

Who are our students?

NECA students will reflect the dynamic and diverse Norwalk community.

NECA Students Will Be:

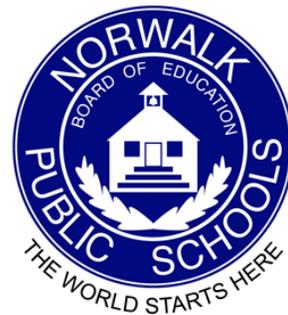
- interested in computers, science and math
- eager to learn the skills needed to succeed in tomorrow's highly competitive technology industries
- curious, dedicated, hands-on learners ready to embrace the challenges of school, college, work and life
- able to attend a school orientation program during the summer before 9th grade
- excited to participate in extended day and summer programs
- willing to intern at IBM and other major companies.

NECA is open at no cost to all Norwalk students. Admission is by lottery and students of all abilities are welcome. There are no tests or screening required for admission.

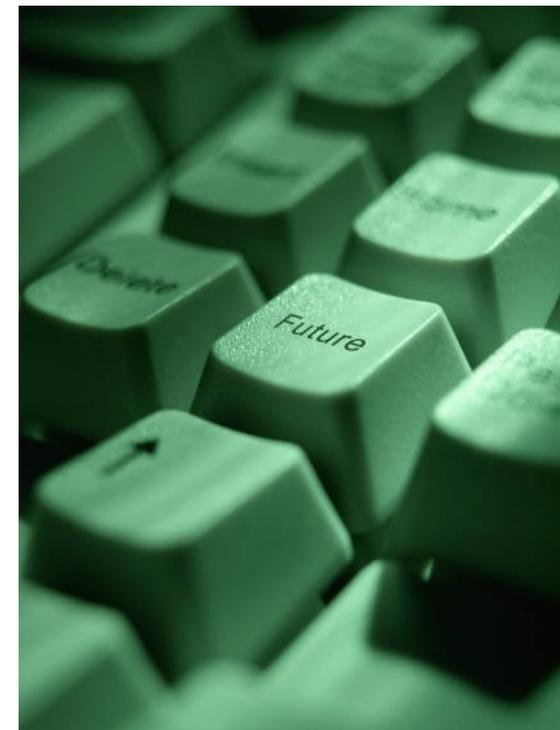
For More Information

Talk to your middle school guidance counselor, or contact Norwalk High School Principal Reginald Roberts, robertsr@norwalkps.org, 203-838-4481.

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Norwalk Early College Academy is a collaboration between Norwalk Public Schools, the Connecticut State Department of Education, Norwalk Community College and IBM, with the support of other public and private partners.



NORWALK EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY

**Preparing students to
succeed in college and
career**



What is Norwalk Early College Academy?

NECA is a new program for Norwalk students based on the Pathways in Early Technology (P-TECH) model. NECA will provides the skills and experience needed for well-paying Information Technology (IT) jobs.

How Does It Work?

NECA is a 9-14 model where students will complete high school, earn a college degree, and be ready to begin a career by the time they graduate. The length of enrollment is tailored to the learning needs and educational goals of each student.

NECA enables students to begin their college and professional lives more quickly, with more support than the traditional school-to-work pathway. NECA graduates will earn an associate degree and graduate with the skills and knowledge needed to continue their studies, or to step seamlessly into competitive jobs in information technology (IT).

A Decision Today for Success in the Future.

NECA brings together the best elements of high school, college and the professional world.

High School

Students take regular high school courses required to earn a high school diploma. They receive individual support and guidance as they plan their high school years and begin taking college classes. Students also receive mentoring and internship opportunities to prepare them for college and competitive careers in information technology.

College

NECA students have the opportunity to earn an associate degree from Norwalk Community College at no cost. They will take college courses with college faculty during normal school hours. Students may continue their studies at NCC or apply to other four-year colleges upon graduation.



Career

Students participate in real work experiences where they will learn teamwork, and develop the skills they'll need for professional and personal success. Students explore various careers through internship, coaching and mentoring opportunities provided by IBM Corporation – a founding partner of the school – as well as other local companies.

What Careers Await NECA Students?

Students will be prepared to begin careers in a range of exciting, competitive jobs in the Information Technology (IT) industry.

IT professionals perform complex technical tasks, work within a team and solve problems. Whether designing and testing future products or analyzing defects in software and driving quality improvements for global customers, NECA graduates will be helping our world work better.

“At schools like P-TECH . . . Students will graduate with a high school diploma and an associate degree . . . We need to give every American student opportunities like this.”

- President Barack Obama
