

What is a Community School?

A community school offers families more than a traditional public school. It is a hub where families, schools, local organizations, and the community work together to create a supportive and enriching environment for students' growth and success.



“ One of our core values at Rippowam is building strong relationships with families and students. Being a community school means we can support our Rippowam community in ways that extend beyond the walls of the school. We are grateful for the grant and excited to share this opportunity with you all.

Kristina Colmenares,
Rippowam Principal



“ Attending a quality community school can lead to improved social and emotional competencies, including prosocial behavior, intrinsic motivation, and academic achievement – pillars for success. Furthermore, the Rippowam family provides holistic support, fosters family and community engagement, and instills a higher sense of self-worth in our students.

Shawn Davis,
Community Schools Manager

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COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Rippowam Middle School

381 High Ridge Rd,
Stamford, CT 06905

Community Schools Manager:

Shawn Davis

Guidance Room

203-977-5255 Ext (7120) Rippowam

203-602-6636 Stamford Cradle to Career

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?

Four things you can expect to see from our community school at Rippowam are:

- **Social Support** – Come to our Family Resource Center to learn about and get connected to social services in Stamford for housing, food, legal, education, and more.
- **Convenience** – High-quality, no cost, after-school programming means your student can stay at school until 4:30pm and take the last bus home. The diverse activities give students a chance to spend time with friends and do cooking, event planning, art, dance, drones, music, sports, and more.
- **Health** – School Based Health Center provide on-site confidential physical, dental and mental health services to students enrolled in Stamford Public Schools.
- **Community** – Come to our community events, attend a parent education class, or stop by and tell us what you would like in our community.

To learn more, talk to your Community School Manager



**Meet Shawn Davis
Your Rippowam Community
School Manager**

Shawn is an innovative, people-oriented professional with over 10 years of experience in the education industry. Having worked specifically with non-profits in the youth developmental realm, he brings his passion for the overall advancement of the younger generation. With a Master's degree and Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Florida Memorial University, Shawn has worked with culturally and demographically diverse groups in an effort to increase student enrollment in afterschool programs, college programs, develop their holistic view of life, and help them achieve academic success while also developing employability skills and life-long learning.

Shawn utilized his interpersonal and leadership skills to provide mentorship and guidance to ensure academic success, encouraged educational achievement, and identified strategies to effectively use their time, especially towards the betterment of communities. Shawn believes in Stamford Cradles to Careers core values and looking forward to making profound change.

**Contact Shawn at:
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GET INVOLVED!

There are many ways families can get involved and share their ideas to make our community school great.

- **Join one of our community event**
- **Visit our family resource center**
- **Become a Rippowam Advisory Member**

