



# ELI WHITNEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Good Afternoon Whitney community,

As we move into the final stretch of the month, I want to take a moment to reflect on our school's mission. We strive daily to provide our students with the academic and technical skills needed to become professionals who meet 21st-century demands in a safe and culturally responsive environment. Part of that professional growth is taking ownership of one's own progress. As we approach the end of the third quarter, I encourage all our students to finish strong and demonstrate the work ethic that makes our Eli Whitney community so unique.



## **Quarter 3 Closing & Academic Monitoring**

Please be advised that Quarter 3 is officially closing on April 2, 2026.

It is critical at this time for both students and parents to closely monitor grades through our online portal. Ensuring that all assignments are submitted and that students are meeting their academic goals is a top priority as we transition into the final part of the school year.

We are excited to announce that our **Extended Day Program** has officially started! This program is specifically designed to assist students in their academic subjects and engage them in necessary classroom tasks. We offer a specialized curriculum and utilize a variety of teaching methods to ensure every student can succeed.

## **Program Details:**

Days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

Time: 2:25 pm to 4:20 pm

Support Areas: Math, English, Social Studies, PE, Health, Support Services, SAT Prep, and various Enrichment/Clubs.

Transportation: The school will provide bus passes for the city bus, or parents may pick up their students directly from the school at 4:20 pm.

Attendance Requirement: Students cannot leave school grounds after the final bell and return for Extended Day. They must remain on school grounds until the program is complete.

Mandatory Registration: A completed Google Form or hard copy application **MUST** be on file for a student to attend.

# Hoots and Highlights

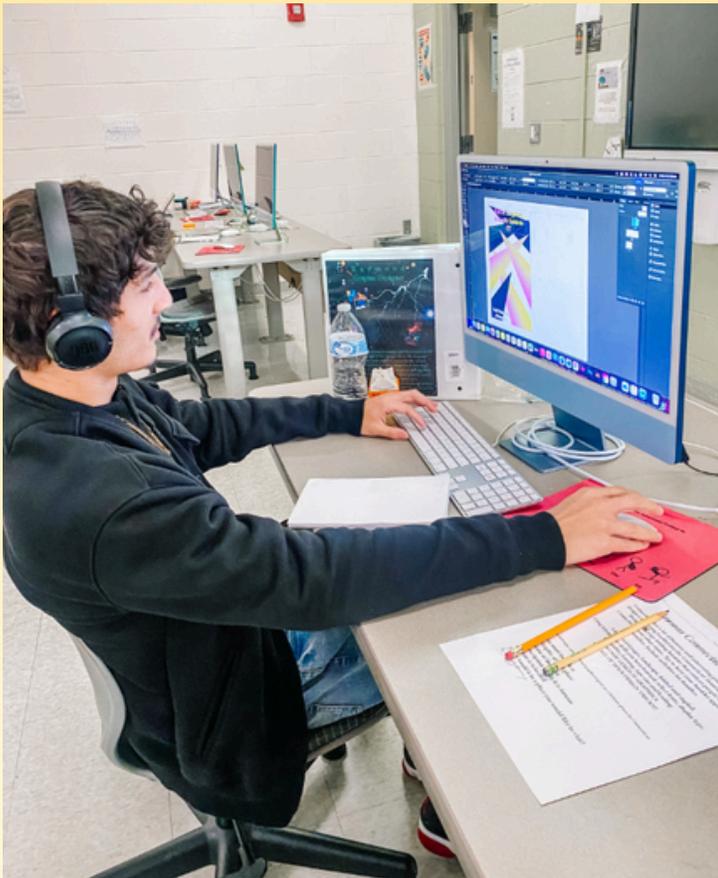
The Health Tech Juniors recently enjoyed an inspiring visit to Albertus Magnus College in New Haven! Students toured the campus, explored the new Nursing Program facilities, and got a firsthand look at college life, from dorms to student services.

They left with questions answered, perspectives expanded, and excitement for the future. This opportunity was made possible through a connection from this year's college fair, proof that great conversations can lead to even greater experiences!





# This week in the SHOPS



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# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

## EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY

Building Success Through Consistent Presence

90%

Attendance rate needed for academic success

18

Days of school missed = chronic absence threshold

10%

Learning time lost with just 2 absences per month

### WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

- ✓ **Technical Skill Mastery:** Hands-on learning in shops and labs requires daily practice and sequential skill building
- ✓ **Academic Achievement:** Students with better attendance earn higher grades and test scores
- ✓ **Life Skills:** Regular attendance builds responsibility, time management, and work ethic
- ✓ **Career Readiness:** Technical careers demand reliability—attendance builds the habits employers value
- ✓ **Safety & Certification:** Consistent presence ensures proper training in shop safety and industry certifications

### UNDERSTANDING CHRONIC ABSENCE

Missing just 2 days per month (18 days per school year) equals chronic absence. This can happen with excused or unexcused absences, including illnesses and suspensions. Chronic absence significantly impacts a student's ability to keep pace with grade-level standards.

### TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE REQUIRES CONSISTENCY

At Eli Whitney, hands-on learning and technical skills development happen every day in the shop and classroom. Missing school means missing critical skill-building experiences that can't be replicated at home.

### HOW FAMILIES CAN HELP

- ✓ Establish consistent bedtime and morning routines
- ✓ Schedule medical appointments outside school hours when possible
- ✓ Communicate with school counselor about potential barriers to attendance
- ✓ Emphasize the importance of school attendance at home
- ✓ Monitor your student's attendance and intervene early if issues arise

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## Helping Your Child Succeed: Parent Support & Student Responsibility for Better Grades

Working together to help your child to be successful is important in the school/home partnership. This sheet provides interventions that can be used, along with other resources, as strategies your child is shown to talk with you about things that may not be going as well.



### TIPS FOR FAMILIES

These are strategies for **parents** so that you can best support your child:

- Check your Parent Portal (PowerSchool) account: Regularly
- Check in with your child on owed missed work
- Ask your child to show you their Google Classrooms for each of their classes.
- Email your child's teachers with concerns or questions
- Ensure that your child is getting to school each day.

### ACTIVE/ENGAGED LEARNING

These methods focus on engaging with the material more effectively, which can make studying feel automatic:

- Review Notes Daily: Spend 10 minutes each day reviewing class notes.
- Utilize Practice Problems: For math, don't just read the examples; work on many practice problems.
- Use Flashcards: Create physical or digital flashcards for key vocab, terms, formulas, or things to know for an exam or exam prep.
- Eliminate Distractions: Turn off your phone and block distracting websites before starting your homework, or study time.
- Teach the Material: Teach the concept to a friend or parent.

### PLANNING & ORGANIZING

These strategies help students gain better control over their time and tasks:

- Establish a Dedicated Study Schedule: Set aside specific, non-negotiable times for homework and studying each day.
- Prioritize Tasks: Use a planner or calendar to list assignments, due dates, and tests. Focus on the tasks with the earliest deadlines.
- Break Down Large Projects: Divide big assignments or projects into smaller steps with their own due dates.
- Organize Study Materials: Keep your organized binders, folders, or digital folders for each subject. |
- Attend and Be Prepared for Class: Consistent attendance is crucial, and it's even better if you come prepared with materials and having completed or reviewed the previous day's notes before the lecture starts.

### UTILIZING SCHOOL RESOURCES

The school provides resources specifically for struggling students—make sure to use them:

- Stay After School/Utilize Teacher Office Hours: Schedule one-on-one time with teachers to get extra help on tough topics or to review a test you performed poorly on.
- Use Study Halls: Use unscheduled time at school to stay ahead, study, or set aside extra time to work on homework or get assistance from the supervising teacher.
- Get a Study Buddy: Find a reliable classmate and form a study group.
- Email your teachers: Ask questions or let them know if you need extra help or turned in a late assignment.
- Use Your Classroom: Regularly check Google Classroom and your email for missing assignments, downloadable notes, or extra resources

JULY 6 - AUGUST 7



# HAMDEN YOUTH WORKS 2026

**Hamden Residents  
Only**

Hamden Youth Services Bureau will be hiring between 50-150 students between the ages of 14-24 for 2026's five-week Summer Youth Employment session. All applicants must be interviewed to be considered.

## Application FAQs

- **Must be a Hamden resident**
- Youth will earn \$16.94 per hour
- Approximately 12-18 hours a week
- 14-Year-olds must complete 9<sup>th</sup> grade by Summer to be considered
- Applications are online or at the Keefe Community Center
- Interviews end on April 21, 2026
- Applicants with incomplete applications will not be interviewed

## Interview Sign-Up



**Deadline:**

**4.20.2026**

**Please Note:**

Applications will only be accepted at scheduled interviews. **No walk-ins.**

Contact Us:  
YouthSvcsDept@Hamden.com

For more information:  
www.hamden.com/261/Youth-Services



**HAMDEN**  
**EARTH DAY**  
**2026**  
**CELEBRATION!**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Saturday, April 25, 2026**

**10:00am - 3:00pm**

**Miller Memorial Library,  
Thornton Wilder Hall,  
& Historic Barn (outside)**

**2901 Dixwell Ave**



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