



# Do YOU want to find COMMON GROUND?

Come to an open house. Join us for a school day.

To learn more, you can...

- Visit [www.commongroundct.org/become-a-student](http://www.commongroundct.org/become-a-student)
- Call Common Ground's main office at 203.389.4333 x1200
- Email [studentrecruitment@commongroundct.org](mailto:studentrecruitment@commongroundct.org)
- Fill out the form below, put it in an envelope and mail it today! **Or, fill out an interest form at [commongroundct.org/become-a-student](http://commongroundct.org/become-a-student)**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Student email \_\_\_\_\_

Current school \_\_\_\_\_

Current grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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“Common Ground helps students become advocates, and go where they want to go, wherever that may be.”



– Jalyn Johnson graduated CGHS in 2017, UConn and the Yale Law Access Fellowship in 2021, and University of Delaware's Masters of Social Work program in 2022. She is now in law school, learning to defend the rights of farm workers.

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# Are YOU blazing a path to...

- College Success?
- Powerful Leadership?
- A Meaningful Career?
- A Happy, Whole, Sustainable Life?



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# This is your PLACE

At Common Ground, you will...

- Experience a **rigorous, college preparatory, interdisciplinary education** – including opportunities for **early college** courses starting sophomore year
- Take classes where you learn to solve **real-world environmental problems**
- Join a community of **powerful young leaders** from 18 different cities and towns, inclusive of all races, languages, genders, sexualities, religions, and cultures



At Common Ground, your classroom will be:

- The City of New Haven
- West Rock Ridge State Park
- Common Ground's 20-acre campus and urban farm
- Our state of the art school buildings

# Find your CORE



In 9th and 10th grade, you will...

- Challenge yourself, explore who you are, and build skills for college and life
- Integrate math, science, English, social studies, and art
- Take on environmental and social justice issues: climate change, the school to prison pipeline, healthy food
- Write and perform plays, share family recipes, and publish magazines – real work for real audiences
- Find your Common Ground family in a small guidance group



Last year, the percentage of 9th graders demonstrating proficiency increased 12 points in language and 15 points in math from start to end of year, according to the national MAP test. In 10th grade, this proficiency rate grew 7 points in language and 12 points in math.

# Define your PATH

Common Ground students are...  
Artists. Scientists. Athletes.  
Activists. Teachers. Individuals.

Across all four years, and especially in 11th and 12th grades, YOU CHOOSE from...



- Dozens of after school programs – many student-led – from basketball to student government
- Paid green jobs during the school year and summer
- Electives – musician's collective, social justice theater, biodiversity, outdoor leadership, and more
- Internships & real-world certification opportunities
- College courses at Southern, Gateway and Yale, or AP and early college classes on site



# Raise your VOICE



YOU can be a POWERFUL leader by...

- Working with community activists, other students and staff to make real change
- Designing new classes and programs to fit your passions
- Rallying for climate justice in Washington DC and immigrant rights on the New Haven Green
- Taking on a senior project that tackles environmental and social justice issues



"Everyone can become a leader, just in a different way. Common Ground helped me find what kind of leader I am." – Eli, CG Grad

# Reach your POTENTIAL

Over the last five years, nearly 90% of Common Ground grads earned admission to college.

You and every Common Ground student will...



- Explore college and careers from day one
- Practice skills for life after high school in guidance, junior seminar and senior environmental justice capstone
- Take on college prep and college-level coursework
- Reflect on your growth, and defend a portfolio that shows your leadership
- Graduate with a college acceptance and a plan for your future

