



SPS Anchor at Harbor Landing

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As an alternative education program, it is our mission to meet the unique academic, social and emotional needs of all students through learning that connects students' lives to their future in a safe, supportive and nurturing environment in order to empower and inspire all students for middle school, high school and college and career readiness.

In doing so, the SPS Anchor at Harbor Landing sets high expectations, provides choice and maintains small class size. High expectations are set for all students and staff to take an active role in building a safe learning environment and positive relationships through restorative practices. Academic expectations are set high where students are provided with choice to engage in deep, real-world learning. The small class size allows teachers to give students more individual attention and tailor lessons specific to students' needs. Essentially, the small class size allows for greater connectedness between staff and students to create safety, enhance learning and build community.

The SPS Anchor at Harbor Landing is committed to the success of each individual learner.



FACULTY AND STAFF

All staff at the SPS Anchor at Harbor Landing are state certified teachers, counselors and social workers. A nurse, security workers, and tutors are also on staff.

SCHOOL SETTING

SPS Anchor High School and Middle School Programs offer students a small setting to achieve academically, physically, and social emotionally. A smaller teacher student ratio (not to exceed 1:10) affords teachers, students and support staff to foster and build a trusting school community where students feel safe to learn.

A daily student incentive system is implemented to measure progress with time on task and to encourage desired behaviors and socially appropriate interactions for each student, each day.

ENROLLMENT

The SPS Anchor at Harbor Landing requires a referral and is a "school of choice" program. Once the referral is accepted, enrollment remains an option/choice made by the student and parent. Students are accepted after a shadow day and/or intake meeting takes place. SPS Anchor Program administration, in conjunction with Stamford Public Schools administration reserves the right not to accept a prospective candidate if it's determined that the SPS Anchor at Harbor Landing would not best serve the needs of the student.

Anchor 1

Anchor 1 serves high school students at risk of not graduating or progressing to the next grade due to facing barriers such as depression, school phobia and anxiety. Anchor 1 staff works closely with students' outside service providers, outside agencies and families to maintain a continuum of support for students.

Anchor 2

Anchor 2 is designed to provide a stable and nurturing learning environment for high school students who are at-risk of not graduating or progressing to the next grade and experiencing repeated school difficulties such as discipline problems, repeated suspension and expulsion. Anchor 2 is focused on students learning to build and be a part of a healthy school community. The staff builds constructive relationships and is part of a support network with students' outside agencies.

Middle School Anchor (grades 6-8)

SPS Anchor Program for grades 6-8 is a middle school transitional program serving students in grades 6-8 who experience challenges in the traditional middle school setting. The smaller class and school settings allow for teachers and staff to work with students to set goals and develop customized learning plans to meet each student's unique needs.

Boys and Girls Club Tutoring Center

The Boys and Girls Club tutoring center is a transitional program for students who are in the process of being placed in one of the school district's high schools, SPS Anchor programs or an out of district placement. The tutors provide a continuum of academic support during this transitional time.

After School STEM Program

The afterschool STEM program provides students the opportunity to earn up to three additional high school credits. The courses offered in the 2019-2020 school year are Code Academy (coding), Biotech and Health.

CURRICULUM & GRADUATION

SPS Anchor at Harbor Landing follows Stamford Public Schools middle school and high school curricula to include social emotional supports and programming. Students (with the exception of expulsion) can graduate with their district school in addition to the SPS Anchor at Harbor Landing graduation recognition ceremony. The district school's graduation and the SPS Anchor graduation recognition ceremonies are for students who meet all requirements for the June graduation.

In addition, SPS Anchor students who are not expelled from their district school may participate in their district school's sports, activities, and clubs that take place at the end of the school day throughout the school year.

WHAT WE DO

- Project Based Learning
- Individualized Learning Plans
- 1:1 Support
- Online Learning
- College Prep Level courses (Math, Science, Social Studies, English)
- Restorative Practices
- Cross Fit
- Dungeons and Dragons Club
- Adventure Program
- Animal Embassy Program
- Learning Garden
- Nature's Classroom
- School-wide Assemblies
- Spirit Week
- Multicultural Celebrations
- Post -Secondary Planning
- Resume Building
- Job Search/Applications
- School-Wide Community Service Events
- Partnerships with
 - Future Five
 - Youth Services Bureau
 - Sandy Hook Promise
 - Franklin Forum
- Individual Counseling
- Therapeutic Groups
 - DBT
 - CBITS
 - CBT
 - Art Therapy
 - Pet Therapy
 - Grief Group
 - Service Group
 - Gender Specific Group
 - LGBTQ Support Group

