

CANTON HIGH SCHOOL

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“The greatest strength of CHS is its people.”

The School

Canton High School, founded as Collinsville High School in 1854, is a small, high-quality institution with an enrollment of 549 students in grades 9-12. Small class sizes – averaging 21 across the five academic disciplines – provide many opportunities for teacher-student interaction. The school is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Canton High School, one of the smallest high schools in Connecticut, takes great pride in its wide range of exemplary programs. Canton was ranked one of the best small towns in the country by *Budget Travel Magazine*, and one of the best high schools in 2010 by *US News*.

The Community

The town of Canton, Connecticut, is a suburban community of 10,292 people located 15 miles west of the City of Hartford. Part of the historic and beautiful Farmington Valley, Canton residents commute to work in large industries, especially defense and insurance, in the capital area. Many others are employed in the numerous small business enterprises in the community. Despite its largely residential tax base, Canton consistently makes a strong effort to fund its school. A 20.75 million dollar building renovation/addition project, completed in 2005, supports an ever-expanding educational program. This reflects a strong commitment to education and to the town's youth.

The Staff

Canton High School faculty members have been recognized among their peers with achievements such as the National Endowment for Humanities Fellowships, Connecticut Teacher of the Year semi-finalists, and leadership positions in professional associations. Ninety-four percent of the faculty has at least a Master's Degree.

Graduation Requirements

English	4 credits
Math	3 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Science	3 credits
Vocational/Fine Arts	1 credit
Physical Ed/Health	1 credit
Additional Courses	9 credits
Total Credits	24

Course Levels

AP.....	Most competitive college preparatory
Honors.....	Very competitive college preparatory
Academic....	Preparation for college and other educational opportunities

Advanced Placement Courses

Biology
Calculus AB
Chemistry
Comparative Government
English Language and Composition
English Literature and Composition
French
Music Theory
Physics B
Spanish
Statistics
United States History

The Class of 2011 (118 members)

Future plans:

- 81% of the class enrolled in institutions of higher learning
- 64% are attending 4-year colleges and universities
- 17% are attending nursing schools, 2-year colleges, business and technical schools

Student Achievement Highlights

SAT scores of the class of 2011. Average participation rate: 84%

	Canton	CT	National
Critical Reading	536	509	497
Math	550	513	514
Writing	547	513	489

Advanced Placement

- 93 students took 155 AP Exams; 155 exams is an increase of 16 over the previous year's 139 exams.
- 89% of Canton's scores were 3's or higher; 74% were 4's or higher; 46% were 5's.
- 100% of scores in Chemistry were 4's or better and 77% were 5's.
- In three courses, AP scores averaged 4 or better: U.S. History, Chemistry, and English Language.

Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT)

- When compared to the 18 Schools in DRG C, CHS ranked #1 in math, #2 in writing, #3 in reading, and #4 in science.
- 70% - 84% of 10th grade students scored at goal or at the advanced level on each of the four subtests.
- 98% of students scored at the proficient level or higher on each of the four subtests.

Additional Highlights

- Celebrated eight students selected as National Merit Commended Students.
- Recognized two students who received Scholastic Arts Awards.
- Honored an 11th grade student who was one of two alto saxophonists selected throughout the nation to participate in the Grammy Foundation Jazz Ensemble. As part of the Grammy Jazz Band, he performed at Grammy week events, recorded a CD and attended the Grammy Awards ceremony.
- Feted members of the Boys Cross Country Team as Class SS State Champions.
- Celebrated members of the Boys Outdoor Track Team as Class S State Champions.
- Honored two students who were accepted to the Bread Loaf Writers Workshop at Middlebury College.
- Inducted a student into the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame.
- Feted the school's band director for his selection to attend the 2011 Symposium on Music in Schools and as Yale University's recipient of the Distinguished Music Educator Award.
- Celebrated three students who were selected to perform at the All-Eastern Music Festival.

VHS: AP Economics, AP Spanish, AP Statistics, AP English Lit & Comp, AP Calculus
University of Connecticut Early College Experience: Calculus, English Language and Composition, U.S. History, and Honors English 11
CT Community College Career Cluster: Child Development

Quality Point Scale used to obtain class rank

A+	12	Students satisfactorily completing advanced placement (AP) courses will receive 3 additional quality points added to the quality points earned for the grade achieved. Students satisfactorily completing honors courses will receive 1.5 additional quality points added to the quality points earned for the grade achieved.
A	11	
A-	10	
B+	9	
B	8	
B-	7	
C+	6	
C	5	
C-	4	
D+	3	
D	2	
D-	1	
F	0	

Special Programs

- The English and Social Studies Departments have adopted the *Collins Writing Program*, a program about writing to learn and learning to write, which develops thinking skills through Five Types of Writing.
- Senior Project is an individualized, independent research project, which provides twelfth graders with adult learning experiences in the Canton community.
- Sixty percent of students participate in Canton High School's successful interscholastic athletic program.
- Over Forty-five percent of students are enrolled in a music course.
- Sixty-five percent of students are enrolled in one or more art courses.
- Outreach programs include: ESTEEM, an award-winning traveling performance team, recognized by the governor, that promotes healthy, drug-free relationships; a tutoring program that pairs high school students with students in grades 1-8.
- Curricular traveling opportunities include trips to Washington, D.C., China, Mexico, France, and Spain.
- 11 students qualified to participate in the Greater Hartford Academy for the Performing Arts. Programs are available in Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, and Music. Four students attend the Greater Hartford Academy for Math & Science. Enrollment is limited.
- Students with a keen interest in science participate in the Department of Environmental Protection Program SEARCH, which provides field study investigation opportunities.
- Advanced students take college courses at nearby institutions of higher education through the College Now Program.
- Community partnership programs exist with Canton Chamber of Commerce, Avon/Canton Rotary Club, State Department of Environmental Protection, League of Women Voters, Mock Trial, Model United Nations, Close-Up, student exchange with Mexico, the Town Recreation Commission, and the Canton senior citizens.
- Canton High Advisory Team — An Advisory Program in which students establish a relationship with an individual adult and a group of peers with the aim of supporting students in achieving Canton High School's mission.
- Eight Open Choice students from Hartford attend CHS; 7 students from Hartland attend CHS with tuition paid by their town.
- Online courses through Virtual High School are available to students.
- The athletic program has expanded to include football, girls lacrosse, girls indoor track, girls volleyball, and boys lacrosse.
- The **Canton Academy** is an alternative high school program designed to provide a small, positive, well-structured learning environment for students who are struggling or unable to achieve success in a traditional day setting.

Mission Statement

To engage all students in learning by providing a rigorous and relevant curriculum in an environment of mutual respect and personal responsibility.

21st Century Expectations for Student Learning

Academic Expectations:

Students will be:

1. Effective writers
2. Critical readers
3. Competent problem solvers
4. Effective communicators
5. Discriminating users of technology as a tool for learning

Social Expectations:

Students will:

1. Demonstrate a willingness to resolve conflicts responsibly
2. Assume responsibility for their own behavior
3. Act with respect and acceptance of others

Civic Expectations:

Students will:

1. Understand the responsibilities of citizenship
2. Appreciate the diversities of American and global cultures
3. Make positive contributions to the school and to the community

Colleges and Universities to which students were accepted, 2007-2011

Albright College	Emory University	Moravian College	Wesleyan — CT
Allegheny College	Endicott College	Mount Ida College	Western CT State Univ.
American University	Fairfield University	Muhlenberg College	Western New England
Arcadia University	Fisher College	Newbury College	Westfield State College
Arkansas State	Florida Atlantic University	New England College	Wheaton College
Art Institute of Seattle	Florida Inst. of Technology	New York University	York University
Assumption College	Florida International	Northeastern University	
Barry University	Florida Southern College	Northwestern CT	
Bates	Fordham University	Norwich University	
Bay Path College	Fort Lewis College	Oberlin College	
Bay State College	Framingham State College	Plymouth State University	<u>Universities of</u>
Becker College	Franklin Coll. Switzerland	Pratt Institute	Arizona
Bentley College	Franklin Pierce College	Providence College	Central Florida
Berklee Coll. of Music	George Mason University	Purchase College	Colorado
Binghamton University	George Washington	Purdue	Connecticut
Boston College	Gettysburg College	Quinnipiac University	Delaware
Boston University	Goucher College	Rensselaer	Hartford
Bridgewater State	Green Mountain College	Rhode Island College	Hawaii at Manoa
Brigham Young	Hartwick	Rider University	Illinois at Chicago
Brown University	High Point University	Rivier College	Maine
Bryant University	Hobart-William Smith	Rochester Inst. of Tech.	Maine at Fort Kent
Bryn Mawr College	Colleges	Roger Williams University	Maine at Machias
Bucknell University	Hofstra University	Rutgers University	Maryland, College Park
Carnegie Mellon Univ.	Holy Cross	Sacred Heart University	Massachusetts
Case Western	Iona College	Saint Anselm	Memphis
Castleton State College	Ithaca College	Saint Joseph College	Miami
Catholic Univ. of America	James Madison University	Salem State College	Michigan
Cedarville University	John Hopkins University	Salve Regina University	New England
Central CT State	Johnson & Wales	Savannah Coll. Art /Design	New Hampshire
Central Piedmont	Johnson State College	School of Visual Arts	New Haven
Champlain College	Juniata College	Seton Hall University	North Carolina
College of Charleston	Keene State College	Siena College	Notre Dame
Chestnut Hill College	Lafayette College	Skidmore College	Pennsylvania
The Citadel	Lasell College	Southern CT State	Pittsburgh
Clark University	Lehigh University	Southern Vermont College	Rhode Island
Clemson University	Louisiana Tech.	Springfield College	Rochester
Coastal Carolina	Loyola University	St. John's College	South Carolina
Colby College	Lyndon State College	St. John's University	Southern California
Colby-Sawyer College	Maine College of Art	State University of N.Y.	Southern Maine
Connecticut College	Manhattan College	Stonehill College	Tampa
CT Culinary Institute	Manhattanville College	Suffolk University	The Sciences in Phil.
Cornell University	Marist College	SUNY Cobleskill	Vermont
Culinary Inst. of America	Mass. College of Art	Syracuse University	Western New England
Curry College	Mass. Coll. of Liberal Arts	Temple University	Wyoming
Dalhousie University	Mass. Coll. of Pharmacy	Towson University	
DePaul University	McGill University	Tufts University	
Dickinson College	Merrimack College	Tulane	
Drew University	Messiah College	Tunxis Community	
Drexel University	Michigan State	Utica College	
East Carolina University	Middle Tenn. St. University	Vassar College	
Eastern CT State	Middlebury College	Villanova University	
Elon University	Mitchell College	Virginia Commonwealth	
Embry Riddle Aerospace	Montana State University,	Virginia Polytechnic Inst.	
Emmanuel College	Bozeman	Wake Forest University	