

STRATEGIC SCHOOL PROFILE 2012-13**The Gilbert School**

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COMMUNITY DATA

County: Litchfield
 Town Population in 2000: N/A
 1990-2000 Population Growth: N/A
 Number of Public Schools: 1

Per Capita Income in 2000: N/A
 Percent of Adults without a High School Diploma in 2000*: N/A
 Percent of Adults Who Were Not Fluent in English in 2000*: N/A
 District Enrollment as % of Estimated. Student Population: N/A

*To view the Adult Education Program Profiles online, go to www.sde.ct.gov and click on Adult Education, then Reports.

District Reference Group (DRG): G DRG is a classification of districts whose students' families are similar in education, income, occupation, and need, and that have roughly similar enrollment. The Connecticut State Board of Education approved DRG classification for purposes of reporting data other than student performance.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Enrollment on October 1, 2012 505
 5-Year Enrollment Change 23.8%

DISTRICT GRADE RANGE

Grade Range 7 - 12

INDICATORS OF EDUCATIONAL NEED

Need Indicator	Number in District	Percent		
		District	DRG	State
Students Eligible for Free/Reduced-Price Meals	218	43.2	43.3	36.7
K-12 Students Who Are Not Fluent in English	17	3.4	4.0	5.8
Students Identified as Gifted and/or Talented	0	0.0	3.8	3.8
PK-12 Students Receiving Special Education Services in District	78	15.4	12.8	11.9
Kindergarten Students who Attended Preschool, Nursery School or Headstart	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Homeless	1	0.2	0.3	0.3
Juniors and Seniors Working 16 or More Hours Per Week	25	15.5	13.9	12.7

SCHOOL DISTRICT DIVERSITY

Student Race/Ethnicity		
Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent
American Indian	1	0.2
Asian American	10	2.0
Black	13	2.6
Hispanic	62	12.3
Pacific Islander	0	0.0
White	394	78.0
Two or more races	25	5.0
Total Minority	111	22.0

Percent of Minority Professional Staff: 0.0%

Non-English Home Language:

7.3% of this district's students (excluding prekindergarten students) come from homes where English is not the primary language. The number of non-English home languages is 7.

EFFORTS TO REDUCE RACIAL, ETHNIC AND ECONOMIC ISOLATION

Below is the description submitted by this school of how it provides educational opportunities for its students to interact with students and teachers from diverse racial, ethnic, and economic backgrounds.

Several programs were held during the 2012-2013 school year to help reduce racial, ethnic and economic isolation. This was the second year The Gilbert School welcomed 7th and 8th grade staff and students from Winchester. Faculty, students and staff focused on three primary areas; respect, responsibility and safety; creating a safe and positive school culture. There were "town hall" meeting assemblies for all students celebrating student accomplishments and focusing on a commitment to the learning of each student. We had numerous field trips throughout New England. We collaborated with local and state organizations to provide opportunities for our students. Tony Vacca and Abdou from World Rhythms America-Senegal Project spent the day working with students incorporating percussion instruments from a world of cultures that included African, Caribbean, Asian and Middle-Eastern influences, story-telling, and poetry. We had a guest speaker from Darfur present the ongoing struggles faced by many in our world. We celebrated Peace Day, celebrating world peace through various activities. Our Veteran's Day celebration allowed us to honor our troops who have served and who are currently serving our country. There was a presentation about HIV and a view of an AIDS quilt. Incessant service projects supporting the local soup kitchen and families in need took place during all parts of the school year including the delivery of over 50 Thanksgiving dinners by faculty, staff and administration to families in the community. Our Free and Reduced Lunch Program now serves breakfast. We have numerous school publications, including a monthly newsletter and correspondence in Spanish and English. We have interpreters available and an ELL program for our students and their families who have English as a Second Language and speak a primary language other than English in their home.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Connecticut Mastery Test, Fourth Generation, % Goal. The Goal level is more demanding than the Proficient level, but not as high as the Advanced level, reported in the No Child Left Behind Report Cards.

Grade and CMT Subject Area	District	State	% of Districts in State with Equal or Lower Percent Meeting Goal
Grade 3 Reading	N/A	N/A	N/A
Writing	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mathematics	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 4 Reading	N/A	N/A	N/A
Writing	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mathematics	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 5 Reading	N/A	N/A	N/A
Writing	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mathematics	N/A	N/A	N/A
Science	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 6 Reading	N/A	N/A	N/A
Writing	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mathematics	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 7 Reading	85.7	78.9	51.3
Writing	60.0	64.9	25.9
Mathematics	56.8	65.4	22.2
Grade 8 Reading	76.1	76.2	27.2
Writing	57.0	67.2	15.7
Mathematics	54.3	65.0	18.9
Science	48.4	60.4	18.9

These results reflect the performance of students with scoreable tests who were enrolled in the district at the time of testing, regardless of the length of time they were enrolled in the district. Results for fewer than 20 students are not presented.

For more detailed CMT results, go to www.ctreports.com.

To see the NCLB Report Card for this school, go to www.sde.ct.gov and click on "No Child Left Behind."

Connecticut Academic Performance Test, Third Generation, % Meeting State Goal. The CAPT is administered to Grade 10 students. The Goal level is more demanding than the state Proficient level, but not as high as the Advanced level, reported in the No Child Left Behind Report Cards. The following results reflect the performance of students with scorable tests who were enrolled in the school at the time of testing, regardless of the length of time they were enrolled in the school. Results for fewer than 20 students are not presented.

CAPT Subject Area	District	State	% of Districts in State with Equal or Lower Percent Meeting Goal
Reading Across the Disciplines	39.1	48.5	26.5
Writing Across the Disciplines	52.1	62.1	22.0
Mathematics	42.0	52.4	24.2
Science	38.0	48.8	25.6

For more detailed CAPT results, go to www.ctreports.com. To see the NCLB Report Card for this school, go to www.sde.ct.gov and click on "No Child Left Behind."

Physical Fitness. The assessment includes tests for flexibility, abdominal strength and endurance, upper-body strength and aerobic endurance.

Physical Fitness: % of Students Reaching Health Standard on All Four Tests	District	State	% of Districts in State with Equal or Lower Percent Reaching Standard
	28.8	51.1	9.9

SAT® I: Reasoning Test Class of 2012		District	State	% of Districts in State with Equal or Lower Scores
% of Graduates Tested		64.3	78.5	
Average Score	Mathematics	464	503	21.1
	Critical Reading	468	499	17.3
	Writing	477	504	19.5

SAT® I. The lowest possible score on each SAT® I subtest is 200; the highest possible score is 800.

Graduation and Dropout Rates	District	State	% of Districts in State with Equal or Less Desirable Rates
Graduation Rate, Adjusted Cohort Rate 2012	91.2	84.8	48.5
2011-12 Annual Dropout Rate for Grade 9 through 12	2.1	2.1	13.6

Activities of Graduates	District	State
% Pursuing Higher Education (Degree and Non-Degree Programs)	73.8	82.6
% Employed (Civilian Employment and in Armed Services)	21.4	9.8

RESOURCES AND EXPENDITURES

DISTRICT STAFF

Full-Time Equivalent Count of School Staff	
General Education	
Teachers and Instructors	40.00
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	1.00
Special Education	
Teachers and Instructors	0.00
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	0.00
Library/Media Specialists and/or Assistants	2.00
Staff Devoted to Adult Education	0.00
Administrators, Coordinators, and Department Chairs	
District Central Office	1.00
School Level	4.40
Instructional Specialists Who Support Teachers (e.g., subject area specialists)	0.00
Counselors, Social Workers, and School Psychologists	4.00
School Nurses	2.00
Other Staff Providing Non-Instructional Services and Support	22.50

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

Teachers and Instructors	District	DRG	State
Average Years of Experience in Education	16.0	14.5	13.9
% with Master's Degree or Above	82.9	81.1	79.8

Average Class Size	District	DRG	State
Grade K	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 5	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 7	17.6	19.5	20.2
High School	17.2	18.7	18.8

Hours of Instruction Per Year*	Dist	DRG	State
Elementary School	N/A	N/A	N/A
Middle School	N/A	N/A	N/A
High School	993	1,006	1,027

*State law requires that at least 900 hours of instruction be offered to students in grade 1-12 and full-day kindergarten, and 450 hours to half-day kindergarten students.

Students Per Academic Computer	Dist	DRG	State
Elementary School*	N/A	N/A	N/A
Middle School	N/A	N/A	N/A
High School	1.8	2.1	2.1

*Excludes schools with no grades above kindergarten.

DISTRICT EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES, 2011-12

Expenditures may be supported by local tax revenues, state grants, federal grants, municipal in-kind services, tuition and other sources. DRG and state figures will not be comparable to the district if the school district does not teach both elementary and secondary students.

Expenditures All figures are unaudited.	Total (in 1000s)	Expenditures Per Pupil			
		District	PK-12 Districts	DRG	State
Instructional Staff and Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Instructional Supplies and Equipment	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Improvement of Instruction and Educational Media Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Student Support Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Administration and Support Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Plant Operation and Maintenance	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Transportation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Costs for Students Tuitioned Out	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additional Expenditures					
Land, Buildings, and Debt Service	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Special Education Expenditures	District Total	Percent of PK-12 Expenditures Used for Special Education		
		District	DRG	State
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Revenue Sources, % of Expenditures from Source. Revenue 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 Corrections).

District Expenditures	Local Revenue	State Revenue	Federal Revenue	Tuition & Other
Including School Construction	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES AMONG DISTRICT SCHOOLS

Below is the description submitted by this district of how it allocates resources to insure equity and address needs.

The Gilbert School is a one-district school. Our sending district has two representatives on the Finance Committee that develop and recommend the budget to the full Board of Education. These representatives are also members of the full Board. The Town of Winchester serves as the primary source of funding for The Gilbert School. A joint committee composed of Gilbert and Winchester Board members is involved in the budget process.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Number of K-12 Students with Disabilities for Whom the District is Financially Responsible	N/A
Of All K-12 Students for Whom the District is Financially Responsible, the Percent with Disabilities	N/A

Of All K-12 Students for Whom District is Financially Responsible, Number and Percentage with Disabilities				
Disability	Count	District Percent	DRG Percent	State Percent
Autism	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Learning Disability	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Intellectual Disability	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Emotional Disturbance	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Speech Impairment	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other Health Impairment*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other Disabilities**	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Includes chronic health problems such as attention deficit disorders and epilepsy

**Includes hearing, visual, and orthopedic impairments, deaf-blindness, multiple disabilities, traumatic brain injury, and developmental delay

Graduation and Dropout Rates of Students with Disabilities for Whom District is Financially Responsible	District	State
% Who Graduated in 2011-12 with a Standard Diploma	66.7	64.4
2011-12 Annual Dropout Rate for Students Aged 14 to 21	N/A	3.2

STATE ASSESSMENTS

Percent of Students with Disabilities Meeting State Goal. The Goal level is more demanding than the Proficient level, but not as high as the Advanced level, reported in the No Child Left Behind Report Cards. These results are for students attending district schools who participated in the standard assessment with or without accommodations for their disabilities. Results for fewer than 20 students are not presented.

- **Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT), Fourth Generation.** The CMT reading, writing and mathematics tests are administered to students in Grades 3 through 8, and the CMT science test to students in Grades 5 and 8.
- **Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT), Third Generation.** The CAPT is administered to Grade 10 students.

State Assessment		Students with Disabilities		All Students	
		District	State	District	State
CMT	Reading	47.8	34.5	80.4	69.2
	Writing	15.8	19.9	58.4	64.4
	Mathematics	24.1	29.0	55.4	65.5
	Science	12.5	21.3	48.4	61.3
CAPT	Reading Across the Disciplines	N/A	N/A	39.1	48.5
	Writing Across the Disciplines	40.0	16.7	52.1	62.1
	Mathematics	N/A	N/A	42.0	52.4
	Science	20.0	14.6	38.0	48.8

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Participation in State Assessments of Students with Disabilities Attending District Schools

CMT	% Without Accommodations	7.5
	% With Accommodations	92.5
CAPT	% Without Accommodations	18.2
	% With Accommodations	81.8
% Assessed Using Skills Checklist		0.0

Accommodations for a student's disability may be made to allow him or her to participate in testing. Students whose disabilities prevent them from taking the test even with accommodations are assessed by means of a list of skills aligned to the same content and grade level standards as the CMT and CAPT.

Federal law requires that students with disabilities be educated with their non-disabled peers as much as is appropriate. Placement in separate educational facilities tends to reduce the chances of students with disabilities interacting with non-disabled peers, and of receiving the same education.

K-12 Students with Disabilities Placed in Educational Settings Other Than This District's Schools

Placement	Count	Percent
Public Schools in Other Districts	N/A	N/A
Private Schools or Other Settings	N/A	N/A

Number and Percentage of K-12 Students with Disabilities for Whom District is Financially Responsible by the Percentage of Time They Spent with Their Non-Disabled Peers

Time Spent with Non-Disabled Peers	Count of Students	Percent of Students		
		District	DRG	State
79.1 to 100 Percent of Time	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
40.1 to 79.0 Percent of Time	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
0.0 to 40.0 Percent of Time	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND ACTIVITIES

The following narrative was submitted by this district.

Curriculum writing is an ongoing process throughout the school year and for 2012-13 we have worked collaboratively on curriculum units designed to align with the Common Core. In 2013-2014 administration is providing one full day per month for each department to work on curriculum as a department. We feel this provides better continuity and collaboration rather than typical summer writing. We worked on Vertical Curriculum Alignment. Lessons created by our teachers to improve test scores and CAPT and CMT-like assessments are integrated into the curriculum. Teachers conduct Common Formative Assessments in all content areas as a means of gathering evidence of current levels of student learning while, developing strategies and ideas to build on strengths and address weaknesses in that learning. PSAT's for all 10th and 11th grade students were implemented and an SAT prep course was established to help students achieve at higher levels. A true and concerted effort was placed on improving the Advanced Placement Program, its course offerings as well as student participation and scores. For 2013 there are six new AP courses, significantly more students enrolled and scores have shown a dramatic increase. A long-range strategic plan called 2020 was completed in 2009 and it continues to be the guiding force behind the implementation of 21st century skills. We completed our NEASC Self-Study and the visiting team arrived in November of 2012 and we were given accreditation. Preparation for our International Students is ongoing as we embark upon the International Residency Program for The Gilbert School in 2013. Currently twenty-two students, at this time all from China, have been accepted and we plan on more from other parts of the world in the course of the next few years.
