



College and Career Ready

Bridge to College is a free program that provides as-needed resources, support, and guidance to students between high school graduation and the first day of college classes. Bridge to College is open to all Stamford graduating seniors, no matter what college they plan to attend. It aligns the efforts of students, families, Stamford Public Schools, higher education institutions, and community partners.

Stamford Cradle to Career's [Bridge to College](#) program combats "summer melt" by ensuring that students fulfill their requirements prior to the start of the fall semester. This includes:

- 🎓 General Guidance
- 🎓 Placement Exams
- 🎓 Timelines and Deadlines
- 🎓 Registering for Classes
- 🎓 Financial Aid Process
- 🎓 Submitting Required Paperwork

Skill Building for Success

As youth prepare to enter the workforce, it is important for them to strengthen their non-academic essential skills to be prepared for employment, competitive in their career, and confident in their abilities. Skill Building for Success combines Stamford Public Schools' strategic vision for developing habits of Mind, Body, and Heart, the life skills provided by the Community for Education Foundation (CEF), and the core competencies outlined by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), to create a common language and framework for the community to help prepare students for a successful transition into higher education and careers.

Skill Building for Success provides resources, tools, and support for schools, community organizations, employers, and students to support the development of the essential skills needed in college and the workforce.

Youth Leadership

The Transition CAN Youth Leaders will lead and inform the projects and initiatives of Stamford Cradle to Career. They will have a central role in planning, implementing, and evaluating initiatives and projects, be involved in opportunities offered by Stamford Public Schools, create learning opportunities for adult allies (aka adult co-conspirators) and Stamford youth, and other workshops and events. By centering the voices, perspectives, and lived experience of students in Stamford, the Transition CAN Youth Leadership will be a space that encourages and supports youth agency around education and efforts towards education equity in the Stamford community.

Transition to Postsecondary, College and Career Community Action Network



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