



# The Bridge Academy Charter School

## Character & Academic Excellence

### MISSION

The Bridge Academy is a small, caring, public charter school with a rigorous learning environment. All members of The Bridge Academy community listen to and communicate with each other, are able to respond to diverse needs and give the consistent effort necessary for personal and academic growth.

### THE SCHOOL & THE COMMUNITY

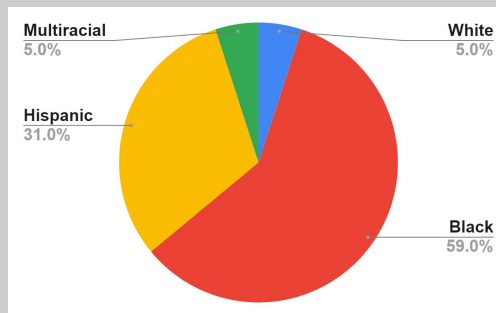
The Bridge Academy is a small, accredited, public charter school for grades 7 – 12 in Bridgeport, CT and is a member of the Connecticut Charter School Network. It is college preparatory. We are dedicated to helping our students overcome the problems presently found in the inner city by offering a small learning environment where students receive personal attention. Small, personally focused schools have proven more successful in urban America, and our school is a leader in this new educational movement in Connecticut. Our focus is on developing maturity, academic excellence, and 21<sup>st</sup> century skills necessary for our students to become successful in today's world of work.

Located on the Long Island Sound, Bridgeport is one of the most populous and culturally diverse cities in the state of Connecticut. The city is home to port trade, transit, and industry. The population of Bridgeport is approximately 139,550. A cultural center in and of itself, Bridgeport is linked to some of the most significant business and cultural centers in the country by an intricate system of highways and train routes. Bridgeport has three public high schools, over 20 elementary/middle schools, and numerous charter and magnet schools.

### SNAPSHOT OF THE CLASS OF 2022

#### 39 Students in the Class of 2022

- 54% Male, 46% Female
- 33% have an IEP or 504 Plan
- 100% have applied to colleges
- 100% participating in senior project
- 95% participating in High School Partnership Program - college credits.
- 72% started in 7th or 8th grade at BA



### CURRICULUM & GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

#### STATE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4 years	4 credits
Mathematics	3 years	3 credits
Social Studies	3 years	3 credits
Science	2 years	2 credits
Career/Vocational/Art		1 credit
Physical Education / Health		1 credit
Open Electives		6 credits
Senior Project/Capstone Project		

Total Credits for Graduation 20 credits

#### SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

*In addition to the State of Connecticut requirements, students at The Bridge Academy are required to pass:*

- 1 additional math class (4 years total)
- 2 additional science classes (4 years total)
- Senior Project

'Must Pass Policy' - all students are required to pass every class in order to be promoted. Summer school is required if a class is not passed during the school year.

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### SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Type:  
 Independent Charter

Grade Range: 7 - 12

Instructional Focus:  
 College Preparatory

Enrollment: 280

**SCHEDULE:**  
 6 period day  
 Alternating A / B  
 55 minute classes

Class Rank/GPA: Unweighted

A	95 - 100	4.00
A-	90 - 94	3.70
B+	87 - 89	3.30
B	84 - 86	3.00
B-	80 - 83	2.70
C+	77 - 79	2.30
C	74 - 76	2.00
C-	70 - 73	1.70
D+	67 - 69	1.30
D	65 - 66	1.00

## SAT TESTING DATA - 2020

## COVID 19 IMPACT

	Bridge Academy (37 students)	Bridgeport Pub. Schools (801 students)	State of CT	National
Math	429	420	500	531
ERW	421	397	514	528
Total	860	817	1014	1059

Covid 19 created several challenges for The Bridge Academy during the 2020-21 school year. Students were cohorted for the entire year. This translated into no more than 1/2 of the student body learning in person one day with the rest learning from home, and those groups switching the next day. Wednesdays were almost entirely an independent study day. In actuality most students opted to participate in remote learning. For about 9 weeks, we had to shut down in person learning completely in the winter.

### PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

#### CCR

Students work on improving skills during the College and Career Readiness class. The skills that students focus on are individualized, and measured by a standardized assessment we take 3 times each year. Students are taught strategies and fill in learning gaps. This class meets for 50 minutes every other day.

#### Senior Project

Seniors at The Bridge Academy complete an interdisciplinary paper and presentation as part of the school capstone project course (required for graduation). As a culmination of the class, community members grade student presentations. This project is an excellent way to showcase our students' work and prepare them for college level presentations and course work.

#### African & Latino Studies

Students explore the accomplishments, struggles, intersections, perspectives, and collaborations of African American/Black and Puerto Rican/Latino people in the U.S. Students examine how historical movements, legislation, and wars affected the citizenship rights of these groups and how they, both separately and together, worked to build U.S. cultural and economic wealth and create more just societies in local, national, and international contexts.

#### Dual Enrollment Program

Due to the small size of the school & staff, The Bridge Academy is not able to offer students the option to take Advanced Placement Courses. However, senior, juniors, and exception sophomores can still earn college credits at no cost through our Dual Enrollment Program. This program is linked with Housatonic Community College. These credits may be applied to a two or four year degree at a growing number of universities and colleges around the country. To be eligible, students must have a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA. Students can potentially earn 12 college credits by the time they graduate high school.

#### Social Emotional Learning

The Bridge Academy believes that through social-emotional education, students gain the confidence, emotional intelligence, and social skills which will influence them for the rest of their lives. To that end, all students at Bridge are given the opportunity to practice daily mindfulness meditation and take part in whole class and small group lessons which aim to teach the SEL core competencies of self-awareness, self-management, social-awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making.

### COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Over the last 3 years, our graduates have been accepted to over 100 colleges. Here are the schools they attended:

#### CLASS OF 2019

Gateway Community College  
Housatonic Community College  
Howard University  
Lincoln Technical Institute  
Naugatuck Valley Comm. Coll.  
Norwalk Community College  
Sacred Heart University  
Southern CT State University  
University of Hartford  
University of Connecticut

#### CLASS OF 2020

Fairfield University  
Gateway Community College  
Housatonic Community College  
Husson University  
New England Technical Institute  
Norwalk Community College  
Porter & Chester Institute - Stratford  
Rutgers University  
Southern Connecticut State University  
University of Bridgeport  
University of Connecticut

#### CLASS OF 2021

Albertus Magnus College  
Chaffey  
Curry College  
Eastern CT State University  
Franklin Pierce  
Full Sail University  
Housatonic  
Husson University  
Lincoln Technical Institute  
Morgan State University  
Norwalk Community College

Pensacola State College  
Porter & Chester Institute  
Post University  
Sacred Heart University  
Transition Academy  
University of Connecticut  
University of Bridgeport

## CO-CURRICULARS



CIAC HS Sports



Arts  
Poetry, Art Club,  
Cooking Club



Media Club  
Podcasts, Video production,  
Video Streaming



Club Sports  
Basketball, Strength &  
Conditioning, Swim, PEP  
Squad



Student Council



Stock Market  
Club



Bridge Academy  
Honor Society