

**CHARTER SCHOOLS  
2007-08**

**BRIDGEPORT**

***ACHIEVEMENT FIRST BRIDGEPORT ACADEMY***

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***THE BRIDGE ACADEMY***

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<p>Timothy Dutton Director</p> <p>The Bridge Academy 401 Kossuth St. Bridgeport, CT 06608</p> <p>Tel. (203) 336-9999 Fax (203) 336-9852 E-mail: <a href="mailto:bridgeacademy@yahoo.com">bridgeacademy@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p>The Bridge Academy provides a college preparatory curriculum designed to over-come the problems found in the inner city. The school's goals are met through parental involvement; a mentor program with professionals from the Bridgeport business community, an introduction to the world outside Bridgeport that includes the arts; and a small enrollment that fosters a sense of community and self-respect.</p> <p>Grade Level: 7-12   Enrollment: 260   Opening Date: Fall 1997</p>
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## ***NEW BEGINNINGS FAMILY ACADEMY***

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<p>Ronelle P. Swagerty Acting Principal</p> <p>New Beginnings Family Academy 184 Garden Street Bridgeport, CT 06605</p> <p>Tel. (203) 384-2897 Fax (203) 384-2898 E-mail: <a href="mailto:rpswagerty@nfacademy.org">rpswagerty@nfacademy.org</a></p>	<p>New Beginnings Family Academy (NBFA) provides each student with a superior education that creates high academic achievement and the intellectual foundation to make sound, ethical judgments. The Academy accomplishes this mission in an environment of innovation and cooperation among the whole school community. NBFA operates an extended day and extended year program that keeps student in school nine hours a day, 11 months a year. A full-time Family Relations Coordinator ensures that NBFA parents receive the highest level of customer services.</p> <p>Grade Level: K-8   Enrollment: 360   Opening Date: Fall 2002</p>
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## ***PARK CITY PREP CHARTER SCHOOL***

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<p>Bruce Ravage Executive Director</p> <p>Park City Prep Charter School 510 Barnum Ave. (2<sup>nd</sup> fl.) Bridgeport, CT 06608</p> <p>Tel. (203) 953-3766 Fax (203) 953-3771 E-mail: <a href="mailto:bravage@parkcityprep.org">bravage@parkcityprep.org</a></p>	<p>Park City Prep's mission is to promote academic excellence and foster interest and competence in math, science and technology among students from under-performing schools and from communities historically underrepresented in the fields of science and technology. Civic and personal responsibility will be instilled through an integrated curriculum that emphasizes the social, economic and political ramifications of scientific research and discovery. Students will develop an appreciation for the contribution science has made in shaping history and improving our lives. Through a rigorous and stimulating, science-oriented curriculum, students will develop the discipline and higher order thinking skills to prepare them for advanced level courses in high school, as well as cultivate in them an interest in pursuing future careers in the fields of science and technology.</p> <p>Grade Level: 6-8   Enrollment: 198   Opening Date: Fall 2006</p>
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## **HAMDEN**

### ***HIGHVILLE CHARTER SCHOOL***

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<p>Edward Favolise Interim Director</p> <p>Highville Charter School</p> <p>130 Leederhill Drive Hamden, CT 06517</p> <p>Tel. (203) 287-0528 Fax (203) 287-0693 E-mail: <a href="mailto:epfavolise@comcast.net">epfavolise@comcast.net</a></p>	<p>The Highville Charter School provides the Newhallville (New Haven) and Highwood (Hamden) communities with a PK-8 school with a global studies curriculum. The school incorporates the arts and foreign language as a means to teach the basic skills as well as the higher order thinking skills. The Highville School is developed in partnership with three area colleges and seeks to serve as a professional development model school. The school serves as a center for cultural, health, athletic and educational programs and workshops for the community.</p> <p>Grade Level: PK-8   Enrollment: 300   Opening Date: Fall 1998</p>
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## HARTFORD

### *JUMOKE ACADEMY*

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<p>Michael M. Sharpe Chief Executive Director</p> <p>Jumoke Academy 250 Blue Hills Ave. Hartford, CT 06112</p> <p>Tel. (860) 527-0575 Fax (860) 525-7758 E-mail: <a href="mailto:sharpem@jumokeacademy.org">sharpem@jumokeacademy.org</a></p>	<p>Jumoke Academy's goal is to prepare children to compete in the global marketplace by achieving high academic and social excellence. Students are required to maintain full participation in a rigorous academic program that develops their critical thinking skills and mastery of grade appropriate math, reading, writing and science. Jumoke Academy maintains a strong partnership with its parents, community members and local universities. Among the school's objectives are teaching all children a foreign language, technology/library science and arts literacy.</p> <p>Grade Level: PK-8   Enrollment: 370   Opening Date: Fall 1997</p>
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## MANCHESTER

### *ODYSSEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL*

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<p>Elaine Stancliffe Executive Director</p> <p>Odyssey Community School 579 West Middle Turnpike Manchester, CT 06040</p> <p>Tel. (860) 645-1234 Fax (860) 533-0324 E-mail: <a href="mailto:estancliffe@odysseyschool.org">estancliffe@odysseyschool.org</a></p>	<p>Odyssey Community School provides an exemplary education in a community that nurtures the unique mind and heart of each child. Our students are taught to think clearly, learn independently, consume information wisely, communicate effectively in a variety of media, and understand the power of technology in society. Holding students accountable to high standards of behavior, families and teachers work together to help them become responsible citizens of strong, compassionate character who know themselves well. Graduates will be eager to continue learning and committed to improving the communities in which they live.</p> <p>Grade Level: 4-8   Enrollment: 175   Opening Date: Fall 1997</p>
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## NEW HAVEN

### *AMISTAD ACADEMY*

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<p>Matt Taylor Executive Director</p> <p>Amistad Academy 407 James Street New Haven, CT 06513</p> <p>Tel. (203) 773-0390 Fax (203) 773-0364 E-mail: <a href="mailto:matttaylor@amistadacademy.org">matttaylor@amistadacademy.org</a></p>	<p>Amistad Academy's mission is to accelerate the learning of students so they achieve academic breakthroughs in the skills essential for success in high school, college and life, and to develop students who take responsibility for themselves, their school, and their community by living up to the school's REACH (respect, enthusiasm, achievement, citizenship and hard work) values. A high-expectations educational model includes a challenging core curriculum, the ongoing use of diagnostic assessments, an extended school day and year and a performance-based system for pro-motion. Amistad Academy CMT scores consistency top the state averages, rivaling the finest school districts in the state. Amistad Academy is the flagship school of the Achievement First network of schools.</p> <p>Grade Level: K-1, 5-10   Enrollment: 546   Opening Date: Fall 1999</p>
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***ELM CITY COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL***

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<p>Dale Chu Elementary School Director</p> <p>Elm City College Prep 240 Greene Street New Haven, CT 06511</p> <p>Tel. (203) 498-0702 Fax (203) 498-0712 E-mail: <a href="mailto:dalechu@achievementfirst.org">dalechu@achievementfirst.org</a></p> <p>Marc Michaelson Middle School Director</p> <p>Elm City College Preparatory School 49 Prince Street New Haven, CT 06519</p> <p>Tel. (203) 772-5332 Fax (203) 772-3641 E-mail: <a href="mailto:marcmichaelson@achievementfirst.org">marcmichaelson@achievementfirst.org</a></p>	<p>Elm City College Preparatory School exists to strengthen the academic and character skills needed for all students to excel in the top tier of high schools and colleges, to achieve success in a competitive world, and to serve as the next generation of leaders in their communities. A high-expectations educational model includes a challenging core curriculum, the ongoing use of diagnostic assessments, an extended school day and year, and a performance-based system for promotion. Elm City College Prep has a positive, structured school climate in which all students are taught to always demonstrate exemplary behavior and live up to the school's REACH (respect, enthusiasm, achievement, citizenship and hard work) values. Elm City College Prep is part of the Achievement First network of schools.</p> <p>Grade Level: K-8   Enrollment: 477   Opening Date: Fall 2004</p>
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**NEW HAVEN**

***COMMON GROUND HIGH SCHOOL***

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<p>Oliver Barton Director</p> <p>Common Ground High School New Haven Ecology Project 358 Springside Avenue New Haven, CT 06515</p> <p>Tel. (203) 389-0823 Fax (203) 389-7458 E-mail: <a href="http://www.nhep.com">www.nhep.com</a> <a href="mailto:obarton2@nhep.com">obarton2@nhep.com</a></p>	<p>Common Ground is a comprehensive college-preparatory high school whose theme is environmental studies. The school is located on a twenty-acre site within the city of New Haven, surrounded by the 1500-Acre West Rock Ridge State Park. The site includes a working demonstration farm. This unique location and campus allow students to study the natural environment, organic food production and environmental justice issues that affect local communities. Challenging courses in all key academic disciplines engage students in authentic learning through projects, research, literature and investigation. Interested, high-performing students complete an advanced Environmental Honors Program and take college classes during junior and senior years.</p> <p>Grade Level: 9-12   Enrollment: 150   Opening Date: Fall 1997</p>
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## NEW LONDON

### *INTERDISTRICT SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND COMMUNICATION*

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<p>Ruth Cole-Chu Executive Director</p> <p>Interdistrict School for the Arts and Communication 190 Governor Winthrop Blvd. New London, CT 06320</p> <p>Tel. (860) 447-1003 Fax (860) 447-0470 E-mail: <a href="mailto:ruth_cole-chu@isaacschool.org">ruth_cole-chu@isaacschool.org</a></p>	<p>The Interdistrict School for the Arts and Communication (ISAAC) is a regional center for interdisciplinary learning. ISAAC's holistic approach to education features an academically rigorous curriculum whose various disciplines are integrated through the arts and modern communication skills. The curriculum supports a learning community that is both multicultural and multilingual, based on a frame-work of knowledge, skills and awareness. With its small and diverse student body, it strives to be a model for the reduction of racial isolation.</p> <p>Grade Level: 6-8   Enrollment: 180   Opening Date: Fall 1997</p>
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## NORWICH

### *INTEGRATED DAY CHARTER SCHOOL*

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<p>Rosemarie Rose Director</p> <p>Integrated Day Charter School 68 Thermos Avenue Norwich, CT 06360</p> <p>Tel. (860) 892-1900 Fax (860) 892-1902 E-mail: <a href="mailto:roser@idcs.org">roser@idcs.org</a></p>	<p>The Integrated Day program is an alternative program that adheres to a developmental approach. The teaching methods used differ dramatically from those used in the conventional classroom. The underlying philosophy of the program recognizes that to be actively involved and truly engaged, a learner must have input into both the content of the learning and the process by which the knowledge is acquired. Specific areas of concentration include individual research, parental involvement, social curriculum, multi-age grouping, personal goal setting and assessment, sense of community and an extended schedule.</p> <p>Grade Level: PK-8   Enrollment: 330   Opening Date: Fall 1997</p>
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## SOUTH NORWALK

### *SIDE BY SIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOL*

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<p>Matt Nittoly Director</p> <p>Side by Side Community School 10 Chestnut Street South Norwalk, CT 06854</p> <p>Tel. (203) 857-0306 Fax (203) 838-2666 E-mail: <a href="mailto:m.nittoly@sidebysideschool.org">m.nittoly@sidebysideschool.org</a></p>	<p>The mission of the Side by Side Community School is to create a multiracial learning environment for urban and suburban children and their families that ensures every child succeeds and every voice is heard. The school addresses all factors that affect achievement. It houses a Family Center using the 21st Century School model developed by Edward Zigler at Yale University. As a professional development model school, Side by Side is committed to perfecting the art and craft of teaching. Its philosophy of social justice drives its interdisciplinary curriculum. As a training site for interns, it serves as a model for child-centered, interactive instruction in a diverse setting.</p> <p>Grade Level: PK-8   Enrollment: 235   Opening Date: Fall 1997</p>
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## STAMFORD

### *STAMFORD ACADEMY*

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<p>Michael McGuire Director</p> <p>Stamford Academy 229 North Street Stamford, CT 06092</p> <p>Tel. (203) 324-6300 Fax (203) 324-6310 E-mail: <a href="mailto:mmcguire@stamfordacademy.org">mmcguire@stamfordacademy.org</a></p>	<p>The mission of Stamford Academy is to create a positive, challenging and responsive learning environment for high school students who have not succeeded in a traditional setting. Students will complete required coursework in language arts, mathematics, civics and science, as well as electives that will prepare them for higher education. Stamford Academy provides a “bridge to college” as well as providing opportunities to develop the requisite skills for successfully entering the job market. The staff collects and monitors data regarding individual academic, social, emotional, behavioral and career goals, to determine student programming and targeted remediation. Opportunities to practice citizenship and responsibility will be developed as students participate actively in school, home and community.</p> <p>Grade Level: 9-12   Enrollment: 130   Opening Date: Fall 2004</p>
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### *TRAILBLAZERS ACADEMY*

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<p>Craig Baker Director</p> <p>Trailblazers Academy P.O. Box 359 Stamford, CT 06904</p> <p>Tel. (203) 977-5690 Fax (203) 977-5688 E-mail: <a href="mailto:cbaker@trailblazersacademy.org">cbaker@trailblazersacademy.org</a></p>	<p>The mission of Trailblazers Academy is to hold all students to high academic expectations. While maintaining small classes and fostering positive relationships the school builds a strong academic foundation for each student by emphasizing core subjects, basic skills, and character development.</p> <p>Grade Level: 6-8   Enrollment: 150   Opening Date: Fall 1999</p>
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## WINSTED

### *EXPLORATIONS CHARTER SCHOOL*

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