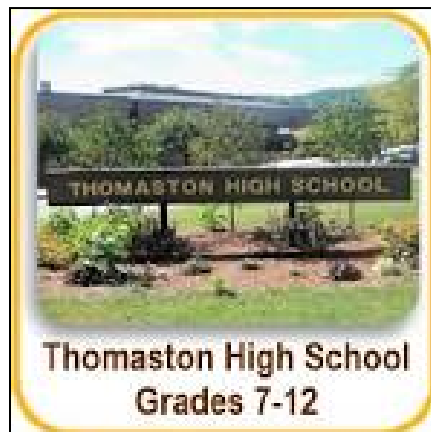


# Programs & Enrichment Opportunities At Thomaston High School PATHS High School

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## Board of Education Mission Statement

***IN A PARTNERSHIP OF FAMILY, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY, OUR MISSION IS TO EDUCATE, CHALLENGE AND INSPIRE EACH INDIVIDUAL TO EXCEL AND BECOME A CONTRIBUTING MEMBER OF SOCIETY.***

## Thomaston High School Mission Statement

### ***Learn to Live...Live to Learn***

Thomaston High School, an inclusive community of lifelong learners, is dedicated to high academic achievement and the cultivation of social and civic responsibility in a safe, stimulating, and supportive environment.

**Academically**, all students graduating from Thomaston High School will demonstrate through multiple assessments the ability to:

- Communicate effectively through speaking and writing
- Use a variety of technological and informational resources to gather, synthesize, and present data
- Apply critical thinking skills to interpret and evaluate information and solve problems through rigorous, and creative intellectual activities
- Set challenging goals and perform reflective self-assessment and utilize positive, appropriate outlets for self-expression

**Civically**, all students graduating from Thomaston High School will demonstrate the rights and responsibilities as members of a democratic society, including making positive contributions to the local community.

**Socially**, all students graduating from Thomaston High School will demonstrate the ability to:

- Develop qualities of good character and positive intrapersonal and interpersonal skills
- Apply knowledge of physical, cognitive, and emotional development to create a safe and healthy lifestyle
- Understand and embrace diverse cultures and individuality

## PATHS School Within Thomaston High School

### Thrive and Achieve

At PATHS, the goal is to provide every student with an opportunity to thrive and achieve real benefits from their middle and high school experience and be ready upon graduation for either college and/or work.

### Specialized School Program

The PATHS School is a specialized school for students with emotional and behavioral concerns serving students in Grades 7-12 since 2015. The PATHS School offers a therapeutic, self-contained classroom as well as the opportunity to participate in mainstream core and elective classes\* offered at Thomaston High School. All PATHS students participate in a point system that promotes and rewards positive school social and academic behavior.

### Student Profile for Out-of-District Admissions

- Mental/Behavioral Health Concerns
- Excessive Absenteeism and/or School Avoidance
- Insufficient Credits to Graduate on Schedule



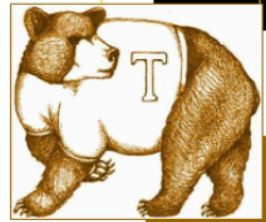
PATHS has a limited number of openings for students from other districts.

### Contact Information

For more information about the PATHS School or to schedule an initial intake for an out-of-district student, please contact the Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Andrea Peters, at 860-283-3050 or at [apeters@thomastonschools.org](mailto:apeters@thomastonschools.org).

### The PATHS School Mission

The PATHS School mission is to provide students with an intimate, structured, personalized learning environment that integrates social, emotional, and academic growth.



# PATHS SCHOOL

AT  
THOMASTON HIGH SCHOOL

THOMASTON, CT

## Background Information

The PATHS School (Positive Alternative to Traditional High School) is housed in Thomaston High School in Thomaston, Connecticut.



## Academic Services

The PATHS School provides access to academic core subjects through direct and on-line instruction in the self-contained classroom. In the PATHS classroom, each core subject is taught by a general education teacher and supported by a paraprofessional and a special education teacher. The special education teacher also oversees each student's academic progress.

Qualifying students can access college-level courses through Thomaston High School's Advanced Placement and UConn Early College Experience courses in Grades 11 and 12.

## Comprehensive Therapeutic Services

Thomaston Public Schools contracts with Effective School Solutions, a state-of-the-art counseling service that specializes in providing school-based mental health services for at-risk students, to provide comprehensive counseling services.

Two full-time licensed clinicians provide therapeutic services for PATHS students and serve as members of the PATHS School Team.

Students participate in daily group and weekly individual therapies.

PATHS students' families participate in twice-monthly family therapy and a monthly parent support meeting.

Family sessions are available in the evening to make it easier for parents to attend.



## Transitional Services

Preparing for post high school life is an integral part of the PATHS School experience.

The PATHS Team will work closely with students, their families, and the students' education and support team from their home district in planning for the student's future.



## After-school Activities

The full spectrum of after-school activities at Thomaston High School, including sports, theatre, band, school clubs, and field trips are available to all PATHS students who are deemed appropriate to participate by the PATHS Team staff.

*\*PATHS students who have demonstrated behavioral and academic responsibility have the opportunity to attend mainstream academic core and elective classes offered by Thomaston High School.*

## Advisory Program

**Advisory Mission:** It is our mission, through our advisory program, to provide every student at Thomaston High School with an adult advocate. This adult becomes the primary contact person for the student, taking an interest, advocating, and mentoring them throughout their years at THS. Additionally, the program is intended to promote student connections that will lead to a healthier, more enjoyable, and enriching experience for all students.

### Program Goals:

1. Create a "sense of family" and "belonging".
2. Produce self-sufficient, responsible learners.
3. Expand understanding of the total school educational program in areas including curriculum, requirements, and policies.
4. Assist students in their pursuits of and transitions to Post-Secondary plans.
5. Provide students opportunities to frequently self-reflect and self-assess.
6. Provide an opportunity for advisors and advisees to communicate openly and honestly

with one another.

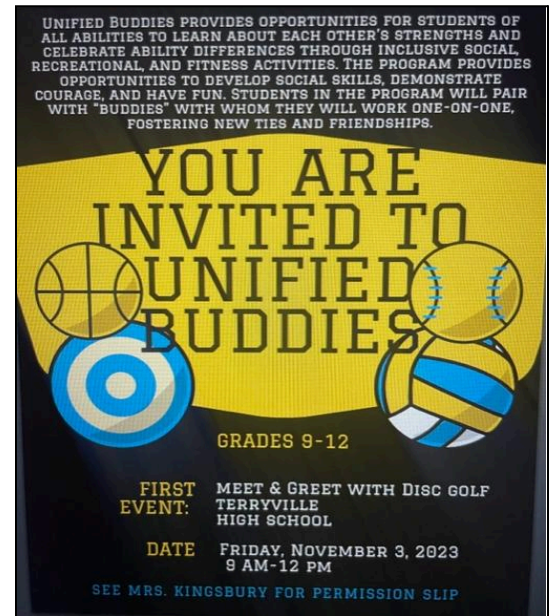
7. Give students a positive channel to express concerns about the school
8. Assist students in developing 21st Century Skills.
9. Encourage students to take pride in their school, in their work, and in their successes.
10. Empower students to be responsible decision makers.

All students meet twice a week in Advisories. During this time, students can participate in clubs, attend class assemblies, plan conferences with teachers, attend presentations on current events, and engage in friendly competitions to build a stronger community.



## Unified Buddies Club

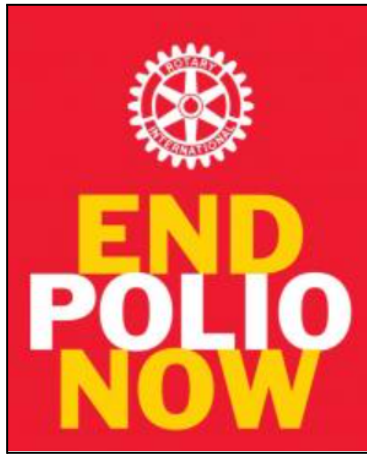
Unified Buddies provides opportunities for students of all abilities to learn about each other's strengths and celebrate ability differences through inclusive social, recreational, and fitness activities. The program provides opportunities to develop social skills, demonstrate courage, and have fun. Students in the program will pair with "buddies" with whom they will work one-on-one, fostering new ties and friendships at THS. This club is new to THS this school year!



## Interact Club



**Mission Statement:** Take action, build international understanding, and make new friends around the world. Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self. This year, THS extended this club to all students in grades 7-12.



## University of Albany High School Science and Engineering Cohort Program

This research program is a three-year elective in which students choose a topic and carry out an original research project on that topic. The student does everything that professional researchers do, from journal readings to finding a mentor, planning a project, and carrying it out to an appropriate research conclusion. During the student's junior and senior years, he or she may elect to take the course for college credit for potentially twelve credits at the State University of New York and may be eligible to present at the Science Symposium in the Spring semester.



## Bristol Technical Education Program

Bristol Technical offers a ten-month intensive program in each technical area, which is open to junior or senior high school students. Upon successful completion of the program, students receive a Technical Certificate. In addition to the technical training, students enrolled in the Bristol Technical program will need to complete their core subject classes at Thomaston High School through an on-line computer program.

### Programs Available:

- Automotive Technology
- Culinary Arts
- Electronics
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVACR)
- Manufacturing Technology
- Welding/Metal Fabrication



## POST University Paralegal Program



The Paralegal program provides students with a comprehensive understanding of various specialized areas of the law and prepares you to work under the direction of attorneys in a variety of law firms, corporate legal departments, the court system, government agencies, nonprofits, and private industries.

Certificate holders may report to work or go on to complete their associate's degree or even pursue their bachelor's and master's degrees to further advance in their careers.

## THS High School Partnerships

Through secondary and high level partnerships, THS and PATHS students are eligible to earn both individual and/or dual credits in a variety of courses offered through:

- UCONN Early College Experience
- Southern CT State University
- POST University
- EDUCERE
- Edgenuity
- Northwestern Community College
- Naugatuck Valley Community College

Courses vary from in person instruction at THS to asynchronous learning through online platforms. Students use 1:1 district chromebooks to access online courses.

## School to Career Program

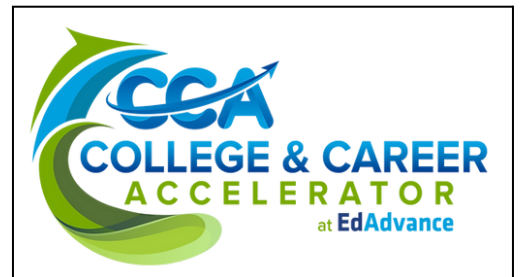
School-to-Career programs are designed to give Thomaston High School students the opportunity to relate their course of study to the world of work. School-to-Career programs link students, school and the workplace through school-based learning, work-based learning, service learning, and connecting activities. Some of these programs include: career exploration, job shadowing, workshops, field trips, career fairs, work programs and internships.

## Coming Fall 2024: EDAdvance College and Career Accelerator

Coming Fall 2024 is our partnership with EDAdvance: College and Career Accelerator. Students will be transported to the Regional Learning Center for work readiness training and learning. Students will choose to enroll in one of the four career pathways:

- Manufacturing & Engineering
- Education
- Healthcare
- Public Safety

[Check out the CCA Video here!](#)



## Student Club & Organization Offerings

- Drama Club
- Student Council
- National Honors Society
- Link Crew
- SAGE Club
- Interact Club
- Chorus Club
- Hiking Club
- CAVE Student Newspaper
- Fishing Club
- Catering Club
- Women in STEM
- Mock Trial
- Writing Club
- BIO Club

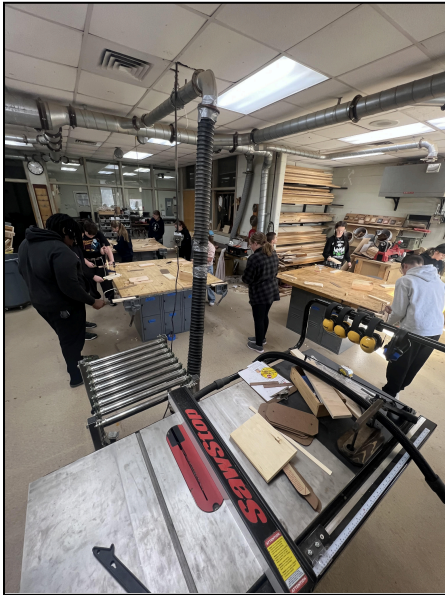


## Attention Drama Club!

**LEGALLY  
BLONDE**  
*The Musical* JR.



## Industrial Education Programming



All THS and PATHS students are able to take the following Industrial Education courses:

- CAD: Basic Drafting Techniques
- CAD: Advanced Drafting Principles
- Industrial Arts I and II
- Small Engine Repair

## Certified Nurses Assistant Program



This is a one-year program leading to full certification as a CNA. This class, through a partnership with Cook Willow Nursing Home located in Plymouth, CT. This program is offered to Juniors and Seniors. Students are required to complete 100 hours of clinical training on site at Cook Willow in addition to hands-on training and coursework at THS.

## Athletic Programming



All students are encouraged to participate in athletic programming throughout the school year. Below is a list of the current program offerings.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Fall	Spring	Winter
Field Hockey	Baseball	Basketball
Soccer	Softball	Indoor Track
Cross Country	Outdoor Track	Wrestling
	Tennis	Ice Hockey
		Cheerleading