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Connecticut Technical High School System

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Connecticut's Largest High School System Has New Name, Updated Mission as Part of Overall Upgrade

The Connecticut State Board of Education, by unanimous vote, has renamed Connecticut's largest high school system and revised its mission.

The former Regional Vocational Technical School System is now the **Connecticut Technical High School System**. The action is part of an overall effort to restructure and modernize the course offerings, programs, equipment and facilities of these seventeen high schools that provide an "applied and integrated curriculum" of academics, and trade/technologies as part of a high school education.

The system has roots in the 1930's when trade schools were created in several regions of the state. The Regional Vocational Technical School System was formed in the 1970's.

"We are upgrading our curriculum and our facilities to address the changing needs of our students, communities and Connecticut's economy," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Abigail L. Hughes. "We have been making many improvements to our system from bricks and mortar to high technology to requiring all of our 9th graders to take Algebra or Geometry and we are building on a tradition of providing relevant career skills for our students."

Over the years, these unique high schools have educated thousands of Connecticut's students in the construction trades, occupational-specific training and apprenticeships, manufacturing technologies, automotive technologies, culinary arts and hospitality skills.

In addition to expanding and improving these programs, the Connecticut Technical High Schools will also focus on such programs as Information Systems Technology, including microprocessing, networking systems, programming and software development, health technology, bioscience environmental technology

and other technical fields. While the name of the system has changed, the Connecticut Technical High Schools in the system will retain their specific names as follows:

School Location	Technical High School Name/Link
Ansonia	O'Brien
Bridgeport	Bullard-Havens
Bristol	Bristol T.E.C.
Danbury	Abbott
Danielson	Ellis
Enfield	Cheney Satellite
Groton	Grasso
Hamden	Whitney
Hartford	Prince
Manchester	Cheney
Meriden	Wilcox
Middletown	Vinal
Milford	Platt
New Britain	Goodwin
Norwich	Norwich
Stamford	Wright
Stratford	SSAMT
Torrington	Wolcott
Waterbury	Kaynor
Willimantic	Windham

The mission of the Connecticut Technical High School System is to provide a unique and rigorous high school learning environment that:

- ensures both student academic success, and trade/technology mastery and instills a zest for lifelong learning;
- prepares students for post-secondary education, including apprenticeships, and immediate productive employment; and
- responds to employers' and industries' current and emerging and changing global workforce needs and expectations through business/school partnerships.

The Connecticut Technical High Schools are now beginning their recruitment period for next year. Grade 8 students who are interested in learning more should contact their middle school guidance counselor or visit the Connecticut Technical High School System web site at www.cttech.org.