

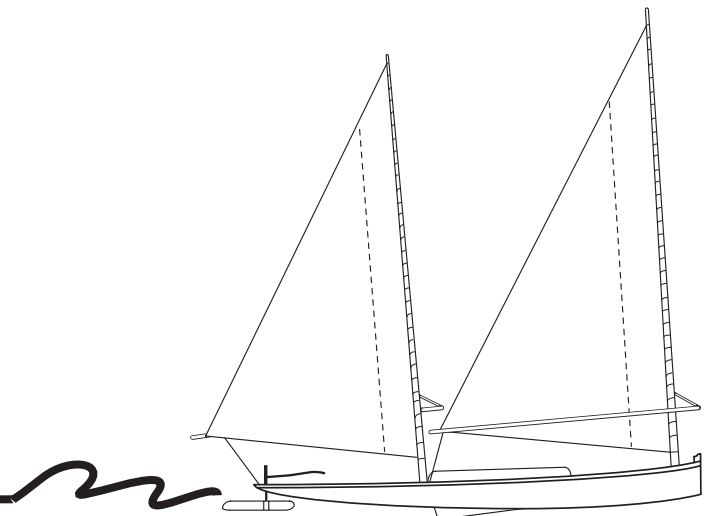
The Sound School

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL AQUACULTURE CENTER

ADMISSIONS APPLICATION

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SECTION D: INTEREST SURVEY

THE APPLICANT CAN SWIM 50 YARDS: YES NO

THE APPLICANT HAS TAKEN A SAFE BOATING COURSE: YES NO IF YES, WHEN? _____

THE APPLICANT HAS TAKEN A LIFESAVING COURSE: YES NO IF YES, WHEN? _____

CHECK ALL THAT THE APPLICANT HAS HAD REGULAR EXPERIENCE WITH:

- FISHING HOME REPAIR SCIENCE FAIR ANIMAL CARE ROWING SAILING POWERBOATING
 KEEPING FISH GARDENING LANDSCAPING MODEL BUILDING AUTO MECHANICS COMPUTERS

SECTION E: GUIDANCE COUNSELOR'S STATEMENT - SUCCESS IN CURRENT GRADE

Please describe how this student will be a successful completer of his/her current grade. Cite grades, attendance, disciplinary history, and any other relevant evidence. To make an informed recommendation, visit www.soundschool.com:

COUNSELOR'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SECTION F: SCIENCE TEACHER'S STATEMENT - INTEREST CRITERIA

Please cite evidence that student is interested in the vocational science and technology programs offered by The Sound School. To make an informed recommendation, please see descriptions of our programs at www.soundschool.com:

TEACHER'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SECTION G: SUPPORT SERVICES

Answers in this section WILL NOT be considered for admission to the program, but are necessary for appropriate planning for all students:

DOES THE STUDENT RECEIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES OR ACCOMMODATIONS UNDER A SECTION 504 PLAN? (THE SOUND SCHOOL OFFERS COMPREHENSIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES) YES NO

IF YES, WHAT EXCEPTIONALITY IS BEING SERVICED?

DOES THE STUDENT RECEIVE ANY SUPPORT SERVICES? YES NO IF YES, PLEASE DESCRIBE:

DOES THE STUDENT RECEIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT? YES NO

DOES THE STUDENT CURRENTLY RECEIVE FREE/REDUCED PRICE LUNCH? YES NO

WILL THE STUDENT HAVE COMPLETED ALGEBRA 1 BY THE END OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR? YES NO

IS THE STUDENT CURRENTLY TAKING A FOREIGN LANGUAGE? YES NO WHAT LANGUAGE? _____

(OPTIONAL) WHAT RACIAL/ETHNIC GROUP DOES THE STUDENT MOST CLOSELY IDENTIFY WITH? _____

SECTION H: ATTESTATION OF APPLICANT

To the best of my knowledge, all my responses to questions in this application are true. *INITIAL EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO INDICATE YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THEM.*

_____ I UNDERSTAND THAT I MUST PASS ALL CLASSES IN MY CURRENT GRADE TO BE GRANTED FINAL ADMISSION.

_____ I UNDERSTAND THAT, IF ADMITTED, I MUST PASS ALL MY CLASSES AT THE SOUND SCHOOL OR MAKE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO DO SO BY ATTENDING THE AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK CENTER AT LEAST ONCE PER WEEK FROM 2:30-4:00 PM.

_____ I UNDERSTAND THAT I MUST ENGAGE IN SAFE CONDUCT AND FOLLOW ALL ADULT DIRECTIONS AT ALL TIMES.

_____ I UNDERSTAND THAT I MUST EARN THE REQUIRED HOURS OF SUPERVISED OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE PER YEAR OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL DAY AND DURING THE SUMMER.

_____ I UNDERSTAND THAT MY FAILURE TO DO ANY OF THESE THINGS MAY RESULT IN MY DISMISSAL FROM THE SOUND SCHOOL AND MY RETURN TO MY NEIGHBORHOOD OR ATTENDANCE ZONE SCHOOL.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SECTION I: ATTESTATION OF LEGAL GUARDIAN

I hereby attest that I am the legal guardian for the above-named applicant, and that all my responses to questions in this application are true. I further attest that I understand that the applicant must pass all classes in his/her current grade to be granted final admission. *INITIAL EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO INDICATE YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THEM.*

_____ I UNDERSTAND THAT, IF ADMITTED, THE APPLICANT MUST PASS ALL CLASSES AT THE SOUND SCHOOL OR MAKE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO DO SO BY ATTENDING THE AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK CENTER AT LEAST ONCE PER WEEK FROM 2:30-4:00PM.

_____ I UNDERSTAND THAT THE APPLICANT MUST ENGAGE IN SAFE CONDUCT AND FOLLOW ALL ADULT DIRECTIONS AT ALL TIMES.

_____ I UNDERSTAND THAT THE STUDENT MUST EARN THE REQUIRED HOURS OF SUPERVISED OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE PER YEAR OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL DAY AND DURING THE SUMMER.

_____ I UNDERSTAND THAT A STUDENT'S FAILURE TO DO ANY OF THESE THINGS MAY RESULT IN HIS/HER DISMISSAL FROM THE SOUND SCHOOL AND HIS/HER RETURN TO HIS/HER NEIGHBORHOOD OR ATTENDANCE ZONE SCHOOL.

LEGAL GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SECTION J - I: CONNECTICUT EDUCATION LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Sec. 10-64. Establishment of regional vocational agriculture centers.

(a) Any local or regional board of education may enter into agreements with other such boards of education to establish a regional vocational agriculture center in conjunction with its regular public school system, provided such center shall have a regional vocational agriculture consulting committee which shall advise the operating board of education but shall have no legal authority with respect to such center. Such agreements may include matters pertaining to the admission of students, including the establishment of a reasonable number of available program acceptances and the criteria for program acceptance. Each board of education shall appoint to said committee two representatives, who have a competent knowledge of agriculture or aquaculture, as appropriate, and who need not be members of such board.

(c) For purposes of this section and sections 10-65 and 10-66, the term "vocational agriculture" includes vocational aquaculture and marine-related employment.

Sec. 10-66. Regulations

The State Board of Education may adopt, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, such regulations as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this part and to insure reasonable economy in the vocational agriculture centers. (See Below)

REGULATIONS OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CONCERNING OPERATING VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 21, 1978

Sec. 10-64-2. Full-year program.

The program shall operate on a full-year basis to allow for occupational instruction and the supervision of student occupational experience in the vo-ag center's programs. The staff shall be employed in such a manner as to ensure proper coverage of the twelve-month program.

Sec. 10-65-6. Admission and retention. Admission and retention policies for vocational agriculture programs at the secondary school level.

(a) Applicants shall have successfully completed at least the eighth grade for ninth grade admission. (Students may apply for transfer into the program beyond ninth grade. Admittance shall be determined on an individual basis.)

(b) Applicants shall indicate an interest in agriculture as a career and shall agree to participate in a supervised, occupational experience program.

(c) The vocational agriculture staff shall have the responsibility to recommend students for acceptance into the vocational agriculture program.

(d) Any student denied admission to a program of vocational agriculture or who is about to be dismissed from such a program shall be given an opportunity to request an informal review of his/her case before a Review Committee at a Regional Vocational Agriculture Center. The Review Committee shall be composed of at least, but not limited to the following representation: a member of the vocational agriculture staff, an administrator from the school where the vocational agriculture program operates, a member of the operating board of education or their administrative representative, a member of the sending board of education or their administrative representative, and a member of the regional vocational agriculture consulting committee. Such student may make a request in writing, to the proper vocational agriculture center, addressed to the administrator responsible for such center, for a review of his or her case. Any such request shall be made within 15 days of such action. The said committee shall conduct such review within 20 days of receipt of such request. The committee through the operating board of education shall within 10 days of such review, notify in writing, the student, and the sending board of education of its decision. This decision shall be final and binding upon all parties.

Sec. 10-65-7. Occupational experience

(a) Vocational agriculture students at all grade levels shall have a planned, supervised, occupational-experience program in agriculture which relates to the student's goals and abilities. The program shall be in addition to regularly scheduled class activities.

(b) Tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade vocational agriculture classes shall be scheduled no less than 320 minutes per week. Time must be blocked to allow for laboratory, shop, and fieldwork.

Sec. 10-65-8. Future Farmers of America (FFA)

The Future Farmers of America Program is an integral part of the vocational agriculture program and all vocational agriculture teachers shall be involved. Statement of Purpose: Section 10-66 of the General Statutes authorizes the State Board of Education to establish regulations relative to sections 10-64 and 10-65 establishing, operating and financing regional vocational agriculture programs. These regulations are proposed to aid local education agencies in carrying out the purposes of the legislation, to ensure reasonable economy, and to provide measurable direction and relevance for programs of vocational agriculture.

SECTION J - 2: CONNECTICUT EDUCATION LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The Sound School is part of the Connecticut Vocational Agriculture (VoAg) System. Enrollment in the Sound School is governed by state laws and regulations and is different from other public, magnet, and charter schools. It is crucial that applicants and their guardians understand these differences before deciding to seek enrollment in the Sound School. The following statements must be understood and initialed by all applicants and their guardians. The relevant state law or regulation is cited at the end of each statement. A copy of the full text of the state laws and regulations for VoAg will be provided to you.

Applicant
Initials: Guardian
Initials:

INITIAL EACH ITEM TO INDICATE THAT YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THEM.

- _____ _____ The New Haven Public Schools establish the admissions criteria for the Sound School. The Sound School requires that students conduct themselves in a safe manner, follow all adult directions, and maintain passing grades in all classes OR make a concerted effort to do so by attending the after-school Homework Center at least one day per week, from 2:30-4pm. The New Haven Public School System does not discriminate in any of its programs or activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, handicap, religion, or sexual preference. In general, admissions decisions are based on the applicants INTEREST in our program and SUCCESS as a student. Sec. 10-64; Sec. 10-66.
- _____ _____ The Sound School is a year-round program and all students are required to participate in vocational programming during the summer. Nothing should prevent the applicant from participating in a year-round school program. Sec. 10-64-2.
- _____ _____ The applicant has or will have passed all eighth grade classes (or current classes, if a high school student). The applicant's legal guardian must sign a records release form with the applicant's present school so that the admissions committee may determine present success. The applicant's guardian must also submit a final report card at the end of this school year to secure final admission: Sec. 10-65-6a.
- _____ _____ Students at the Sound School are required to earn Supervised Occupational Experience hours after school. This means that students must remain at school for two hours at least two days per week. The applicant agrees to earn the required hours of Supervised Occupational Experience per year outside of the regular school day and during the summer. Sec. 10-65-6b
- _____ _____ The Applicant agrees to submit an SOE plan and agreement to the career services department and to comply with all requirements and deadlines of the SOE program. Students do this with the assistance of a vocational advisor. Sec. 10-65-7a
- _____ _____ The Applicant will be interviewed by a vo-ag teacher to establish interest. The teacher's recommendation will be given primary importance in admissions decisions. 10-65-6c
- _____ _____ The Applicant may appeal a denial of admission according to the procedure outlined in the regulations. The Applicant may be dismissed from the Sound School for failure to continually abide by all of the regulations cited in this application. 10-65-6d
- _____ _____ Students at the Sound School attend vocational science and technology classes for twice as much time as academic classes. The applicant must participate in all off-site and on-site activities, and the legal guardian gives permission for such participation. Sec. 10-65-7b
- _____ _____ All students at VoAg centers must join the Future Farmers of America. The Applicant agrees to join FFA at a cost to the Applicant of \$20.00 and to participate in FFA subchapter activities. Sec. 10-65-8