

**RESTORATION OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AID
for
CANAAN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

- ✚ Canaan School District has a comprehensive school system for students PreK through grade 12 including a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center. It has been designated as a geographically isolated location with no viable Vermont merger options serving 175 students from Canaan, neighboring NEK Choice communities Bloomfield, Brunswick, Lemington, Norton and tuition-based New Hampshire students.
- ✚ In November 2019, Vermont Secretary of Education, Daniel French and the New Hampshire Commissioner of Education, Frank Edelblut, officially declared the formation of an Interstate School Planning Committee with a goal for the State of New Hampshire and the State of Vermont to increase the educational opportunities for children within both states.
- ✚ The Interstate School Planning Committee has identified Canaan Memorial High School as the most strategic site for our interstate regional high school with 99% of the students living within a 20 mile radius and for the opportunity that they provide with their strong established dual enrollment college offerings and hands-on learning at their Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center.
- ✚ During building walk-throughs of all the potential interstate schools, it became apparent to the Committee that buildings in Vermont were in a lesser overall condition compared to the New Hampshire schools, which triggered the Committee to seek grant funding for a facilities study of Canaan Schools.
- ✚ To date, the Committee has obtained \$17,500 in funding from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation for the facilities study to understand how educational programs and amenities fit within existing facilities and to identify deficiencies using the Vermont and New Hampshire Planning and Design Guidelines as a benchmark.
- ✚ The findings of the facilities study estimated costs at \$4,000,000 to \$9,000,000 in renovations and efficiency improvements for upgrades related to ventilation, heating, electrical, windows, fire alarms, sprinklers, roof repairs and accessibility.
- ✚ In March 2020, a \$1,000,000 bond article will be presented to the Canaan Community with \$544,000 to address a number of ADA requirements, \$248,818 to address egress lighting and vintage wiring, \$184,400 to address roof and foundation repairs with \$22,782 for contingency; still not addressing the majority of deficiencies with the buildings established in 1946 (Memorial High School) and 1960 (Elementary School).
- ✚ The small rural community of Canaan has very little business tax base, a large number of fixed income residents and is located in the county with the highest poverty levels in the state. The restoration of school construction aid will help us to provide safe and healthy learning environments, equitable to other Vermont communities and our counterparts in New Hampshire.
- ✚ The Canaan School District understands the need for our students at Canaan Schools to be a piece of the Interstate puzzle in modeling the educational future at a more reasonable costs to our taxpayers. It is imperative that the support for school construction aid be restored for the students of our small rural school, to not miss out on the economic opportunity of collaboratively working together with the schools on the other side of the Connecticut River.



CANAAN SCHOOLS



Canaan Schools encourages and supports the creativity, skills and interests of its staff and student body to offer high-quality educational experiences that are an integral part of the evolving 21st-century classroom. With less than 200 students and 50 staff, individualization and personalization is at the center of a Canaan education. The school promotes opportunities for students to achieve postsecondary readiness through experiences that acknowledge individual goals, learning styles, and abilities. Canaan values student voice and choice in how learning takes place and believes students are capable of demonstrating mastery of learning in various formats. To accomplish this, Canaan commits to:

- Participating in Running Start and Vermont's Dual Enrollment Program, allowing students to graduate with college credits
- Committing to relationships with WMCC, VTC, SNHU, CCV, and NHTI
- Accessing work-based learning, job shadowing, and internships with local professionals
- Evaluating student needs and tailoring services through multiple industry recognized credentials
- Introducing a variety of work and career licenses and certifications in areas like Emergency Medicine, Welding and Commercial Driving
- Offering virtual/blended learning through Middlebury College Interactive Languages, Virtual High School, Virtual Learning Academy Charter School, hybrid courses and teleconferencing
- Implementing Personalized Learning Plans that engage students in reflective thinking about their strengths, interests, goals, and needs

Clubs & Sports

- Key Club ~ Builders Club
- K-Kids ~ Outing Club
- National Honor Society
- Future Farmers of America
- FBLA ~ Girls on the Run
- Student Council ~ GSA
- Our Voices Xposed (OVX)
- Cross Country ~ Soccer
- Basketball ~ Baseball
- Softball ~ Hero Boys



Dual Enrollment

Through Running Start college classes, students have the chance to earn up to **52** college credits by the time they graduate high school.

- Biology ~ Calculus ~ Chemistry
- College Composition
- Environmental Science
- Human Anatomy & Physiology
- Forensics ~ Forest Resources
- Physics ~ Pre-Calculus
- Quantitative Reasoning ~ Statistics
- Survey of American Literature
- Tree & Shrub Identification
- Business Computer Applications (Grade 10)
- Business Administration
- Business Logic & Ethics
- Accounting I ~ Marketing



State-Wide Programs

- Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership
- HOBY
- Governors Institute of VT Upward Bound
- VSAC Gear Up, Med-Quest



Pre-Kindergarten

Canaan Schools offers 1/2 day Early Childhood Program for children 3-5 years of age opportunities to achieve expected developmental milestones.



Career & Technical Education

***NEW Advanced Integrated Manufacturing** will take students all the way through the stages of production, manufacturing, and distribution. Methodologies include 3D printing, machining and laser engraving.

Building Trades & Restoration Carpentry through the renovation of aged community buildings, this program offers students basic carpentry knowledge which includes framing, subflooring, roofing, foundations, finish work, and power tool use and safety.

Diversified Agriculture & Natural Resources includes animal, agriculture, wild life, forest, and environmental sciences through a variety of activities including: vegetable production, maple sugaring, sawmill operation, forest inventory work, wreaths, and small scale logging.

Fire & Emergency Services is a program in which students learn the skills necessary to become a certified EMT and firefighter.

Business Administration & Technology provides students with the opportunity to study entrepreneurship, accounting, marketing, technology, financial literacy, and more through hands-on learning and dual-credit opportunities.

Health Science explores the diversity of career options within the health career field earning college credits, state licensure and national certifications with hands-on clinical experience.

Criminal Justice is a new collaborative program with WMCC, Border Patrol and other agencies to expose our students to careers in protective services.

Welding through WMCC provides the learning of various welding techniques and potential to earn up to three college credits.



Industry Recognized Credentials (IRC)

- Emergency Medical Technician ~ CPR/AED First Aid
- Fire Fighter I ~ OSHA 10 ~ OSHA 30
- Commercial Driver License CDL
- Introduction to Welding ~ Traffic Control Flagging
- RRP Certified Lead Renovator
- Game of Logging Level 1-4
- Powder Actuated Tools Ramset Microsoft Certification
- Licensed Nursing Assistant (LNA)
- Knowledge Matters Personal Finance Certification
- Conover Credential Workplace Readiness Certification
- G Suite Certification ~ Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) PowerPoint Certification

Electives

- Drawing, Painting, & Sculpting Pottery & Photography
- Home Repair & Maintenance
- Construction & Design, Woodworking
- Psychology, Criminal Profiling
- Publication & Design, Foods
- Family Band & Chorus

Driver's Education - Free to Canaan and NH Tuition Students

CT River Collaborative

Canaan Schools has entered into a collaborative effort with two NH high schools in SAU 7 to allow students to take classes of interest.

- Film as Literature
- Robotics
- Automotive
- Computer-Aided Design
- Careers in Youth Education
- 21st Century Business
- Small Gas Engines
- Journalism
- Spanish
- French



For more information about Canaan Schools, please call **802-266-8910** and speak with our Principal Debbie Lynch or schedule an appointment with our School Counselor Kara Sweatt to learn more about the educational opportunities for students. Email dlynch@canaanschools.org or klswatt@canaanschools.org or visit us on the web at <http://canaanschools.org/>.