



# The Hood

## Explore Concord Center and West Concord Cultural Districts from the perspective of Concord-Carlisle High School Juniors

*“One slang that people use here is “lit” which means cool, excellent, and exciting.” - Jasper Frost*

*“Whatever you are doing in and around Concord, you can always count on meeting very pleasant people.” - Nora Roos*

*“Also in this small town are crazy rules that get passed. Did you know Cardboard box water has become a known and popular thing around town? Especially after the ban from a normal sized plastic water bottles. You will see many people with different ways of holding their water. Ranging from refillable water bottles to glass bottles. And if you think it's crazy that we banned plastic water bottles, then you will be surprised that we almost passed a vote to put cats on leashes.” - Jack Easterday*

## Concord Center

“If you are ever in that area then you can't miss the quaint little town center 3 minutes away from my house. They have shops ranging from little boutique shops to cute bakeries and even tucked away restaurants most people don't even know about. It's hard to miss the main street market it's right in downtown concord and has musicians a couple days a week playing for you. That's a place you're going to want to go, but what most people don't know is the little burrito and ice cream bar just down the alley. As you walk up to the main restaurant I recommend looking to the left and heading down that alley to pick up one of their great burritos. It's not always open but it's really good. They also have a hot dog cart open sometimes open at the top of that alleyway that's also really good. If you aren't in the mood for a burrito then check out Sally Ann's Bakery located just down the street. They have the best breakfast pastries in Concord. Just get in there early before they sell



out. Of course, if you're touring around Concord you have to visit the famous Old North Bridge. It may be just a small bridge but there are also beautiful gardens up the path and just a great place to walk around on a nice day. Bring a picnic and make the most of a nice day in Concord.” - Charlie Peachey



“Concord, Massachusetts is a town held with a lot of history. It was originally known as Musketaquid, meaning “grassy plain” (2). Leading back to 1635, the British were under rule. Then on April of 1775, the British soldiers marched to Concord to eliminate all supplies that the colonials had accumulated. The Old North Bridge was where the command to strike was informed. Subsequently, the Revolutionary War began. And when the war ended, people began to make Concord into a mercantile town with many restaurants, a prison, schools, stores, etc. Concord was also a stop for slaves that tried to escape slavery in underground railroads (2), as Concord was against slavery. Later on, many famous people such as: Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry D. Thoreau, Louisa May Alcott, and Nathaniel Hawthorne were residents in this small town that all wrote books based in Concord. Now, in the twenty first century, the population that has nearly doubled since 1980 (google).” - Aliya Huseni

1. "History of Concord." Concord Museum: History of Concord . N.p., n.d. Web. 25 Apr. 2017.
2. "United States History." History of Concord, Massachusetts . N.p., n.d. Web. 25 Apr. 2017.

## West Concord

“West Concord is a great portion of town. There are many stores, restaurants, and fun things to do. Down Commonwealth ave, you have everything that you could need. There is an ice cream shop called Reasons to be Cheerful that has many different flavors of ice cream, and much more. Down the street from that is the West Concord 5 & 10. In this convenient store, you will find just about



anything you need. Next, there is Debra's natural gourmet; the place to buy all organic food and healthy snacks. There are many other stores, such as Gordon Optical, a glasses shop, and Concord Shoe Repair, a cobbler. Looking for a quick bite to eat? Saltbox Kitchen, a farm to table restaurant on the corner, is a great place to get a healthy quick bite to eat. If you are looking for a more fancy sit-down dinner, Woods Hill Table, just across the train tracks, is a very good and very high end restaurant, that was started just about two years ago when they took the place of the west concord super market. Across from that is The 99, another restaurant that has a more satisfying menu for younger children."

- Ian Garrett

"West Concord has a great downtown area where one can eat at places like the 99 Restaurant, Walden Italian Kitchen (a pizza place), Dino's (another pizza place), Salt Box kitchen, Nashoba bakery (sells fresh bread), and Woods Hill Table. One of the issues

with West Concord is that it does not have very much diversity as shown by the restaurants as there are only pizza places and American restaurants. West Concord is very child friendly as there is a park in walking/biking distance from almost anywhere in West Concord. There is a playground, multiple baseball diamonds, and many grass fields for games such as soccer. A piece of local slang Concordians use as well as many people is Massachusetts is calling the local pharmacy (such as CVS) a drugstore."

- Michael Avakian

"The pros to living in Concord are the nice long Nature Walks you can take and usually they have trails in close distance from people's houses. West Concord is peaceful it isn't a loud town and the Nature around is so beautiful on a nice day people sit outside or go to the lake. Concord is also a very safe town there is always kids

walking around town there probably isn't one place you go to in Concord without recognizing at least one person." - Brooke Smith

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