, 860-567-0863, extension 1280 and let us assist you with your specialized transportation needs. Have your students join the over 200 students we currently serve.



EdAdvance offers Human Resources, Marketing and Communications, and Technology consulting services upon request. Please call for more details - 860-567-0863.



July 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4 <i>INDEPENDENCE DAY</i>
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14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
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Newtown
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Plymouth
Region 1
Region 7
Region 12
Region 14
Region 15
Region 20
Salisbury
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Sherman
The Gilbert School
Thomaston
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Watertown
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North Canaan
Salisbury
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