

**WATERBURY CAREER ACADEMY  
HIGH SCHOOL**

**Virtual Open House**

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## PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports)

Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) is a process for creating a positive school culture and climate which in turn impacts student success.

Our WCA Motto is **HONOR**.

# Spartan HONOR



***Honest*** - holds one another to high academic, social and civic expectations

***Organized*** - assumes responsibility of one's own actions and accountable for appropriate use of technology

***Noble*** - maintains professionalism and demonstrates a strong work ethic and integrity

***Optimistic*** - open and responsive to new and diverse perspectives

***Respectful*** - treat each other with fairness, compassion and respect, while valuing differences

# How does my child apply to WCA?

A student may apply by completing an application online.



The application and all supporting documents must be forwarded to WCA by December 11, 2020.

For more information contact WCA at 203-574-6000.

The application is also available online at: <https://www.waterbury.k12.ct.us/4/Home>

# How is admission determined?

An application committee is formed to review each application and determine a student's acceptance based on a Board of Education approved rubric.

The application committee is a group of district staff members comprised of regular, special education and EL teachers in addition to middle school counselors.



**Is transportation provided?**

**Yes, students throughout Waterbury will be provided bus transportation.**

**If, during your time at WCA, you move within Waterbury you can continue to attend WCA.**



# DRESS CODE

**Is there a student dress code?**

**Students are required to wear a black polo shirt which consists of the WCA Spartan logo (must be purchased from the school) and pant bottoms must be Dockers or cargo style worn in either black or khaki, shorts, skirts and black solid fleeces are also allowed.**

# Is WCA a technical high school?



**No, we are a comprehensive, public high school.**

**Students are in their academic and strand courses every day for the entire school year.**



Do grade 9 students get to explore the different strands?



Students will explore a different strand each marking period.

Placement in a strand will be based on interests, skills, student ranking of choice, academic record and behavior.



# What academic support is offered at WCA?

WCA faculty is dedicated to supporting the success of all students. We normally offer morning academic labs which are available to support all students.

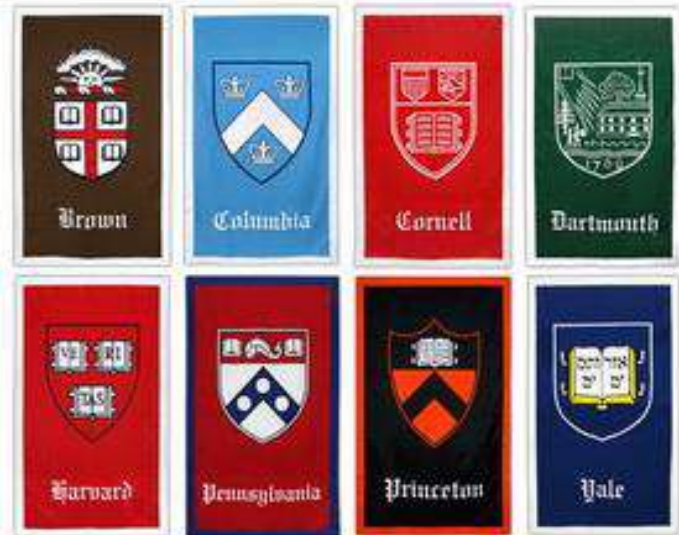
In addition, Special Education and English language staff work with those students in need of specialized support.



# What opportunities can students expect after graduation?



WCA graduates will be prepared for post-secondary education, entry level employment positions and the military.



Does WCA have assistance programs for students that may be experiencing personal difficulties?



**We have a support staff of school counselors,  
a school social worker, a school psychologist,  
And a parent liaison available to assist students  
with any personal or  
social needs.**



**SOCIAL WORKERS**  
leaders. advocates. champions.

The following 4 strands are available:



Health Services

# Career Strands



Manufacturing



Human Services



Information Technology

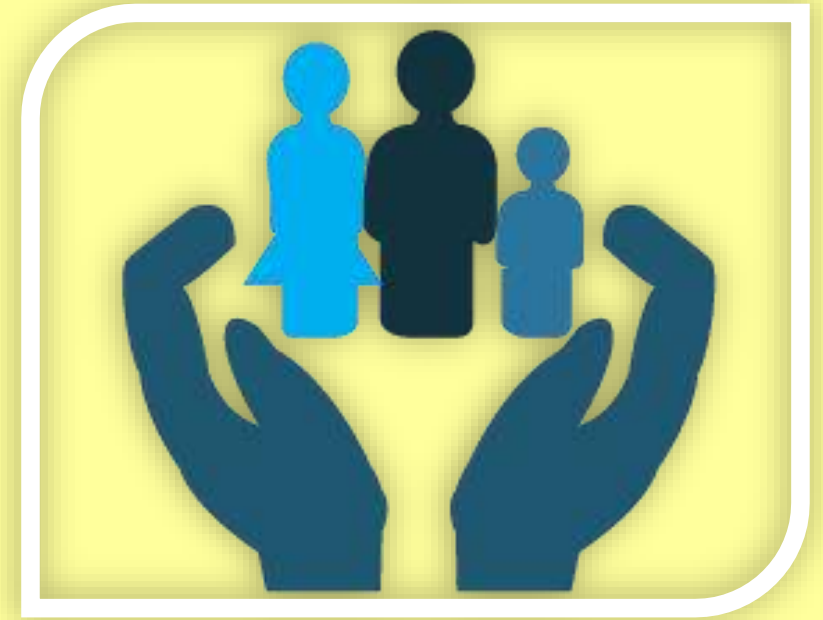
Early Childhood Education

Internship Opportunities

Paraprofessional Certification

RealCare Baby<sup>®</sup> infant simulator

UConn Course



# Human Services

# Information Technology

Develop an understanding of current issues related to Information Technology.



Understand the fundamentals of computer hardware and software, mobile devices, security and networking concepts, and the responsibilities of an IT professional.

Complete projects and assignments in the area of hardware evolution as it pertains to motherboards, CPU, video cards and more. Projects also include software development, cybersecurity, internet of things and digital media.

CompTia I.T. Fundamentals and A+ Certification

# Health Services



EMT Course & certification

First Aid and CPR certification

OSHA certification

UConn Courses

Pharmacy Technician Internship at CVS (only high school in CT)

Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) certificate



CAD (Computer Aided Design)

CNC (Computer Numeric Control) Machining

3D Printing modeling

Job Shadow/Internship/Pre-Apprenticeship opportunities

NIMS Certifications

Only non-vocational technical school in the state that recognizes our courses as hours towards pre-apprenticeship



**Manufacturing**

# Possible Occupations from Career Strands

(Most occupations require higher education)

| Human Services  |   | Computer Information Technologies   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Teacher</b><br><b>Assistant Teacher</b><br><b>Early Childhood Specialist</b><br><b>Child Care Administrator or Director</b><br><b>Assistant Director</b>   | <b>Child Care Referral Counselor</b><br><b>Consultant</b><br><b>Family Counselor</b><br><b>Social Worker</b><br><b>Early Intervention Specialist</b><br><b>Counselor</b><br><b>Paraprofessional</b> | <b>Information Technology</b><br><b>Technical Support</b><br><b>Software Developer</b><br><b>Network Specialist</b><br><b>Web Developer</b><br><b>Technology Solutions Specialist</b> | <b>Computer Repair and Service</b><br><b>Information Technology Consultant</b><br><b>Mobile Application Developer</b><br><b>Computer System Analyst</b><br><b>Computer Network Architects</b><br><b>Electrical Engineer</b> |
| Health Services   |   | Engineering/Manufacturing Technologies  |   |
| <b>Registered Nurse (RN)</b><br><b>Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)</b><br><b>Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA)</b><br><b>Medical Assistant</b><br><b>Health Information Specialist (HIS)</b><br><b>Medical Records</b> | <b>EKG Technician</b><br><b>Pharmacy Technician</b><br><b>Physical Therapy Assistant</b><br><b>Athletic Trainer</b><br><b>Physician Assistant</b><br><b>EMT</b>                                     | <b>Machinist</b><br><b>Manufacturing Engineer</b><br><b>Mechanical Engineer</b><br><b>Design Engineer</b><br><b>CNC Operator</b>  | <b>CNC Program</b><br><b>Fabricator</b><br><b>Project Manager</b><br><b>Tool Maker</b><br><b>CAD Technician</b><br><b>CAD Drafter</b>   |

- AIC Club
- Art Club
- Chess Club
- Chorus
- Community Service Club
- DECA
- Debate Club
- Drill Team
- Drum Line
- Girls' Club

**STUDENT  
CLUBS  
AND  
ORGANIZATIONS**

- Homework Club
- HOSA (Future Health Professionals)
- School Government
- Science National

- Honor Society
- Sustainability Club
- Technology Club
- Yearbook\Digital Photography
- Young, Black & United Society
- Youth Health Service Corp(YHSC)

# NVL Sports Programs

Baseball  
Basketball  
Cheerleading  
Cross Country  
Football  
Soccer  
Softball  
Swimming -Co-op  
Track  
and Volleyball



# Academic Programs



Waterbury Career Academy offers academic courses at the college prep and honors levels.

All ninth grade students are required to have a Math, English, Social Studies and Science class on their schedule in addition to a career exploratory class and two electives.



College Credit Courses

Waterbury Career Academy  
High School  
currently offers

Advanced Placement(AP) courses as well as College Career Pathways(CCP) courses for college credit through Naugatuck Valley Community College, and Early College Experience(ECE) courses for college credit through the University of Connecticut.

# College Credit Courses

- English 12 UCONN
- English Language AP
- English Literature AP
- World History AP
- Modern European History UCONN
- US Government & Politics AP
- US History AP
- Calculus AP
- Biology UCONN
- Chemistry UCONN
- Psychology AP
- Marketing 1 NVCC
- Spanish AP
- Individual 7 Family Dev UCONN
- Intro to Allied Health Professions UCONN
- Medical Terminology UCONN
- Drill Press & CNC 1 NVCC
- Bench Work & Grinding NVCC
- Lathe 1 & 2 NVCC
- CAD 1 NVCC

# Electives

- Chemistry
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Intro to Forensics
- Physics
- Journalism
- Creative Writing
- SAT Prep
- Spanish I\*, II, III, IV
- Foundations of Art I & Foundations of Art II
- Painting I and II
- Drawing I & II
- Pre-College Algebra
- Pre- Calculus
- Trigonometry
- Statistics
- Sociology/Psychology
- Contemporary Issues
- Law & Society
- Band Lessons\*
- Piano Lab\*
- Vocal/Music\*
- Marketing
- Intro to Business
- Computer Apps I & II\*
- Physical Education\*

\* Available to 9<sup>th</sup> graders



# Follow the Official WCA Accounts



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Waterbury Career Academy



Applications are available online on the WCA website

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBjYpCbe4tRGE\\_WqH82uqUtEXEMp4oNi-ZEFDDpQLu\\_Vflgw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBjYpCbe4tRGE_WqH82uqUtEXEMp4oNi-ZEFDDpQLu_Vflgw/viewform)

## Don't Forget!

Complete the entire application including listing your extra curricular activities

Answer the essay question

Ask an academic teacher to complete the Academic Recommendation Form

Application Deadline: **December 11, 2020 by 11:59pm**

***This information can be found on the  
WCA website and our social media  
accounts.***

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**OPEN HOUSE**

Thank you for joining us!



**If you would like more information please contact the school at 203-574-6000.**

**If you would like more information about sports please contact Mr. McDonald at [rmcdonald@waterbury.k12.ct.us](mailto:rmcdonald@waterbury.k12.ct.us)**

**If you have questions for our parent liaison you can reach her by email at [amontgomery@waterbury.k12.ct.us](mailto:amontgomery@waterbury.k12.ct.us)**