Connecticut State Department of Education

DISTRICT PROFILE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2014–15



Madison School District

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District Information

| PK-12 |
|--------------|
| 7 |
| 3,171 |
| \$15,676 |
| \$51,590,861 |
| |

¹Expenditure data reflect the 2013-14 year.



Community Information

<u>CERC Town Profiles</u> provide summary demographic and economic information for Connecticut's municipalities

Related Reports/Publications

CT Reports (CMT/CAPT)
District and School Performance Reports
Special Education Annual Performance Reports
SAT®, AP®, PSAT® Report by High School (Class of 2015)
(2015® The College Board)

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Notes

Unless otherwise noted, all data are for 2014-15 and include all grades offered by the district.

In most tables, data are displayed only for the three major race/ethnicity categories. For additional race/ethnicity categories, please visit EdSight.ct.gov).

State totals are not displayed as they are not comparable to district totals.

Special Education tables reflect only students for whom the district is fiscally responsible.

* When an asterisk is displayed, data have been

suppressed to ensure student confidentiality. N/A is displayed when a category is not applicable for a district or school.

Students

| October 1, 2014 Enrollment | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|----------|-------|--|--|--|
| | | District | State | | | |
| | Count Percent of Total (%) | | | | | |
| Female | 1,516 | 47.8 | 48.3 | | | |
| Male | 1,655 | 52.2 | 51.6 | | | |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | * | * | 0.2 | | | |
| Asian | 120 | 3.8 | 4.7 | | | |
| Black or African American | 22 | 0.7 | 12.9 | | | |
| Hispanic or Latino | 99 | 3.1 | 22.1 | | | |
| Pacific Islander | * | * | 0.0 | | | |
| Two or More Races | 90 | 2.8 | 2.5 | | | |
| White | 2,830 | 89.2 | 57.2 | | | |
| English Language Learners | 19 | 0.6 | 6.3 | | | |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 156 | 4.9 | 37.6 | | | |
| Students with Disabilities ¹ | 375 | 11.8 | 13.3 | | | |

¹Students in this category are students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) only. This category does not include students with Section 504 Plans.

Chronic Absenteeism and Suspension/Expulsion

| | Chronic | | Suspension/ | |
|--|--------------------------|----------|-------------|--------------------|
| | Absenteeism ² | | Expu | lsion ³ |
| | Count | Rate (%) | Count | Rate (%) |
| Female | 50 | 3.3 | 16 | 1.0 |
| Male | 41 | 2.5 | 38 | 2.2 |
| Black or African American | 0 | 0.0 | * | * |
| Hispanic or Latino | * | * | * | * |
| White | 78 | 2.8 | 44 | 1.5 |
| English Language Learners | * | * | 0 | 0.0 |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 8 | 5.7 | 7 | 4.2 |
| Students with Disabilities | 21 | 5.6 | 22 | 5.2 |
| District | 91 | 2.9 | 54 | 1.6 |
| State | | 10.6 | | 7.2 |

Number of students in 2013-14 qualified as truant under state statute: 4

²A student is chronically absent if he/she misses ten percent or greater of the total number of days enrolled in the school year for any reason. Pre-Kindergarten students are excluded from this calculation.

³The count and percentage of students who receive at least one in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension or expulsion.

Educators

Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)1 Staff

| | FTE |
|--|-------|
| General Education | |
| Teachers and Instructors | 223.0 |
| Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants | 41.8 |
| Special Education | |
| Teachers and Instructors | 37.2 |
| Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants | 69.5 |
| Administrators, Coordinators and Department Chairs | |
| District Central Office | 5.0 |
| School Level | 16.8 |
| Library/Media | |
| Specialists (Certified) | 6.0 |
| Support Staff | 7.0 |
| Instructional Specialists Who Support Teachers | 13.5 |
| Counselors, Social Workers and School Psychologists | 19.0 |
| School Nurses | 7.0 |
| Other Staff Providing Non-Instructional Services/Support | 149.1 |

¹In the full-time equivalent count, staff members working part-time in the school are counted as a fraction of full-time. For example, a teacher who works half-time in a school contributes 0.50 to the school's staff count.

Educators by Race/Ethnicity

| | District | | State |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Count | Percent of Total (%) | Percent of Total (%) |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Asian | 3 | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| Black or African American | 1 | 0.3 | 3.5 |
| Hispanic or Latino | 6 | 1.8 | 3.5 |
| Pacific Islander | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Two or More Races | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| White | 316 | 96.9 | 91.8 |

Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers²

| | Percent of Total (%) | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| District | 100.0 | | |
| District Poverty Quartile: Low | | | |
| State High Poverty Quartile Schools | 97.9 | | |
| State Low Poverty Quartile Schools | 99.6 | | |

 $^{^2\}mbox{Core}$ academic classes taught by teachers who are fully certified to teach in that subject area.

Classroom Teacher Attendance: 2013-14

| | District | State |
|---|----------|-------|
| Average Number of FTE Days Absent Due to Illness or Personal Time | 8.9 | 9.2 |

Instruction and Resources

11th and 12th Graders Enrolled in College-and-Career-Readiness Courses during High School³

| | 11th | | 1 | 2th |
|--|-------|----------|-------|----------|
| | Count | Rate (%) | Count | Rate (%) |
| Black or African American | * | * | * | * |
| Hispanic or Latino | 6 | * | * | * |
| White | 257 | 92.8 | 289 | 98.0 |
| English Language Learners | 0 | 0.0 | * | * |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 15 | * | 15 | * |
| Students with Disabilities | 24 | 77.4 | 37 | 92.5 |
| District | 282 | 92.5 | 315 | 98.1 |
| State | | 58.4 | | 73.8 |

³College-and-Career-Readiness Courses include Advanced Placement®(AP), International Baccalaureate®(IB), Career and Technical Education(CTE), workplace experience and dual enrollment courses.

Students with Disabilities Who Spend 79.1 to 100 Percent of Time with Nondisabled Peers⁴

| | Count | Rate (%) |
|----------------------------|-------|----------|
| Autism | 36 | 66.7 |
| Emotional Disturbance | 11 | * |
| Intellectual Disability | * | * |
| Learning Disability | 143 | 97.3 |
| Other Health Impairment | 91 | 91.0 |
| Other Disabilities | * | * |
| Speech/Language Impairment | 18 | 90.0 |
| District | 305 | 86.4 |
| State | | 69.7 |
| | | |

⁴Ages 6-21

Students with Disabilities by Primary Disability¹

| | District | | State |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | Count | Rate (%) | Rate (%) |
| Autism | 55 | 1.7 | 1.5 |
| Emotional Disturbance | 14 | 0.4 | 1.0 |
| Intellectual Disability | 9 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| Learning Disability | 147 | 4.7 | 4.4 |
| Other Health Impairment | 100 | 3.2 | 2.6 |
| Other Disabilities | 17 | 0.5 | 1.0 |
| Speech/Language Impairment | 22 | 0.7 | 1.9 |
| All Disabilities | 364 | 11.6 | 13.0 |

Students with Disabilities Placed Outside of the District²

| | Dis | State | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|----------|-----|
| | Count | Rate (%) | |
| Public Schools in Other Districts | 9 | 2.5 | 8.1 |
| Private Schools or Other Settings | 11 | 3.0 | 5.4 |

²Grades K-12

Overall Expenditures: 2013-14

| | | Per Pupil | | | |
|---|------------|---------------|------------|--|--|
| | Total (\$) | District (\$) | State (\$) | | |
| Instructional Staff and Services | 28,322,051 | 8,627 | 9,134 | | |
| Instructional Supplies and Equipment | 1,299,395 | 396 | 334 | | |
| Improvement of Instruction and Educational Media Services | 2,124,311 | 647 | 498 | | |
| Student Support Services | 4,023,399 | 1,226 | 1,001 | | |
| Administration and Support Services | 3,894,217 | 1,186 | 1,694 | | |
| Plant Operation and Maintenance | 5,328,809 | 1,623 | 1,572 | | |
| Transportation | 3,460,910 | 1,013 | 813 | | |
| Costs of Students Tuitioned Out | 1,811,137 | N/A | N/A | | |
| Other | 1,326,632 | 404 | 186 | | |
| Total | 51,590,861 | 15,676 | 15,289 | | |
| Additional Expenditures | | | | | |
| Land, Buildings, and Debt Service | 3,714,766 | 1,132 | 1,272 | | |

³Expenditures may be supported by local tax revenues, state grants, federal grants, municipal in-kind services, tuition and other sources.

Special Education Expenditures: 2013-14

| | Dist | rict | State |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Total (\$) | Percent of Total (%) | Percent of Total (%) |
| Certified Personnel | 3,474,990 | 31.9 | 35.1 |
| Noncertified Personnel | 2,247,529 | 20.7 | 14.2 |
| Purchased Services | 434,635 | 4.0 | 5.2 |
| Tuition to Other Schools | 1,745,909 | 16.1 | 22.0 |
| Special Ed. Transportation | 1,220,996 | 11.2 | 8.6 |
| Other Expenditures | 1,752,894 | 16.1 | 14.9 |
| Total Expenditures | 10,876,953 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Expenditures by Revenue Source:4 2013-14

| | Percent of Total (%) | | | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| | Including | Excluding | | | |
| | School | School | | | |
| | Construction | Construction | | | |
| Local | 92.9 | 92.5 | | | |
| State | 5.1 | 5.3 | | | |
| Federal | 1.5 | 1.6 | | | |
| Tuition & Other | 0.6 | 0.7 | | | |

⁴Revenue sources do not include state-funded Teachers' Retirement Board contributions, vocational-technical school operations, SDE budgeted costs for salaries and leadership activities and other state-funded school districts (e.g., Dept. of Children and Families and Dept. of Correction).

¹Grades K-12

Performance and Accountability

District Performance Index (DPI)

A District Performance Index (DPI) is the average performance of students in a subject area (i.e., ELA, Mathematics or Science) on the state summative assessments. The DPI ranges from 0-100. A DPI is reported for all students tested in a district and for students in each individual student group. Connecticut's ultimate target for a DPI is 75.

| | English Language Arts(ELA) | | Mat | h | Scien | ce |
|--|----------------------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|
| | Count | DPI | Count | DPI | Count | DPI |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Asian | 49 | 84.9 | 50 | 83.5 | 27 | 75.2 |
| Black or African American | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Hispanic or Latino | 48 | 66.1 | 46 | 61.9 | 18 | * |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | N/A | N/A | N/A | * | N/A | N/A |
| Two or More Races | 45 | 84.5 | 45 | 72.9 | 17 | * |
| White | 1169 | 76.8 | 1167 | 69.6 | 677 | 65.7 |
| English Language Learners | 12 | * | 10 | * | * | * |
| Non-English Language Learners | 1308 | 77.1 | 1307 | 69.9 | * | * |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 64 | 67.0 | 63 | 59.3 | 32 | 59.3 |
| Not Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 1256 | 77.4 | 1254 | 70.4 | 717 | 66.2 |
| Students with Disabilities | 183 | 59.7 | 182 | 52.5 | 93 | 50.3 |
| Students without Disabilities | 1137 | 79.7 | 1135 | 72.7 | 656 | 68.2 |
| High Needs | 234 | 62.2 | 232 | 54.7 | 117 | 53.3 |
| Non-High Needs | 1086 | 80.1 | 1085 | 73.1 | 632 | 68.3 |
| District | 1320 | 76.9 | 1317 | 69.9 | 749 | 65.9 |

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP): Percent At or Above Proficient¹

| | NAEP | NAEP 2013 | |
|-----------------|---------|-----------|----------|
| READING | Grade 4 | Grade 8 | Grade 12 |
| Connecticut | 43% | 43% | 50% |
| National Public | 35% | 33% | 36% |
| MATH | Grade 4 | Grade 8 | Grade 12 |
| Connecticut | 41% | 36% | 32% |
| National Public | 39% | 32% | 25% |

¹NAEP is often called the "Nation's Report Card." It is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. This table compares Connecticut's performance to that of national public school students. Performance standards for state assessments and NAEP are set independently. Therefore, one should not expect performance results to be the same across Smarter Balanced and NAEP. Instead, NAEP results are meant to complement other state assessment data. To view student subgroup performance on NAEP, click here.

Physical Fitness Tests: Students Reaching Health Standard²

| | Percent of Students by Grade ³ (%) | | | | All Teste | d Grades |
|----------------------|---|------|------|------|-----------|----------|
| | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 | Count | Rate (%) |
| Sit & Reach | 80.5 | 90.0 | 88.8 | 90.0 | 995 | 87.9 |
| Curl Up | 89.7 | 92.3 | 93.8 | 92.5 | 995 | 92.3 |
| Push Up | 82.2 | 78.6 | 81.1 | 86.4 | 995 | 82.1 |
| Mile Run/PACER | 83.2 | 87.5 | 80.3 | 82.1 | 995 | 83.3 |
| All Tests - District | 62.2 | 63.5 | 64.1 | 68.6 | 995 | 64.8 |
| All Tests - State | 50.8 | 51.0 | 50.3 | 51.9 | | 51.0 |

²The Connecticut Physical Fitness Assessment (CPFA) is administered to all students in Grades 4, 6, 8 and 10. The health-related fitness scores gathered through the CPFA should be used to educate and motivate children and their families to increase physical activity and develop lifetime fitness habits.

³Only students assessed in all four areas are included in this calculation.

Cohort Graduation: Four-Year¹

| | | 2013-14 | | | |
|--|---------------------------|----------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | Cohort Count ² | Rate (%) | Target ³ (%) | Target Achieved | Target³ (%) |
| Black or African American | * | * | | | |
| Hispanic or Latino | * | * | | | |
| English Language Learners | * | * | | | |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 24 | 100.0 | | | |
| Students with Disabilities | 37 | 86.5 | 83.5 | Yes | 84.6 |
| District | 320 | 96.9 | 94.0 | Yes | 94.0 |
| State ⁴ | | 87.0 | | | |

¹The four-year cohort graduation rate represents the percentage of first-time 9th graders who earn a standard high school diploma within four years. Statewide, district and school results for cohorts of 2010 through 2013 are <u>available online</u>.

11th and 12th Graders Meeting Benchmark on at Least One College Readiness Exam⁵

| | Participation ⁶ | Meeting E | Benchmark |
|---|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | Rate (%) | Count | Rate (%) |
| Female | 92.1 | 221 | 70.2 |
| Male | 86.5 | 185 | 59.5 |
| Black or African American | * | 0 | * |
| Hispanic or Latino | * | * | * |
| White | 89.7 | 377 | 65.9 |
| English Language Learners | * | 0 | * |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 71.0 | 10 | 32.3 |
| Students with Disabilities | 66.7 | * | * |
| District | 89.3 | 406 | 64.9 |
| State | 67.2 | | 37.3 |

⁵College readiness exams and benchmark scores are as follows:

- SAT® composite score of 1550 or higher
- ACT® meets benchmark score on 3 of 4 exams (benchmark score varies by subject)
- AP® 3 or higher on any one AP® exam
- IB® 4 or higher on any one IB® exam
- Smarter Balanced Level 3 or higher on both ELA and math

⁶Participation Rate equals the number of test-takers in 11th and 12th grade divided by the number of students enrolled in those grades, as a percent. Sources:

SAT® and AP® statistics derived from data provided by the College Board.

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IB® statistics derived from data provided by the International Baccalaureate Organization.

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College Entrance and Persistence

| | Class of 2014 | Class of 2013 |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| | Entrance ⁷ | Persistence ⁸ |
| | Rate (%) | Rate (%) |
| Female | 91.4 | 97.9 |
| Male | 84.8 | 95.6 |
| Black or African American | * | * |
| Hispanic or Latino | * | * |
| White | 88.4 | 96.5 |
| English Language Learners | N/A | N/A |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 75.9 | * |
| Students with Disabilities | 90.2 | 85.7 |
| District | 88.2 | 96.8 |
| State | 72.6 | 88.8 |

⁷College entrance refers to the percent of high school graduates from the year who enrolled in college any time during the first year after high school.

Source: National Student Clearinghouse

²Cohort count includes all students in the cohort as of the end of the 2013-14 school year.

³Targets are calculated when there are at least 20 students in a cohort in the base year (i.e., 2010-11).

⁴Targets are not displayed at the state level.

⁸College persistence refers to the percent of students who enrolled in college the first year after high school and returned for a second year (Freshman to Sophomore persistence).

Next Generation Accountability Results

These statistics are the first results from Connecticut's Next Generation Accountability System for districts and schools. This system is a broad set of 12 indicators that help tell the story of how well a school is preparing its students for success in college, careers and life. It moves beyond test scores and graduation rates and instead provides a more holistic, multifactor perspective of district and school performance and incorporates student growth over time.

| Indi | cator | Index/Rate | Target | Points | Max | % Points | State Average |
|---|---------------------|---------------|--------|--------|------|----------|---------------|
| ELA Performance Index | All Students | 76.9 | 75 | 100.0 | 100 | 100.0 | 67.9 |
| ELA Performance index | High Needs Students | 62.2 | 75 | 82.9 | 100 | 82.9 | 56.7 |
| Math Performance Index | All Students | 69.9 | 75 | 93.2 | 100 | 93.2 | 59.3 |
| width Performance muex | High Needs Students | 54.7 | 75 | 73.0 | 100 | 73.0 | 47.8 |
| Science Performance Index | All Students | 65.9 | 75 | 87.9 | 100 | 87.9 | 56.5 |
| Science Performance index | High Needs Students | 53.3 | 75 | 71.0 | 100 | 71.0 | 45.9 |
| Chronic Abcontociom | All Students | 2.9% | <=5% | 50.0 | 50 | 100.0 | 10.6% |
| Chronic Absenteeism | High Needs Students | 4.9% | <=5% | 50.0 | 50 | 100.0 | 17.3% |
| Preparation for CCR | % Taking Courses | 95.4% | 75% | 50.0 | 50 | 100.0 | 66.1% |
| Preparation for CCN | % Passing Exams | 64.9% | 75% | 43.2 | 50 | 86.5 | 37.3% |
| On-track to High School Grad | duation | 98.3% | 94% | 50.0 | 50 | 100.0 | 85.6% |
| 4-year Graduation All Studer | nts (2014 Cohort) | 96.9% | 94% | 100.0 | 100 | 100.0 | 87.0% |
| 6-year Graduation - High Needs Students (2012 Cohort) | | 89.8% | 94% | 95.6 | 100 | 95.6 | 77.6% |
| Postsecondary Entrance (Class of 2014) | | 88.5% | 75% | 100.0 | 100 | 100.0 | 72.8% |
| Physical Fitness (estimated part rate) and (fitness rate) | | 96.0% 64.8% | 75% | 43.2 | 50 | 86.4 | 87.6% 51.0% |
| Arts Access | Arts Access | | 60% | 50.0 | 50 | 100.0 | 45.7% |
| Accountability Index | | | | 1140.0 | 1250 | 91.2 | |

| Gap Indicators | Non-High Needs Rate ¹ | High Needs Rate | Size of Gap | State Gap Mean + 1 Stdev² | Is Gap an Outlier? ² |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Achievement Gap Size Outlier? | | | | | N |
| ELA Performance Index Gap | 75.0 | 62.2 | 12.8 | 17.3 | |
| Math Performance Index Gap | 73.1 | 54.7 | 18.4 | 19.6 | |
| Science Performance Index Gap | 68.3 | 53.3 | 15.0 | 17.2 | |
| Graduation Rate Gap | 94.0% | 89.8% | 4.2% | 15.2% | N |

¹If the Non-High Needs Rate exceeds the ultimate target (75 for Performance Index and 94% for graduation rate), then the ultimate target is displayed and used for gap calculations.

 $^{^2}$ If the size of the gap exceeds the state mean gap plus one standard deviation, then the gap is an outlier.

| Subject/Subgroup | | Participation Rate (%) |
|---|---------------------|------------------------|
| ELA All Students High Needs Students | | 77.2 |
| | | 79.1 |
| Math All Students High Needs Students | | 77.0 |
| | | 78.5 |
| All Students | | 95.8 |
| Science | High Needs Students | 95.2 |
| | | |

Connecticut's State Identified Measurable Goal for Children with Disabilities (SIMR)

Increase the reading performance of all 3rd grade students with disabilities statewide, as measured by Connecticut's English Language Arts (ELA) Performance Index.

Grade 3 ELA Performance Index for Students with Disabilities:

District: 63.8 State: 50.1

Supporting Resources

Two-page FAQ

Detailed Presentation

Using Accountability Results to Guide Improvement: comprehensive documentation and supports

Narratives

School District Improvement Plans and Parental Outreach Activities

The Madison Board of Education approved the mission guiding the district's efforts to prepare all learners to make a unique, positive contribution in a complex, global society. Posted on the district website is the Madison Public Schools Vision for a 21st Century Education: efforts in the district are focused on a systemic approach to operationalizing this work. Student growth is not only valued by the work within content, but concurrently on developing fifteen targeted student outcomes in the areas of critical thinking; creative thinking; communication and collaboration; self-direction; and global thinking. This requires teaching and learning to reach beyond standardized test scores as the measure of progress to commit to work that will lead to the development of all learners in these five critical areas. The district systems are aligned to value and support the work we set out to accomplish: evaluation systems; budget priorities; building space; professional development; construction of curriculum and assessments are all built for a coherent approach to realization of the vision. The district continues to show strong accomplishments as indicated by state and/or national program recognitions for athletics, the arts, technology, and scholarship. Students and teachers are recognized leaders among peers. Teachers are recognized by contributions to their discipline while students are celebrated for achievements ranging from "kindest kid in America" to student leadership endeavors. Madison Public Schools offers a trimester schedule in the high school that enables students to pursue passions as well as academic requirements. Daniel Hand High Program of Studies includes AP/University of Connecticut ECE credits in courses like Spanish 6-Honors or European History, while electives live vivaciously in a broad range of content areas ranging from Forensic Science to Boat Building. Students can Bring their Own Device to use wireless internet to broaden understanding about a topic or collaborate with peers. Reader's Workshop K-8 gives students the ability to read material they find exciting and relevant while growing their understanding of literature. Student selection is extended to the high school where freshman delve deeply into book clubs. Supports for students are evolving as we continually study student information. Supports in the form of academic interventions are identified through a variety of indicators. Other programs are developed to reduce youth aggression/bullying, substance abuse, safe school climates, and healthy choices. Madison has a range of services and supports and maintains a close working relationship with town and regional agencies. The Superintendent meets informally with the public regularly at the local library for a brown bag lunch to discuss any issues of interest/concern from the public. Board of Education meetings are televised. Public sessions are hosted for community topics of interest such as: re-visioning the district, building utilization studies and documentaries. Guardians are continually kept informed of student progress through portals in the middle and high schools and newsletters and conferences in the elementary schools.

Efforts to Reduce Racial, Ethnic and Economic Isolation

Madison Public Schools are committed to fostering the understanding of various racial, ethnic, and economic groups in our society and world. Students are being prepared to learn, work and live as responsible, productive members of a diverse global society. School staff helps students understand attitudes and positive behaviors that give them skills to increase cultural competencies and learn in cross-cultural situations. Madison practices cultural competencies to integrate the patterns of behavior that include thoughts, communications, actions, customs, beliefs, values, and the institutions of racial, ethnic, religious, and social groups. Madison schools respect diversity, build capacity for cultural self-assessment, and are conscious of the dynamics inherent when cultures interact. To institutionalize cultural knowledge, staff members have developed adaptations to the service delivery of instruction reflecting an understanding of diversity between and within cultures. In addition to special programs and speakers, there are teacher and student exchange programs, a sister school partnership in Costa Rica, interscholastic programs, international travel opportunities and outreach programs. Educators incorporate learning activities to celebrate diversity in curriculum and instruction as well as at school events. Embedded in our K-12 student outcomes is the requirement that our students engage in global issues, take multiple perspectives and develop citizenship. One of our departments with a strong focus on diversity (racial, ethnic, economic and diversity of thought) is World Language. The department has expanded making it possible for the Spanish program to start in Kindergarten, while French is an additional option in the middle school, and the high school has rich offerings in Mandarin Chinese as well as Latin . Madison Public Schools is a participating district in fifteen interdistrict magnet schools and five interdistrict projects designed to reduce racial, ethnic and economic isolation.

Equitable Allocation of Resources among District Schools

The budget development process for Madison Public Schools begins with enrollment projections for each school as a basis for the per student allocation required to support student instruction, including textbooks and instructional supplies. An allocation formula is used so that elementary and middle schools have comparable resources while recognizing that the high school needs more costly equipment and specialized supplies. Each school cost center is allocated comparable funding to support salaries, staff development, maintenance, utilities, and the like. Analyses include audits, review of instructional versus non-instructional costs, study of budgeted versus actual expenditures, impact on facilities. Budgeting by school sites decentralizes decision-making, thus promoting school staff input and providing for expenditure choices to meet student needs in the various schools. The school-based budgets are reviewed to ensure that they correspond with the requirements of statutes, educational goals, district policies and priorities, and collective bargaining agreements. All state or federal funding received by the district is distributed according to the guidelines and regulations.