

# RAISE Community Classroom

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INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

# RAISE - Community Classroom Mission

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- Prepare students for a greater global community and life after high school
- Develop skills needed for success in the workplace
- Facilitate relationships between Naugatuck Valley business partners and RAISE Academy students with the goal of attaining internships
- Encourage and support students to achieve and meet high standards
- Introduce students to business opportunities in the Lower Naugatuck Valley

# Program Goal

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- Align the Naugatuck Valley business community with RAISE - Community Classroom
- Utilize the Naugatuck Valley as a vital educational resource
- Stimulate real career experiences for RAISE students
- Creation of a unique and diverse classroom with a widely differentiated curriculum
- Promote opportunities linking students to livable and sustainable wage

# Benefits

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- Invaluable experience through internships provided by local businesses and other resources
- Developing critical career seeking skills such as:
  - Resume building
  - Interviewing skills
  - Writing letters of introduction and application
  - Researching career possibilities
- Academic credits (.5 for 8 weeks experience / 1 for 16 weeks)
- Guaranteed scholarship upon successful completion of placement

# Criteria

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- Agreement between RAISE Academy and local business to facilitate the internship experience
- Must include an experience that links the student to livable wage employment
- 8 or 16 week experience option
- Mandatory scholarship upon completion of program
- Minimum of one hour per week of management mentorship
- Must be at least 16 years of age and a RAISE Academy student

# Student Assessment

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- Employment Search
- Interview Skills
- Weekly Performance Evaluation
- Weekly Student Reflection
- Summative Student Self-Assessment
- Summative Employer Assessment
- “Next Steps” Assignment

# Desired Outcomes

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- Connections between local businesses and Derby Public Schools
- Understanding of career opportunities available to Derby Public School Students
- Student Scholarships
- Student Academic Credit
- Post Secondary Student Job Placement (livable wage focus)
- Eventual expansion of this program to Derby High School Student Population

# Current Partnerships

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- Naugatuck Valley United Way
- Griffin Hospital
- Naugatuck Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Institute of Professional Practices



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