GOALS
The thinking abilities of children are the most valuable resource of our nation. Recent research continues to show that boys and girls possess potential for many kinds of talents, or thinking abilities, which are important to success in the work-a-day world and in school. These talents include productive thinking, communicating, creative problem solving, and decision making.

The goal of this conference is to demonstrate the use of a multiple-talent approach in helping each child find his/her best way of developing leadership skills. We want each child attending the conference to be able to look into the future and make intelligent guesses as to what might happen, not wild guesses, but guesses that are based on real-life happenings.

To predict things that might happen and to effectively look into the future, a child needs to know what the details of the situation are: What must be considered before action is taken; what the effects of the actions will be; and how the actions might affect others.

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Come See What Students Can Do to Help Build a Respectful School Community!
Activities are used to help develop a child’s skill in making predictions and are the subject of each of the following strands:

**Collaborative Thinking**
Research shows that educational experiences that are active, social, engaging, and student-owned lead to deeper learning. The benefits of collaborative thinking and learning include, development of higher-level thinking, oral communication, and leadership skills. In addition students have an increased retention, self-esteem, and responsibility while being exposed to diverse perspectives. Collaborative thinking is great preparation for real life social situations on all levels.

**Communication**
Communication training involves six different but related skills. They are: descriptions, comparisons, feelings, empathy, nonverbal, and network of ideas.

**Decision Making**
In everyone’s life, there is a need to make decisions. Some are of a split-second nature while others are long-range. It has been found that in training a child to make good decisions, four main skills are helpful:
1) Have the child think of many possible things he/she can do; 2) Ask the child to think more carefully about each of these things; 3) Let the child choose one; and 4) Have the child give you many different reasons for his choice.

**Creative Problem Solving**
Creative Problem Solvers use multiple approaches to arrive at solutions. In addition to hypothetical proposed solutions based upon observations, they “go out of the box” to find new and exciting ways to problem solve.

**Mindfulness**
Mindfulness practices help children improve their ability to pay attention, by learning to focus on one thing (e.g., breath, sound) while filtering out other stimuli. Mindfulness also provides kids with skills for understanding their emotions and how to work with them.

**STEM**
STEM is a curriculum based on the idea of educating students in four specific disciplines — science, technology, engineering and mathematics. STEM integrates all subjects into a cohesive learning paradigm based on real-world applications. With the rise of technology, students will certainly benefit from gaining leadership skills in STEM.

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**REGISTRATION**

- Registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Registration Fee is $15/student (CAS Member School) and $30/student (Non CAS Member School)
- All four programs sell out, so register early!
- Participants are strongly encouraged to wear their school colors, spirit t-shirts, etc.

Register online: [http://casci.ac/4819](http://casci.ac/4819)

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**CONFERENCE DATES**

**FAIRFIELD**
Mon Jan 6
Sacred Heart University
5151 Park Avenue
Snow Date Jan 7

**WATERBURY**
Wed Jan 8
Naugatuck Valley Community College
Kinney Hall
750 Chase Avenue
Snow Date Jan 9

**ENFIELD**
Fri Jan 10
Asnuntuck Community College
170 Elm Street
Snow Date Jan 13

**NORWICH**
Tue Jan 14
Three Rivers Community College
574 New London Turnpike
Snow Date Jan 15

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- Lunch is not provided. Students, teacher chaperones need to bring their own lunch.
- There is no charge for parents or teacher chaperones!
- A special session for parents will be held from 9:00-10:30 am and will focus on the role of parents in fostering leadership. There will be a presentation from "Look for the Good Project".
- Parents must register at [http://casci.ac/4823](http://casci.ac/4823).

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**ACTIVITIES**

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- Field trips on Jan 6
- Waterbury on Jan 8
- Enfield on Jan 10
- Norwich on Jan 14

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**REGISTRATION**

- Registration Deadline November 20, 2019 or until the conferences are full.
- Make Checks Payable to the Connecticut Association of Schools
- Mail to: CAS, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410 Attention: Anna Flores
- Regrettably, no refunds will be made after December 1, 2019.