



## *We believe in the power of girls...*

The mission of Horizons at The Ethel Walker School is to help girls from under-served communities in Hartford, CT improve their educational outcomes. We do this by providing year-round academic and swimming instruction, cultural enrichment opportunities, mentoring, and educational guidance in a nurturing community of dedicated professionals and volunteers.

## **Our Goals:**

- ▶ Prevent declines in school performance by reducing summer learning loss
- ▶ Improve school attendance
- ▶ Improve social and interpersonal skills
- ▶ Raise each girl's educational expectations and aspirations
- ▶ Encourage parents to become involved in their daughter's education and activities
- ▶ Build self-esteem, resourcefulness, and sound judgment



Horizons surpasses a traditional summer program; it is a place where there is community and love. Our girls are given the space to be innovative, creative, and brilliant leaders. They are not only learning, but using their voices and abilities to positively impact their communities.

- Horizons teacher







## Our Program:

Horizons at The Ethel Walker School is an all-girls academic enrichment program that includes cultural enrichment and recreational activities for Hartford public school students who are eligible for federal free/reduced-price lunch.

The six-week, full-day summer program includes transportation from feeder school locations, academics focused on literacy and STEAM, a healthy breakfast, lunch, and snack, field trips, and daily swimming.

Providing hands-on learning, building confidence, developing problem-solving skills and enhancing academic self-esteem are our focus:

- ▶ Academic classes include reading, writing, math, science, and technology and are infused with social-emotional learning curriculum
- ▶ Enrichment activities include music, art, sports, and swimming instruction
- ▶ Classes are taught by experienced teachers who work alongside assistant teachers and classroom assistants
- ▶ The student:teacher ratio is 5:1

Horizons also offers year-round opportunities for academic enrichment and engagement, including tutoring/homework help, book clubs, and "Saturday Academies".

## Our Results:

In summer 2019, Horizons students:

- ▶ gained an average of **5 months** in Early Literacy skills
- ▶ gained an average of **3 months** in Reading skills
- ▶ gained an average of **4 months** in Math skills

95% of students return to Horizons each year

*" Horizons is a home, a safe place, a sisterhood."*

*- Horizons student*

## Become part of the Horizons sisterhood!

*Join our Virtual Open House*

Monday, March 15  
6:30 PM

Zoom link:  
<https://zoom.us/j/7209724714>

*Can't make it?*

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