

Canterbury Public Schools
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2025-2026 Opening

Middle School Principal (Grade 5-8)

Location: Canterbury, CT

Employment Type: Full-Time (220 days) Administrative

Start Date: Jul 1, 2025

About Us: Canterbury Public Schools takes pride in fostering a dynamic, inclusive, and student-centered environment dedicated to academic excellence, personal growth, and community engagement. Our middle school serves students in grades 5-8, and we are seeking a dedicated, visionary leader committed to supporting both students and staff in achieving their highest potential. Canterbury Public Schools takes pride in being a district of High School choice for families.

Position Summary: The Principal of DHBMS is responsible for the overall management and leadership of the middle school, overseeing academic programs, student support services, staff development, and community relations. This role requires a passionate educator who is adept at fostering a positive, safe, and nurturing school culture while striving for academic excellence.

Key Responsibilities:

- Lead and oversee daily school operations, ensuring a safe, inclusive, and productive learning environment.
- Develop and implement school-wide educational goals aligned with district standards and policies.
- Support and supervise instructional practices, providing coaching and professional development opportunities for staff.
- Foster strong relationships with students, families, staff, and community stakeholders.
- Promote and model positive behavior, emphasizing respect, responsibility, and integrity.
- Manage school budgets, resources, and facilities effectively and responsibly.
- Coordinate with district administrators to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal guidelines.

Qualifications:

- Master's degree in Education Administration, Educational Leadership, or related field (required).
- Valid state administrator/principal certification (required).
- Minimum 5 years of successful teaching experience.
- Prior experience as a school administrator, preferably at the middle school level.
- Strong leadership, communication, organizational, and interpersonal skills.
- Proven ability to effectively manage staff and students in a diverse educational environment.

- Demonstrated commitment to student success and community involvement.

Preferred Experience:

- Experience with curriculum development and implementation.
- Familiarity with contemporary middle school education best practices, including social-emotional learning strategies and MTSS.

Application Instructions:

- Completed application (Please find a copy on our website at:<https://www.canterburypublicschools.org/district/human-resources/>)
- Cover letter
- Resume
- Copy of certification(s)
- 3 current letters of recommendation
- Transcripts

All completed documentation should be sent to:

Chris Bitgood, Superintendent of Schools
Canterbury Public Schools
45 Westminster Road
Canterbury, CT 06331

Email applications will also be accepted, provided all documents are scanned and included in the email. Email address for submission is dhorn@canterburypublicschools.org

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