

The Sound School

Regional Vocational Aquaculture Center

A Guide To The

ADMISSIONS APPLICATION

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Attention Students and Parents

The Sound School Regional Vocational Aquaculture Center is accepting applications for New Haven and out of district students interested in attending a regional Agriculture Science and Technology Education (ASTE) center with a focus on Aquaculture Science and Marine Technology. As a member of the Connecticut State Department of Education ASTE system, all tuition and transportation fees are paid for by the sending Board of Education at no cost to students or parents.

The Sound School is administered by the New Haven Board of Education as a comprehensive college preparatory high school with a maritime education focus. All students who graduate from the Sound School are prepared for both college and career.

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“The Sound School where education is: Engaging. Authentic. Meaningful. Transformative.”

What makes the Sound School different?

Career Guidance for jobs and employment
Students study Aquaculture or Agriculture
Students learn Boating (Navigation, Sailing, Rowing, Boat Safety)
Students learn about Commercial and Recreational Fishing, Building Fishing Rods, Lobster Trips, Oysters
Students learn about Boat Design (in a C.A.D Lab, Boat Building, Boat Maintenance
Small Engine Repair – Outboard Mechanics
Students raise fish, maintain fish tanks, learn water chemistry, and how to keep an aquarium
Students learn Animal Science and Veterinary Technology
Engineering & Robotics- Waterfront Operations
Entrepreneurship

What are some of the extra Activities?

Recreational Fishing
Sailing Team, Rowing Team
Extended Sailing Trips
Greenhouse / Horticulture
Aquarium & Fish Lab Maintenance
Public Speaking
FFA Student Activities -Community Service
Marine Resource Restoration
Language focused trips



Instructions to apply to the Sound School Regional Vocational Aquaculture Center—for students interested in learning about the sea and those New Haven students who wish to study Animal and Plant Science.

Greetings,

We are so pleased that you are considering applying to The Sound School. As you know, The Sound School offers a unique high school experience with our commitment to hands-on, authentic learning for all students. Our vision states, “The Sound School is a learning community where students are both challenged and supported as they prepare for the future and achieve more than they thought possible”. We accomplish this through our highly specialized curriculum, our unique learning environment, and our commitment to deep learning by all students.

The Sound School is one of 49 New Haven Public Schools along with being one of the 19 State of Connecticut Agriscience and Technology Education (ASTE) Centers. We welcome students from 22 cooperating districts along with New Haven, drawing students from over 40 middle schools. This geographic diversity is one of the many reasons The Sound School is unique. Unlike the other Connecticut Agriscience and Technology Centers, The Sound School is a comprehensive high school where all students who attend the school are part of the Aquaculture or Agriculture programs.

The application you are getting ready to complete is the same for all of the 19 ASTE centers in the State and some important page by page instructions follow below. It is essential that you and your child fill out the application thoroughly.

Instructions:

Please ensure that **pages 1 – 10 are filled out completely**. In order to complete the application you will need information and participation from the applicant, the parent or guardian, the applicant’s current school counselor, a teacher, and a person who knows the applicant well but is not a relative.

p. 1 and 2 please ensure this is filled out completely and accurately so that we have this information for our records. If any information changes while we are processing the application, please let our Aquaculture Office know as soon as possible.

p. 3 the applicant must fill out the chart of activities and choice of agriculture pathway so that we can consider the application. The Sound School offers the following Pathways to all students – Aquaculture, Biotechnology, Marine Technology, and Environmental Science. New Haven students may also choose Plant Science, Animal Science, or Agriculture Mechanics.

p. 4 is to be completed by the applicant (you may attach additional pages) explaining in as much detail as possible, why you are interested in attending the Sound School. Please be specific as this is the most important part of your application. In order to attend an ASTE Center you must have a demonstrated interest in Aquaculture or Agriculture and show us how this will help you further your future education and/or employment goals and plans.

p. 5 – 8 the applicant must make sure to request the necessary information from the sending school in a timely manner. Make sure the applicant fills out his/her name on all pages and signs the release of information. In addition to the Guidance Counselor recommendation, the applicant will choose a teacher who knows him/her interests well, to write a recommendation.

p. 9 this is a personal reference from someone who knows the applicant well but is not a relative. Perhaps someone for whom he/she has worked in a summer position, a family friend, or a religious leader – the applicant should decide.

p. 10 must be completed and signed by both the applicant and the parent or guardian. This is a very important statement, so please read and discuss it together prior to signing it.

Once you have completed all sections of the application, please **keep a copy for your records** and mail the original to:

Steve Joseph, Director of Admissions
The Sound School
60 South Water Street
New Haven, CT 06519

If you have questions, please contact the Aquaculture Office directly at (203) 946-7106.

Again, thank you for considering The Sound School and we look forward to receiving your application.



Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE)

An agricultural education program is made up of three integrated parts: classroom instruction, FFA and a supervised agricultural experience (SAE).

The SAE is a required component of a total agricultural education program and intended for every student. Through their involvement in the SAE program, students are able to consider multiple careers and occupations, learn expected workplace behavior, develop specific skills within an industry, and are given opportunities to apply academic and occupational skills in the workplace or a simulated workplace environment. Through these strategies, students learn how to apply what they are learning in the classroom as they prepare to transition into the world of college and career opportunities.

To further define the types of SAE programs available to and appropriate for students of school-based agricultural education, refer to the following examples:

- Ownership/Entrepreneurship
- Placement/Internship
- Research
- Exploratory
- School-Based Enterprise

Welcome to FFA

FFA (formerly known as Future Farmers of America) is a national organization for students who are studying agriculture or aquaculture. There are many agriculture and aquaculture areas, and they are all part of FFA. In FFA, you will practice what you are learning in real life situations. Through these experiences, you will develop leadership skills, prepare for career success and experience personal growth.

FFA is stronger than ever, there are more than a half million members in the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Today's FFA members are preparing to respond to the challenges of tomorrow. How will we feed a growing world population? How do we preserve our natural resources? How can we make positive impacts in our communities? Thanks to your help, FFA members will be prepared to contribute to these and other key issues.

FFA experiences can help you win cash for college through the National FFA scholarship program, which awards \$2 million each year in scholarships to FFA members. Scholarships are sponsored by businesses and individuals through the National FFA Foundation and are given for a variety of experiences, career goals, and higher education plans. They are available to high school seniors and students already in college, and the application is completely online! The online application process starts in November and is available on www.ffa.org.

Please consider becoming a part of FFA today.