

The Connecticut Coalition for Achievement Advocacy (ConnAd) is a non-partisan, 501(c)(4) non-profit organization dedicated to amplifying the voices of tens of thousands of concerned parents, students, teachers, and advocates across the state of Connecticut on education issues. ConnAd believes that, through issue and legislative advocacy and voter education, we can improve the public conversation about education reform in Connecticut and enact meaningful change for our public school students.

## Is ConnAd associated with any other education reform groups in Connecticut?

ConnAd is an independent 501(c)(4) organization. Like any organization that works on issues similar to that of other organizations, we count many other groups around Connecticut as partners in advocating for change.

ConnAd is headquartered in New Haven, CT. The organization employs its own full-time staff. Patrick Riccards, the CEO of the Connecticut Coalition for Achievement Now (ConnCAN), currently serves as the organization's executive director (a role independent of his ConnCAN duties).

ConnAd also works with organizations like the Connecticut Parents Union, the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents, the Connecticut Association of Schools, the Connecticut branch of the NAACP, Educators 4 Excellence, and many others to affect the best possible change for our state's public school students.

## What individuals or organizations fund ConnAd?

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