



HORIZONS®

Building Brighter Futures Since 1964

Hosted at New Canaan Country School

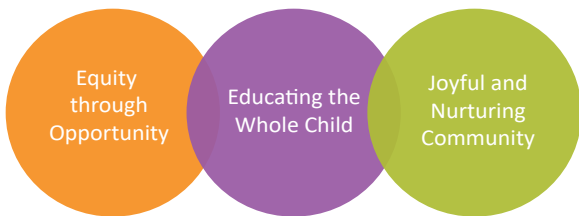
Vision

Building a more just and equitable society.

Mission

Transforming the lives of underserved children and youth through year-round academic and enrichment programs to inspire learning, encourage success, and close the opportunity gap.

Values

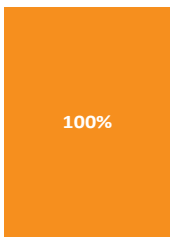


About Horizons at New Canaan Country School

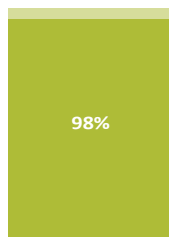
We believe all children, regardless of income or zip code, should have the opportunity to realize their potential. Founded in 1964, Horizons at New Canaan Country School is the first in a nationwide network of independently funded and operated programs that are successfully closing the opportunity gap experienced by under-resourced students.

Horizons at NCCS is a year-round academic and enrichment program serving 400 under-resourced K-12 students from Stamford and Norwalk each year. In addition to a six-week summer program, we provide our students with year-round support, including tutoring and academic coaching, college advising, caregiver and family programming, and a winter program. All of our programs are tuition-free.

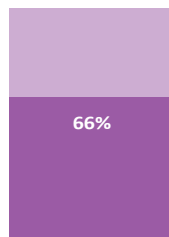
Horizons at NCCS Student Profile



100% of our incoming students must be financially eligible based on 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines



98% of students identify as BIPOC

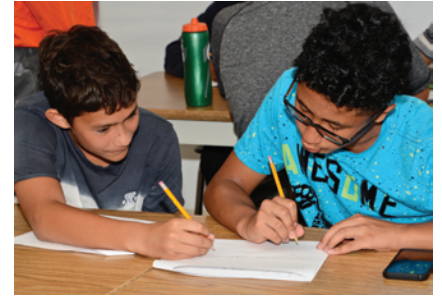


At least 66% of students enter Horizons at NCCS performing below grade level



400 students served each year

50% from Norwalk
41% from Stamford
9% other



Year-Round Programming Meets the Needs of Students Along their Journey

Summer

- 6 weeks
- 296 students in grades K-9
- Daily project-based academics
- Art, music, woodshop, technology and sports
- Field trips and community-building events
- Literacy specialists and social workers on staff
- Weekly swim instruction and daily recreational swimming
- Daily breakfast, lunch and snack

School Year Program

- Small group academic support for grades 1 -8
- One-on-one tutoring and homework help
- 5-week Saturday program for grades 1-10
- Social work services and referrals
- Enrichment programming

High School Program

- Group academic support through grade level teams
- One-on-one tutoring and mentoring
- SAT prep and college readiness workshops
- Volunteer and employment opportunities
- Social events
- Social work services and referrals

Family Program

- Educational workshops
- Adult swim lessons
- Volunteer opportunities
- Family Emergency Fund
- Post-secondary support

Alumni Association

- 200+ members
- College and career networking
- Post-secondary support

Horizons is Critical to Overcome Barriers of Success

The year-round academic and enrichment programming that Horizons at NCCS provides is more critical now than ever before. Financially disadvantaged students are losing ground three times faster than high-income students. Black and Hispanic children suffered the most academically in the switch to remote learning because of lack of access to the resources and support required to thrive in that environment.



Your Support Makes a Difference

With your help, we can ensure that our students can continue to overcome hardship, build resilience, and achieve their dreams. Each year, Horizons at NCCS raises our entire yearly budget of approximately \$1.8 million* from private sources to ensure that we can provide our tuition-free programming that makes all the difference in the lives of our students.

*To learn more, visit our website horizonskids.org/about/financial-information.

Ultimately, our high school graduation and college enrollment rates demonstrate the program's success in closing the opportunity gap. According to the 2019 Fairfield County Community Wellbeing Index, the four-year high school graduation rate for low-income Fairfield County students is 81%, compared to their more affluent peers at 97%. According to the 2016 US Census Bureau the college enrollment rate for low-income students is just 67%.



Our three-year average high school graduation rate is **100%**



Our three-year average college acceptance rate is **100%** Our three-year average college enrollment rate is **94%**

To help us continue to transform lives, reach out to Nancy von Euler, Executive Director at nvoneuler@horizonskids.org or visit our website.

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