

## DOWNLOAD ARCH BRIDGE SCHOOL FACTSHEET

### Arch Bridge School Overview

For over 30 years The Arch Bridge School at Wellspring has been providing a high quality therapeutic educational program for students from Wellspring's residential programs and for day students from area school districts all across Connecticut. Academic instruction takes place in a small, structured, nurturing setting with class sizes averaging eight to ten students. Instruction is geared toward college prep while keeping the needs of the individual clearly in focus. There is a culture present at the Arch Bridge School which is tolerant, respectful, devoid of discrimination, and which celebrates the individual. This allows students to attend school in a safe, nurturing, structured atmosphere within an environment which is conducive to addressing their educational and mental health issues.

<b>Program Type:</b>	Private Special Education Program & Independent Therapeutic Private School
<b>Established:</b>	1990
<b>Grades:</b>	7-12
<b>Capacity:</b>	51
<b>Maximum class size:</b>	12
<b>Ages:</b>	12-18
<b>Students Served:</b>	Typical diagnoses and issues include: ADHD, Anxiety Disorders, including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, School Avoidance, Depressive and Mood Disorders, including Bipolar Disorder, Obsessive Compulsive and Related Disorders, Disordered Eating, Emerging Personality Disorders, Parent – Child or Family Relational Problems, Non-Verbal Learning Disabilities, and students on the Autism Spectrum.
<b>Average length of stay:</b>	1-2 years
<b>Calendar:</b>	School Year- 187 instructional days, Extended School Year, Residential Program is 24/7 365 days.
<b>Approvals/Accreditations:</b>	Connecticut State Department of Education, New York State Education Department, Joint Commission, NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) and CAPSEF (Connecticut Association of Private Special Education Facilities). New Jersey and Massachusetts approvals occur on a student by student basis.
<b>Staff:</b>	Our teachers are certified in their specific subject areas, with the support of Special Education teachers giving support to IEP/504 goals and objectives, and licensed School Clinicians all under the direction of the Director of Education and the Clinical Supervisor.

**Special Programs:**

Parent Support Group, Electives, Career and Life Skills