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PROGRAMS & SERVICES CONTACTS

- Adult Education
- Adult Training & Development Network (ATDN)
- BASES (Before and After School Extended Services)
- Birth to Three
- College and Career Accelerator
- Center for Program Research & Evaluation
- Dr. Jeffrey C. Kitching Regional Learning Center
- Early Childhood & Family Programs
- Facilities
- Fingerprinting
- Fiscal Services
- Food Services
- Grants & Special Programs
- Head Start/Early Head Start
- Human Resources
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- Regional & Transition Services
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- Special Education Programs & Services
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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 in 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.



Adult and Youth Developmental 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:

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): Offers community-based, person-centered activities for adults with developmental disabilities. Programming focuses on recreation, enrichment, and meaningful engagement, making the most of the natural and cultural opportunities throughout Litchfield County.

Employment Exploration Option (EEO): The EEO is an optional extension of DSO designed for individuals interested in exploring entrepreneurship. Participants receive hands-on support to develop and launch their own micro business, from product creation to marketing and sales.

Behavior Supports Program (BSP): Provides customized adaptive daily living supports to DDS-qualified children, adolescents, and young adults, ages 8-22 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.



August 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18 <u>New Staff/Teacher Orientation:</u> Bethel Danbury Region 12	19 <u>New Staff/Teacher Orientation:</u> Bethel Danbury Region 1 Schools Region 12	20 <u>Convocation:</u> Plymouth <u>New Staff/Teacher Orientation:</u> Bethel, Danbury, New Fairfield, Region 14, The Gilbert School <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> Newtown, Region 12 <u>Teacher Professional Meetings:</u> Region 1 Schools <u>Teacher Work Day:</u> New Milford	21 <u>Convocation:</u> Region 15, The Gilbert School <u>New Teacher Orientation:</u> New Fairfield, Region 14, Torrington, Winchester <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> Danbury New Milford Newtown Plymouth Region 1 Schools Region 12	22 <u>Convocation:</u> New Milford <u>New Teacher Orientation:</u> New Fairfield, Thomaston, Torrington, Winchester <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> Danbury Newtown Region 12 Region 15 The Gilbert School
25 <u>Convocation:</u> Region 20 <u>Convocation/Professional Development:</u> Region 14 <u>Faculty Only:</u> Hartland <u>New Teacher Orientation:</u> Brookfield <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> Barkhamsted, Bethel, Colebrook, EdAdvance Special Education Schools, New Hartford, Norfolk, Plymouth, Region 1 Schools, Region 7, The Gilbert School, Thomaston, Watertown, Winchester <u>School Begins:</u> New Milford - (Early Dismissal - PD) Newtown - (Early Dismissal) <u>Teacher's First Day:</u> New Fairfield <u>Teacher Pre-Opening:</u> Danbury <u>Teacher Work Day:</u> Region 15	26 <u>Convocation:</u> Torrington <u>Early Dismissal:</u> New Milford - (PD) Newtown <u>New Teacher Orientation:</u> Brookfield <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> Bethel, Colebrook, EdAdvance Special Education Schools, New Fairfield, New Hartford, Norfolk, Region 7, Region 14, Region 20, Thomaston, Watertown, Winchester <u>School Begins:</u> Danbury, Plymouth, Region 1 Schools, Region 12, Region 15, The Gilbert School - (Grades 7 & 9) <u>Staff/Faculty Only:</u> Barkhamsted Hartland	27 <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> Brookfield EdAdvance Special Education Schools New Fairfield Region 20 Torrington Watertown <u>School Begins:</u> Barkhamsted Bethel Colebrook Hartland New Hartford Norfolk Region 7 Region 14 The Gilbert School Thomaston - (Early Dismissal) Winchester	28 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Thomaston <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> Brookfield Torrington <u>School Begins:</u> EdAdvance Special Education Schools New Fairfield Region 20 - (Phase In Day 1) Watertown - (Early Dismissal - PD)	29 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Thomaston Watertown - (PD) <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> Region 1 Schools Torrington <u>Professional Development/Convocation (No Students):</u> Brookfield <u>School Begins:</u> Region 20 - (Phase In Day 2)

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 Conferences

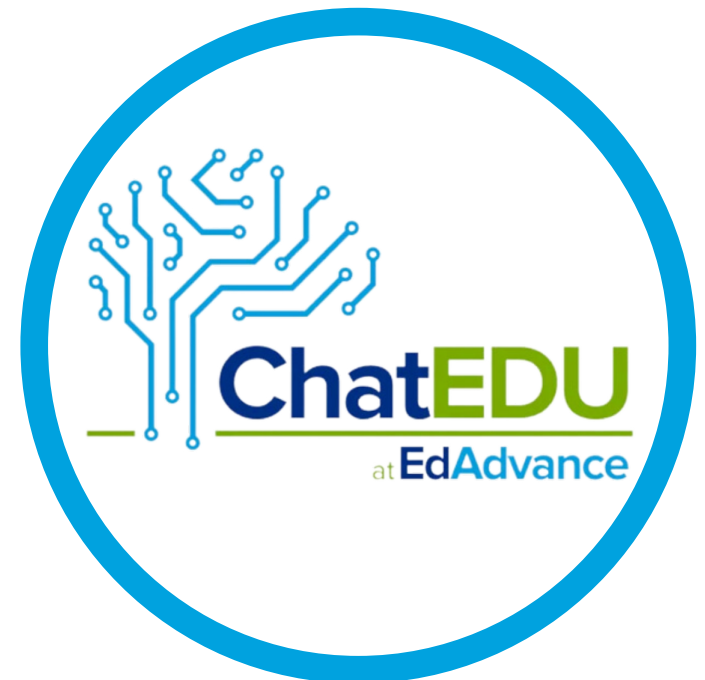
EdAdvance hosted 2 sold out regional conferences (fall and spring) on AI in Education and the service center will continue to host these in the 25-26 school year in Litchfield, CT as well as three smaller winter conferences.

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 25-26 academic year, Skills21 at EdAdvance will continue to run their quarterly AI microcredential. The microcredentials will run over a six-week period with 3 synchronous meetings. For more information visit skills21.org/AI.



September 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 <u>LABOR DAY:</u> All Schools & EdAdvance Closed	2 <u>School Begins:</u> Brookfield CCA Torrington <u>Teacher Work Day:</u> Sherman	3 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 14 - (PD) <u>Teacher Work Day:</u> Sherman	4 <u>Teacher Work Day:</u> Sherman EdAdvance Board of Directors Meeting	5 <u>Teacher Work Day:</u> Sherman
8 <u>School Begins:</u> Sherman - (Early Dismissal)	9 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Sherman	10 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> The Gilbert School	11 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Torrington	12 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Barkhamsted - (PD) Hartland - (PD) Norfolk - (PD)
15	16	17 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 1 Schools - (PD) Region 14 - (PD) Region 20 - (Teacher Work Day) Sherman - (PD) Winchester - (PD)	18 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> EdAdvance Special Education Schools - (PD) Torrington - (PLC) Watertown - (PD)	19
22 <u>ROSH HASHANAH - Schools Closed:</u> Danbury <u>School Closed:</u> Newtown - (PD)	23 <u>ROSH HASHANAH - Schools Closed:</u> Bethel, Brookfield, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Region 15, Sherman	24	25 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Plymouth - (PD) Region 12 - (PD)	26
29	30 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Danbury - (PD)			

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 programs, offer a variety of enriching and quality experiences. Parents have peace of mind knowing their child receives quality, affordable care conveniently located in the school buildings. These programs are primarily funded by parent fees and require no additional funding from school districts.

Scheduled activities include STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math) and literacy enrichment 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. The program provides daily nutritious snacks.

BASES Summer Programs are currently offered in Newtown and Torrington and operate full day (7:00 am-6:00 pm), throughout the summer to support working families. Each week's schedule includes swimming, field trips, and fun activities based on our version of STEAM-Science, Technology, Energy (physical activities), Arts, Measure up (cooking with math). BASES partners with school districts to provide wrap-around care for district led summer school.

We Offer:

- On-site before and/or after school programs for elementary and middle school age students.
- Full day summer programs for students.
- Consulting and technical assistance for out-of-school time programs in your district/agency.

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.
- Consult with local programs as Quality Advisors or Education Consultants.



Before & After School Extended Services

October 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 14 - (PD)	2 <u>YOM KIPPUR - Schools Closed:</u> Bethel, Brookfield, Danbury, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Region 15, Sherman <u>Early Dismissal:</u> EdAdvance Special Education Schools - (PD)	3 <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> New Fairfield
6	7	8 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> The Gilbert School Sherman - (PD) Winchester - (PD)	9 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Norfolk - (PD) EdAdvance Annual Meeting	10 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 20 - (Teacher Work Day) <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> Barkhamsted, Colebrook, Hartland, New Hartford, Norfolk, Region 7, Region 14
13 <u>STATE HOLIDAY Closed:</u> 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 <u>Open:</u> Newtown <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> Bethel, Brookfield	14	15 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 1 Schools - (PD) Region 14 - (PD)	16 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> EdAdvance Special Education Schools - (PD) New Milford - (PD) Torrington - (PLC) Watertown - (PD)	17 <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> Region 15
20	21 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Danbury - (PD)	22 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Barkhamsted - (Conferences) Bethel - (Conferences) Brookfield - (Conferences) Region 12 - (Conferences)	23 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Barkhamsted - (Conferences) Bethel - (Conferences) Brookfield - (Conferences) Region 12 - (Conferences)	24 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Barkhamsted - (Conferences) Bethel - (Conferences) Brookfield - (Conferences) Region 12 - (Conferences)
27	28	29	30	31

College and Career Accelerator

The College and Career Accelerator (CCA) bridges K-12 and post-secondary education by building skills that support college, career access, and readiness. Students earn tuition-free college credit, experience career-connected learning, and can earn industry recognized credentials, college certificates, and an associate degree - all while in high school. CCA graduates finish high school with confidence and readiness for whatever comes next - whether that is finishing a 4-year degree or direct entry into a high skill/high pay career.

CCA nurtures partnerships with higher education and industry professionals to offer our opportunities across four broad pathways:

- **Manufacturing and Engineering**
- **Education and Early Childhood Education**
- **Healthcare**
- **Public Safety**

CCA is centered at the state-of-the-art Dr. Jeffrey C. Kitching Regional Learning Center in Torrington, where we host students daily from our regional partner school districts. CCA also partners with school districts to deliver our programming at their in-district school sites. We provide CCA curricular support, professional learning communities, access to our higher ed partnerships, industry partnerships, career-connected learning, industry recognized credentials, and access to our certificate and degree pathways. CCA proudly accelerates readiness and opportunities for students.



November 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 	4 <u>ELECTION DAY</u> <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> Barkhamsted, Bethel, Brookfield, CCA, Colebrook, Danbury, EdAdvance Special Education Schools, Hartland, New Fairfield, Newtown, Norfolk, Plymouth, Region 7, Region 12, Region 14, Region 20, Sherman, Thomaston, Torrington, Winchester <u>Closed:</u> New Milford (Conferences), Watertown (Conferences) <u>Open:</u> New Hartford, Region 1 Schools, Region 15 (Early Dismissal Elem & MS), The Gilbert School	5 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Brookfield - (Conferences) Newtown - (Conferences) Region 1 Schools - (PD) Region 14 - (PD) Region 15 (Elem & MS) - (Conferences) Region 20 (Elem) - (Conferences) Thomaston - (Conferences)	6 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Brookfield - (Conferences) Newtown - (Conferences) Region 15 (Elem & MS) - (Conferences) Region 20 (Elem) - (Conferences) Thomaston - (Conferences) Watertown - (Conferences) EdAdvance Board of Directors Meeting	7 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Newtown (Elem & MS) - (Conferences) Region 20 (Elem) - (Conferences) <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> New Hartford
10 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Danbury (Elem) - (Conferences)	11 <u>VETERAN'S DAY Closed:</u> Bethel, CCA, Danbury, New Milford, Region 1 Schools, Region 12, Region 14, Region 20, The Gilbert School (No Students-PD), Thomaston, Watertown <u>Open:</u> Barkhamsted, Brookfield, Colebrook, EdAdvance Special Education Schools, Hartland, New Fairfield, New Hartford, Newtown, Norfolk, Plymouth, Region 7, Region 15, Sherman (Early Dismissal), Torrington, Winchester	12 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Danbury (Elem) - (Conferences) Region 7 (MS) - (Conferences)	13 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Danbury (Elem) - (Conferences) EdAdvance Special Education Schools - (PD) New Milford - (Conferences) Region 7 (MS) - (Conferences) Region 20 (MS & HS) - (Conferences) <u>Late Opening:</u> Sherman - (Conferences)	14 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Sherman - (Conferences)
17	18 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Danbury (MS) - (Conferences) Region 14 (BES/MES) - (Conferences)	19 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Danbury (MS) - (Conferences) Region 14 - (PD) Sherman - (PD)	20 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Danbury (MS) - (Conferences) Region 14 (BES/MES) - (Conferences) Torrington - (Conferences)	21 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 14 (BES/MES) - (Conferences) Torrington - (Conferences)
24 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Colebrook - (Conferences) Danbury (HS) - (Conferences) Hartland - (Conferences) New Hartford - (Conferences) Norfolk - (Conferences) Torrington - (Conferences)	25 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Colebrook - (Conferences) Danbury (HS) - (Conferences) Hartland - (Conferences) New Hartford - (Conferences) Norfolk - (Conferences) Torrington - (PLC)	26 <u>THANKSGIVING RECESS - Closed:</u> 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 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Brookfield, New Milford, Region 14	27 <u>THANKSGIVING DAY:</u> All Schools & EdAdvance Closed	28 <u>THANKSGIVING RECESS:</u> 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)
- Early Childhood/Early Start CT planning roles in Danbury, Northwest CT, 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.



December 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Danbury - (PD)	3 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 14 - (PD) Region 15 - (PD) The Gilbert School Winchester - (Conferences)	4 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> The Gilbert School Winchester - (Conferences) EdAdvance Board of Directors Meeting	5 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> The Gilbert School Winchester - (Conferences)
8 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 14 (WMS) - (Conferences)	9 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 14 (WMS) - (Conferences)	10 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 1 Schools - (PD)	11 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> New Fairfield - (PD) New Milford - (PD) Region 12 - (PD) Region 14 (WMS) - (Conferences) Watertown - (PD)	12 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Norfolk - (PD)
15	16	17 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 14 - (PD)	18 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> EdAdvance Special Education Schools - (PD) Torrington - (PLC)	19 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 20
22 <u>WINTER RECESS Closed:</u> CCA Region 1 Schools Region 20 The Gilbert School	23 <u>WINTER RECESS Closed:</u> CCA, Region 1 Schools, Region 20, The Gilbert School <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Barkhamsted, Bethel, Brookfield, Colebrook, Danbury, EdAdvance Special Education Schools, Hartland, New Fairfield, New Hartford, New Milford, Newtown, Norfolk, Plymouth, Region 7, Region 12, Region 14, Region 15, Thomaston, Watertown, Winchester	24 <u>WINTER RECESS:</u> All Schools & EdAdvance Closed	25 <u>WINTER RECESS:</u> All Schools & EdAdvance Closed	26 <u>WINTER RECESS:</u> All Schools & EdAdvance Closed
29 <u>WINTER RECESS:</u> All Schools & EdAdvance Closed	30 <u>WINTER RECESS:</u> All Schools & EdAdvance Closed	31 <u>WINTER RECESS:</u> All Schools & EdAdvance Closed		

Food Services

The Food Services Department understands that today's students face 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 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 <u>WINTER RECESS/NEW YEAR'S DAY:</u> All Schools & EdAdvance Closed	2 <u>WINTER RECESS:</u> All Schools & EdAdvance Closed
5	6	7 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 14 - (PD) The Gilbert School	8 EdAdvance Board of Directors Meeting	9
12	13	14 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Brookfield - (PLC) Sherman - (PD) Winchester - (PD)	15 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> EdAdvance Special Education Schools - (PD) Region 14 (NHS) - (Conferences) Torrington - (PLC) Watertown - (PD)	16 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> New Hartford - (PD) Norfolk - (PD) Region 14 - (PD) Region 20 - (Teacher Work Day) <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> Region 12
19 <u>MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY:</u> All Schools & EdAdvance Closed	20	21 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 1 Schools - (PD) Region 14 - (PD)	22	23
26	27 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Danbury - (PD) Region 20 - (Exams MS & HS)	28 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Newtown - (PD) Region 20 - (Exams MS & HS)	29 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> EdAdvance Special Education Schools - (PD) Region 20 - (Exams MS & HS)	30 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 20 - (Exams MS & HS)

Head Start: Prenatal to Five

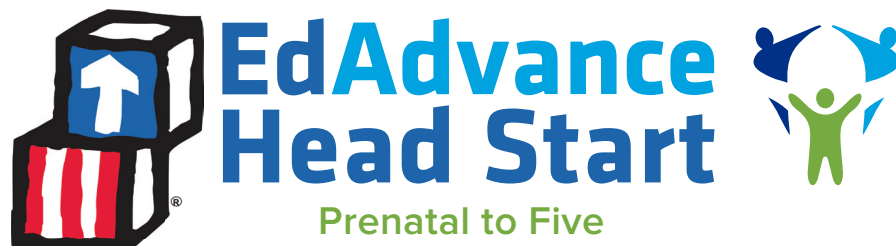
Early Head Start: Prenatal to Three

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 work 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, and Winsted. We also have School Readiness programs at our Torrington and Winsted sites.



February 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 14 - (PD)	5 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> New Milford - (PD) Plymouth - (PD) EdAdvance Board of Directors Meeting	6
9	10 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Danbury - (PD)	11 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Brookfield - (PLC) Sherman - (PD) The Gilbert School Winchester - (PD)	12 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> EdAdvance Special Education Schools - (PD) Watertown - (PD)	13 <u>PRESIDENTS' DAY/FEBRUARY BREAK - Schools Closed:</u> Bethel, New Milford, Newtown <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Barkhamsted (PD), Brookfield (PLC), Colebrook (PD), Hartland (PD), Norfolk (PD), Region 7, Region 20 (Teacher Work Day) <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> New Fairfield, New Hartford, Region 12, Region 15, Thomaston
16 <u>PRESIDENTS' DAY:</u> All Schools & EdAdvance Closed	17 <u>PRESIDENTS' DAY/FEBRUARY BREAK - Schools Closed:</u> 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, The Gilbert School, Watertown, Winchester <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> Bethel <u>Schools Open:</u> New Milford, Norfolk, Region 12, Region 20, Sherman, Thomaston, Torrington	18 <u>FEBRUARY BREAK - Schools Closed:</u> Plymouth <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 14 - (PD) <u>Professional Development (No Students):</u> Region 1 Schools	19 <u>FEBRUARY BREAK - Schools Closed:</u> Plymouth <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Torrington - (PLC)	20 <u>FEBRUARY BREAK - Schools Closed:</u> Plymouth
23	24 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 14 (BES/MES) - (Conferences)	25	26 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 14 (BES/MES) - (Conferences)	27 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 14 (BES/MES) - (Conferences)

Professional Learning

Our Professional Learning Team offers customized 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 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
- Use of AI Tools to Create, Review, or Revise Curriculum
- English Learners Support
- Formative Assessment Practices and Effective Feedback

Educator Talent, Evaluation and Support

- Foundational Skills for Evaluators of Leaders/Teachers
- TEAM (Teacher Education and Mentoring) and TEAM Review of Practice (ROP)
- Teacher Evaluation and PDEC Support
- Review of Practice Teacher Evaluation Model Support
- Leader/Educator Goal-Setting and Professional Learning Plans

Professional Councils and Learning Communities

- Curriculum, English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Library Media Science
- English/Language Arts and Mathematics Instructional Coach Professional Learning Communities
- Technology
- Multilingual Learner Support

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



March 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Brookfield (WMS) - (Conferences) Danbury - (PD) <u>No School:</u> Watertown - (Conferences)	4 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> New Milford - (Conferences) Region 14 - (PD) Region 15 - (PD)	5 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Brookfield (BHS) - (Conferences) Watertown - (Conferences) EdAdvance Board of Directors Meeting	6 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> New Hartford - (PD) <u>Professional Development - No School:</u> Region 20 The Gilbert School Winchester
9	10	11 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 1 Schools - (PD) Sherman - (PD)	12 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Brookfield (CLES) - (Conferences) Hartland - (Conferences) Newtown - (Conferences) Plymouth - (PD) Region 12 - (Conferences) Region 20 (MS & HS) - (Conferences) <u>Late Opening:</u> New Milford - (PD) Sherman - (Conferences)	13 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Brookfield (CLES) - (Conferences) Hartland - (Conferences) Newtown (Elem & Reed) - (Conferences) Region 12 - (Conferences) Sherman - (PD) <u>Professional Development - No School:</u> EdAdvance Special Education Schools
16	17 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Danbury - (PD)	18 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Barkhamsted - (Conferences) Bethel - (Conferences) New Hartford - (Conferences) Norfolk - (Conferences) Region 14 - (PD) Region 15 (Elem) - (Conferences) Region 20 (Elem) - (Conferences) The Gilbert School Winchester - (Conferences)	19 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Barkhamsted - (Conferences) Bethel - (Conferences) New Hartford - (Conferences) Norfolk - (Conferences) Region 15 (Elem) - (Conferences) Region 20 (Elem) - (Conferences) The Gilbert School Watertown - (PD) Winchester - (Conferences)	20 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Barkhamsted - (Conferences) Bethel - (Conferences) Norfolk - (PD) Region 20 (Elem) - (Conferences) The Gilbert School Winchester - (Conferences) <u>Professional Development - No School:</u> New Hartford Region 14
23 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Torrington - (Conferences)	24 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Torrington - (Conferences)	25 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Brookfield - (PLC) Newtown (NMS & NHS) - (PSAT/SAT) Torrington - (Conferences)	26 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Colebrook - (Conferences) EdAdvance Special Education Schools - (PD) New Fairfield - (PD) Region 12 - (PD) Torrington - (PLC)	27 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Colebrook - (Conferences)
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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 provides 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:

- Customized School Climate Surveys
- School Climate Improvement Planning
- School Climate Coaching
- Social Emotional Learning Training
- Restorative Practices
- Creating Quality Relationships
- Family Collaboration
- School Climate Data Analysis

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. EdAdvance can provide support in the following areas:

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



April 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 14 - (PD) Thomaston - (Conferences)	2 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 20 - (Teacher Work Day) Thomaston - (Conferences) EdAdvance Board of Directors Meeting	3 <u>GOOD FRIDAY:</u> All Schools Closed
6 <u>SPRING RECESS - Schools Closed:</u> Danbury Plymouth Thomaston	7 <u>SPRING RECESS - Schools Closed:</u> Danbury Plymouth Thomaston	8 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Winchester <u>SPRING RECESS - Schools Closed:</u> Danbury Plymouth Thomaston	9 <u>SPRING RECESS - Schools Closed:</u> Danbury Plymouth Thomaston	10 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Barkhamsted - (PD) Hartland - (PD) Norfolk - (PD) <u>SPRING RECESS - Schools Closed:</u> Danbury Plymouth Thomaston
13 <u>SPRING RECESS - Schools Closed:</u> Barkhamsted, Bethel, Brookfield, CCA, Colebrook, EdAdvance Special Education Schools, Hartland, New Fairfield, New Hartford, New Milford, Newtown, Norfolk, Region 1 Schools, Region 7, Region 12, Region 14, Region 15, Region 20, Sherman, The Gilbert School, Torrington, Watertown, Winchester	14 <u>SPRING RECESS - Schools Closed:</u> Barkhamsted, Bethel, Brookfield, CCA, Colebrook, EdAdvance Special Education Schools, Hartland, New Fairfield, New Hartford, New Milford, Newtown, Norfolk, Region 1 Schools, Region 7, Region 12, Region 14, Region 15, Region 20, Sherman, The Gilbert School, Torrington, Watertown, Winchester	15 <u>SPRING RECESS - Schools Closed:</u> Barkhamsted, Bethel, Brookfield, CCA, Colebrook, EdAdvance Special Education Schools, Hartland, New Fairfield, New Hartford, New Milford, Newtown, Norfolk, Region 1 Schools, Region 7, Region 12, Region 14, Region 15, Region 20, Sherman, The Gilbert School, Torrington, Watertown, Winchester	16 <u>SPRING RECESS - Schools Closed:</u> Barkhamsted, Bethel, Brookfield, CCA, Colebrook, EdAdvance Special Education Schools, Hartland, New Fairfield, New Hartford, New Milford, Newtown, Norfolk, Region 1 Schools, Region 7, Region 12, Region 14, Region 15, Region 20, Sherman, The Gilbert School, Torrington, Watertown, Winchester	17 <u>SPRING RECESS - Schools Closed:</u> Barkhamsted, Bethel, Brookfield, CCA, Colebrook, EdAdvance Special Education Schools, Hartland, New Fairfield, New Hartford, New Milford, Newtown, Norfolk, Region 1 Schools, Region 7, Region 12, Region 14, Region 15, Region 20, Sherman, The Gilbert School, Torrington, Watertown, Winchester
20	21	22 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 14 - (PD)	23 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> EdAdvance Special Education Schools - (PD) Torrington - (PLC)	24
27	28 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Danbury - (PD)	29 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 15 - (PD)	30	

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.



May 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Barkhamsted - (PD) Hartland - (PD)
4	5	6 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Region 14 - (PD) Region 20 - (Teacher Work Day) The Gilbert School Winchester - (PD)	7 EdAdvance Board of Directors Meeting	8 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Norfolk - (PD)
11	12	13 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Sherman - (PD)	14 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> New Milford - (PD) Watertown - (PD)	15
18	19	20 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Brookfield - (PLC) Newtown - (PD) Region 14 - (PD)	21 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> EdAdvance Special Education Schools - (PD) Plymouth - (PD) Torrington - (PLC)	22 <u>Early Dismissal:</u> Bethel - (PD) Colebrook - (PD) New Fairfield - (PD) Region 7 Region 14 - (PD) <u>School Closed:</u> Danbury - (PD) Region 1 Schools - (PD)
25 <u>MEMORIAL DAY (OBSERVED):</u> All Schools & EdAdvance Closed	26	27	28	29

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 and Central Connecticut State University is a comprehensive transition program for 17-22 year-olds with diverse learning needs who have completed high school credits but would benefit from additional special education support and postsecondary opportunities. Through structured campus-based activities, classroom instruction, and hands-on experiences, UPP provides tailored support to develop essential life, academic, and job skills, enabling students to achieve their personal goals and transition successfully to adulthood.

Expelled Student Educational Programs

Our school programs in Torrington (grades 6-12) and in Danbury (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 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 <i>Teacher Work Day (No Students):</i> Region 15	2	3 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Region 14 - (PD)	4 <i>EdAdvance</i> <i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	5
8 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Plymouth <i>Last Day of School:</i> Norfolk - (Early Dismissal)	9 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Hartland Plymouth <i>Last Day of School:</i> New Milford - (Early Dismissal) <i>Teacher PD (No Students):</i> Norfolk	10 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Barkhamsted Hartland Region 12 Sherman - (PD) Watertown <i>Last Day of School:</i> EdAdvance Special Education Schools - (Early Dismissal) Plymouth - (Early Dismissal) Region 7 Thomaston - (Early Dismissal) Winchester - (Early Dismissal) <i>Teacher Work Day (No Students):</i> New Milford	11 <i>Early Dismissal:</i> Region 1 Schools - (PD) Watertown <i>Last Day of School:</i> Barkhamsted - (Early Dismissal) Colebrook - (Early Dismissal) Hartland - (Early Dismissal) New Hartford - (Early Dismissal) Newtown Region 12 - (Early Dismissal) Region 14 - (Early Dismissal) Region 15 - (Early Dismissal) The Gilbert School - (Early Dismissal) Torrington - (Early Dismissal) <i>Teacher Work Day (No Students):</i> Winchester	12 <i>Last Day of School:</i> CCA New Fairfield Region 1 Schools Watertown - (Early Dismissal) <i>Teacher PD (No Students):</i> New Hartford <i>Teacher Work Day (No Students):</i> Region 15
15 <i>Last Day of School:</i> Region 20 - (Early Dismissal)	16 <i>Last Day of School:</i> Brookfield	17 <i>Last Day of School:</i> Danbury - (Early Dismissal) Sherman - (Early Dismissal)	18 <i>Post Closing:</i> Danbury - (All Staff Report) <i>Teacher Work Day (No Students):</i> Sherman	19 <i>JUNETEENTH</i>
22 <i>Last Day of School:</i> Bethel - (Early Dismissal) <i>Teacher Work Day (No Students):</i> Sherman	23	24	25	26
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Transportation Services

Our Transportation Services department provides compassionate and reliable transportation for special needs students. With a fleet of 100 GPS-equipped vehicles and a team of highly trained drivers and aides, we are committed to meeting the unique needs of the children we serve. Our staff members bring extensive experience and a deep understanding of working with special needs children. They prioritize professionalism, courtesy, and empathy in every interaction, ensuring a comfortable and supportive environment for students during transit. We proudly serve school districts across northwest Connecticut, focusing on our Regional Transportation Collaborative members and students enrolled at STEPS, Partnership Learning Academy, Beam Elementary School, and Workspace CT.

Currently we transport students to 55 out of district placements and programs throughout Connecticut, ensuring safe, dependable and cost-effective transportation solutions. When you require transportation services, we are here to assist you.

Please call the Transportation Services Department at 860-361-9647 or email us at lorussom@edadvance.org and let us help you meet your specialized transportation needs with care and expertise.



July 2026

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215 Hogan Drive
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119 Grove Street
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