

# ORIENTATION

The Sound School Regional Vocational Aquaculture Center

2020-2021

# WELCOME!

Please refer to your Student/Parent Handbook:

<http://sound.school/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020-2021-Sound-School-student-parent-handbook.pdf>

A REMINDER OF WHO WE ARE AS A COMMUNITY –  
DIVERSE INDIVIDUALS WHO RESPECT AND SUPPORT ONE  
ANOTHER. IN LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS WE REAFFIRM  
OUR COMMITMENT TO BEING A SCHOOL COMMUNITY  
THAT VALUES ALL ITS MEMBERS EQUALLY.

Mission, Vision, and Goals: Handbook, p2



OUR TEACHERS AND STAFF, AND ADMINISTRATION HAVE BEEN GIVEN A SACRED TRUST – PARENTS, GUARDIANS, CAREGIVERS SEND YOUR PRECIOUS CHILDREN TO US EACH DAY. YOU TRUST US TO CARE FOR YOUR CHILDREN; TO NURTURE THEM, TO CHALLENGE THEM, TO SUPPORT THEM, AND TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO LEARN SO THAT THEY MAY BE READY FOR THEIR FUTURES. THIS IS NO SMALL TASK. WE APPRECIATE YOUR TRUST AND YOUR SUPPORT FOR YOUR CHILDREN TO CHOOSE A DIFFERENT PATH.

Students from New Haven and 24 other towns comprise the Sound School Community.

# HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW TO MAKE OUR TIME TOGETHER A SUCCESS...

Administrative Team:

Marc Potocsky, Principal

Eric S. Yuhas, Assistant Principal

Timothy Visel, Aquaculture Center Coordinator

# SAFETY

- Trust on campus: Handbook, p 6-12
- In labs, shops, and On the water: Handbook, p 10
- Before, during, afterschool expectations of on campus behavior: Handbook, p 9-10
- Campus boundaries: NOT an open campus: Handbook, p 6
- Locked doors: Handbook, p 6-7

# ELECTRONICS

Both School-Issued and Personal

Wise Use Policy: Handbook, p11-12

# ATTENDANCE

Attendance Hotline: **(475) 220-6868**

State Law/District Policy: Handbook p 7-9

- 20 absences can lead to retention in grade.
- Excessive Tardiness can lead to discipline.



# HOMework CENTER

- Open Daily 7:15-7:55
- Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 2:30-4:30
- To assist students in successfully completing assignments
- **REQUIRED** for students who are not meeting academic success
- See Academic Probation Policy, Handbook, p 13

# DRESS CODE

Handbook, p 10-11:

- Dress for the task at hand
- Expect to get dirty or wet; change of clothes recommended
- Safe dress for shops/labs/boats

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

See Handbook, p 14:

- 32 credits total
- Includes 4 Supervised Agricultural Experience Credits to be earned **outside of school**
- Includes 200 Community Service Hours: 50 per year.
- Includes Grade Level Projects in each year, including Senior Capstone

- ▶ FFA is a national organization of over 700,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business, and technology of agriculture and aquaculture. FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing the potential for leadership, personal growth, and career success through agriculture education. Members are eligible to participate in FFA trips and activities. Membership in FFA is mandatory for all students at the Sound School and all ASTE centers at a cost of \$30.00, payable at the beginning of each school year that the student is enrolled. (Please make checks payable to 'Sound School FFA'.) Handbook, p 13

**FFA: REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS: \$30 PER YEAR**

- ▶ **SAE is a requirement for graduation from all CT Agriculture Science and Technology Centers.** All students who attend The Sound School are required to complete the SAE program each year. SAE completion is recorded on the student's transcript and is a requirement of graduation. Supervised Agricultural Experiences provide Sound School students with real world application and experiences in the science and technical career pathways students are most interested in exploring. Supervised Agricultural Experience is a requirement for the continued enrollment and graduation from The Sound School. The State of Connecticut mandates 1 SAE credit for each year a student attends an ASTE center. Thus, a total of 4 SAE credits is required if a student began their academic career at The Sound School starting in their freshman year. A student's SAE must relate to the student's SAE plan. An SAE plan is an agreement that the student makes with the school, which details the manner in which the student will earn SAEs. There are seven options for earning SAE credits: Directed Laboratory, Exploratory, FFA Research/Experimentation, Cooperative Placement, Ownership/Entrepreneurship, Employment and Service-Learning (FFA Subchapter). Upon completion of a Supervised Agricultural Experience, the student is awarded credit based on level of completion. The responsibility for submitting the SAE plan and participating in a SAE program lies with the student; each student is assigned an ASTE advisor (usually their first semester double-period teacher) to assist them in doing this. Handbook, p 12

## SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE (SAE)

# TRANSPORTATION

- New Haven Students transported by CT Transit City Buses; bus cards provided
- Sending school districts are responsible for transporting their resident students to the Sound School

# IN CONCLUSION

- Please fill out the electronic versions of all required paperwork using the link provided.
- School Phone Number: **475-220-6800**
- email protocol: [firstname.lastname@nhboe.net](mailto:firstname.lastname@nhboe.net)
- School Website: <http://sound.school>