Connecticut State Department of Education

DISTRICT PROFILE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2018–19



East Lyme School District

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District Information

| Grade Range | PK-12 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Number of Schools/Programs | 8 |
| Enrollment | 2,699 |
| Per Pupil Expenditures ¹ | \$16,720 |
| Total Expenditures ¹ | \$47,383,200 |

¹Expenditure data reflect the 2017-18 school year.



Community Information

AdvanceCT Town Profiles provide summary demographic and economic information for Connecticut's municipalities

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Notes

Unless otherwise noted, all data are for 2018-19 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 safeguard student confidentiality, or to ensure that statistics based on a very small sample size are not interpreted as equally representative as those based on a sufficiently larger sample size.

N/A is displayed when a category is not applicable for a district or school.

Students

| October 1, 2018 Enrollment ² | | | |
|---|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | District | State |
| | Count | Percent of Total (%) | Percent of Total (%) |
| Female | 1,324 | 49.1 | 48.4 |
| Male | 1,375 | 50.9 | 51.6 |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | * | * | 0.3 |
| Asian | 243 | 9.0 | 5.2 |
| Black or African American | 51 | 1.9 | 12.8 |
| Hispanic or Latino of any race | 203 | 7.5 | 25.8 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | * | * | 0.1 |
| Two or More Races | 140 | 5.2 | 3.6 |
| White | 2,055 | 76.1 | 52.4 |
| English Learners | 32 | 1.2 | 7.6 |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 584 | 21.6 | 42.1 |
| Students with Disabilities ³ | 400 | 14.8 | 15.4 |

²This table represents students in grades PK-12 reported by the district in the Public School Information System (i.e., PSIS Reporting District).

³Students in this category are students with an individualized education program (IEP) only. This category does not include students with Section 504 plans or services plans.

NOTE: To protect student privacy, gender counts are suppressed (*) when fewer than 6 students enrolled in the district identify as non-binary.

Chronic Absenteeism and Suspension/Expulsion

| | Chronic | | Suspe | ension/ |
|--|--------------------------|----------|-------|----------|
| | Absenteeism ⁴ | | Expu | ılsion⁵ |
| | Count | Rate (%) | Count | Rate (%) |
| Female | 72 | 5.6 | 23 | 1.7 |
| Male | 49 | 3.6 | 64 | 4.5 |
| Black or African American | * | * | * | * |
| Hispanic or Latino of any race | 12 | 5.7 | 9 | 4.2 |
| White | 95 | 4.8 | 61 | 2.9 |
| English Learners | * | * | 0 | 0.0 |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 52 | 8.9 | 47 | 7.2 |
| Students with Disabilities | 33 | 8.4 | 33 | 7.0 |
| District | 121 | 4.6 | 87 | 3.1 |
| State | | 10.4 | | 6.7 |

Number of students in 2017-18 qualified as truant under state statute: 89 Number of school-based arrests: Fewer than 6

⁴A student is chronically absent if they miss 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.

⁵This column displays the 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 | 199.5 |
| Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants | 12.7 |
| Special Education | |
| Teachers and Instructors | 39.3 |
| Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants | 103.6 |
| Administrators, Coordinators and Department Chairs | |
| District Central Office | 5.0 |
| School Level | 10.1 |
| Library/Media | |
| Specialists (Certified) | 5.0 |
| Support Staff | 4.2 |
| Instructional Specialists Who Support Teachers | 8.0 |
| Counselors, Social Workers and School Psychologists | 14.5 |
| School Nurses | 5.0 |
| Other Staff Providing Non-Instructional Services/Support | 145.7 |

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 | 1 | 0.3 | 1.1 |
| Black or African American | 2 | 0.7 | 3.8 |
| Hispanic or Latino of any race | 5 | 1.7 | 3.8 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Two or More Races | 0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| White | 283 | 97.3 | 90.5 |

Classroom Teacher Attendance: 2017-18

| | District | State |
|---|----------|-------|
| Average Number of FTE Days Absent Due to Illness or Personal Time | 10.0 | 10.0 |

Instruction and Resources

11th and 12th Graders Enrolled in College-and-Career-Readiness Courses during High School²

| | 11th | | 12th | |
|--|-------|----------|-------|----------|
| | Count | Rate (%) | Count | Rate (%) |
| Black or African American | * | * | * | * |
| Hispanic or Latino of any race | 15 | * | 12 | * |
| White | 192 | 96.0 | 188 | 97.4 |
| English Learners | 0 | * | * | * |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 47 | 88.7 | 43 | 91.5 |
| Students with Disabilities | 27 | 84.4 | 33 | 91.7 |
| District | 232 | 94.3 | 249 | 97.3 |
| State | | 74.5 | | 85.2 |

²College-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 Peers³

| | Count | Rate (%) |
|----------------------------|-------|----------|
| Autism | 21 | 47.7 |
| Emotional Disturbance | * | * |
| Intellectual Disability | * | * |
| Learning Disability | 98 | 76.0 |
| Other Health Impairment | 65 | 69.9 |
| Other Disabilities | * | * |
| Speech/Language Impairment | 36 | 73.5 |
| District | 224 | 68.1 |
| State | | 67.6 |

³This table represents students ages 6-21 for whom the district is fiscally responsible (i.e., Nexus District students with an IEP or services plan).

Students with Disabilities by Primary Disability¹

| | Dis | State | |
|-------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| | Count | Rate (%) | Rate (%) |
| Autism | 45 | 1.8 | 1.9 |
| Emotional Disturbance | * | * | 1.1 |
| Intellectual Disability | * | * | 0.5 |
| Learning Disability | 129 | 5.1 | 5.5 |
| Other Health Impairment | 95 | 3.7 | 3.2 |
| Other Disabilities | 14 | 0.6 | 1.1 |
| Speech/Language Impairment | 59 | 2.3 | 1.8 |
| All Disabilities | 354 | 14.0 | 15.0 |

¹This table represents students in grades K-12 for whom the district is fiscally responsible (i.e., Nexus District students with an IEP or services plan).

Students with Disabilities Placed Outside of the District²

| | Dis | State | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| | Count | Rate (%) | Rate (%) |
| Public Schools in Other Districts | 13 | 3.7 | 8.2 |
| Private Schools or Other Settings | 6 | 1.7 | 5.0 |

²This table represents students in grades K-12 for whom the district is fiscally responsible (i.e., Nexus District students with an IEP or services plan).

Overall Expenditures: 2017-18

| | | Per I | Pupil |
|--|--------------|---------------|------------|
| | Total (\$) | District (\$) | State (\$) |
| Instruction | \$27,955,342 | \$9,864 | \$10,545 |
| Support services - students | \$2,462,251 | \$894 | \$1,373 |
| Support services - instruction | \$2,294,330 | \$833 | \$644 |
| Support services - general administration | \$2,261,220 | \$821 | \$462 |
| Support services - school based administration | \$2,462,341 | \$894 | \$1,007 |
| Central and other support services | \$800,111 | \$291 | \$671 |
| Operation and maintenance of plant | \$5,877,694 | \$2,135 | \$1,629 |
| Student transportation services | \$2,129,400 | \$766 | \$1,231 |
| Food services | | | \$13 |
| Enterprise operations | \$1,140,510 | \$414 | \$157 |
| Minor school construction | | | \$65 |
| Total | \$47,383,200 | \$16,720 | \$17,153 |

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

Special Education Expenditures: 2017-18

| | District | | State |
|--|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Total (\$) | Percent of Total (%) | Percent of Total (%) |
| Teacher Salaries | \$4,220,992 | 35.7 | 29.7 |
| Instructional Aide Salaries | \$2,145,060 | 18.2 | 9.6 |
| Other Salaries | \$969,562 | 8.2 | 10.4 |
| Employee Benefits | \$1,493,103 | 12.6 | 13.0 |
| Purchased Services Other Than Transportation | \$933,147 | 7.9 | 5.5 |
| Special Education Tuition | \$1,160,830 | 9.8 | 22.6 |
| Supplies | \$69,450 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Property Services | | | 0.4 |
| Purchased Services For Transportation | \$802,130 | 6.8 | 8.0 |
| Equipment | \$13,408 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| All Other Expenditures | \$3,116 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Total | \$11,810,797 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Percent of Total Expenditures Used for Special Educa | ation | 24.9 | 24.4 |

Expenditures by Revenue Source:⁴ 2017-18

| | Percent of Total (%) Excluding School |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Construction |
| Local | 78.0 |
| State | 13.6 |
| Federal | 1.8 |
| Tuition & Other | 6.6 |

⁴Revenue sources do not include state-funded Teachers' Retirement Board contributions, Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS) operations, CSDE-budgeted costs for salaries and leadership activities and other state-funded school districts (e.g., Dept. of Children and Families and Dept. of Correction).

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 | 114 | 87.9 | 114 | 90.2 | 50 | 85.9 |
| Black or African American | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Hispanic or Latino of any race | 98 | 71.9 | 98 | 65.4 | 45 | 70.2 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 0 | N/A | 0 | N/A | 0 | N/A |
| Two or More Races | 58 | 78.7 | 58 | 71.2 | 25 | 73.8 |
| White | 1,033 | 75.8 | 1,033 | 71.6 | 503 | 73.1 |
| English Learners | 47 | 77.9 | 47 | 75.5 | 15 | * |
| Non-English Learners | 1,279 | 76.5 | 1,279 | 72.4 | 617 | 73.7 |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 289 | 68.1 | 289 | 63.5 | 144 | 66.4 |
| Not Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 1,037 | 78.8 | 1,037 | 75.0 | 488 | 75.9 |
| Students with Disabilities | 177 | 56.1 | 177 | 49.9 | 77 | 52.9 |
| Students without Disabilities | 1,149 | 79.7 | 1,149 | 76.0 | 555 | 76.6 |
| High Needs | 417 | 66.3 | 417 | 61.6 | 197 | 63.1 |
| Non-High Needs | 909 | 81.2 | 909 | 77.5 | 435 | 78.6 |
| District | 1,326 | 76.5 | 1,326 | 72.5 | 632 | 73.7 |

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

| | NAEP | NAEP 2013 | |
|-----------------|---------|-----------|----------|
| READING | Grade 4 | Grade 8 | Grade 12 |
| Connecticut | 40 | 41 | 50 |
| National Public | 34 | 32 | 36 |
| MATH | Grade 4 | Grade 8 | Grade 12 |
| Connecticut | 45 | 39 | 32 |
| National Public | 40 | 33 | 25 |

NAEP 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 performance on NAEP by student group, click here.

Physical Fitness Tests: Students Reaching Health Standard²

| | Percent of Students by Grade ³ (%) | | | | All Teste | ed Grades |
|----------------------|---|------|------|------|-----------|-----------|
| | 4 | 6 | 8 | HS | Count | Rate (%) |
| Sit & Reach | 85.9 | 89.3 | 70.2 | 90.9 | 749 | 84.1 |
| Curl Up | 86.5 | 79.9 | 81.2 | 98.6 | 749 | 87.2 |
| Push Up | 69.4 | 77.5 | 77.0 | 93.2 | 749 | 80.1 |
| Mile Run/PACER | 77.1 | 76.3 | 66.5 | 79.9 | 749 | 75.0 |
| All Tests - District | 57.6 | 56.8 | 55.5 | 74.9 | 749 | 61.9 |
| All Tests - State | 56.1 | 53.5 | 50.9 | 51.4 | | 52.9 |

²The Connecticut Physical Fitness Assessment (CPFA) is administered to students in Grades 4, 6, 8 and High School (HS). 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

| | 2017-18 | | |
|--|---------------------------|----------|--|
| | Cohort Count ² | Rate (%) | |
| Black or African American | * | * | |
| Hispanic or Latino of any race | 16 | * | |
| English Learners | * | * | |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 48 | 91.7 | |
| Students with Disabilities | 34 | 79.4 | |
| District | 287 | 95.5 | |
| State | | 88.3 | |

¹The four-year cohort graduation rate represents the percentage of first-time 9th graders who earn a standard high school diploma within four years.

11th and 12th Graders Meeting Benchmark on at Least One College Readiness Exam³

| | Participation⁴ | Meeting | Benchmark |
|---|----------------|---------|-----------|
| | Rate (%) | Count | Rate (%) |
| Female | 98.1 | 151 | 57.4 |
| Male | 96.2 | 140 | 58.6 |
| Black or African American | * | * | * |
| Hispanic or Latino of any race | 100.0 | 15 | 50.0 |
| White | 96.4 | 225 | 57.3 |
| English Learners | * | 0 | * |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 96.0 | 34 | 34.0 |
| Students with Disabilities | 82.4 | * | * |
| District | 97.2 | 291 | 58.0 |
| State | 95.9 | | 42.6 |

³College readiness exams and benchmark scores are as follows:

- SAT® meets benchmark score on SAT, Revised SAT or Connecticut School Day SAT
- ACT® meets benchmark score on 3 of 4 exams (benchmark score varies by subject)
- $\bullet \ \ AP^{\circledast}$ 3 or higher on any one AP^{\circledast} exam
- $\bullet \ \ \mbox{IB}^{\circledast}$ 4 or higher on any one \mbox{IB}^{\circledast} exam

⁴Participation Rate equals the number of test-takers in 11th and 12th grade divided by the number of students enrolled in those grades, as a percentage. Sources:

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

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College Entrance and Persistence

| | Class of 2018 | Class of 2017 |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| | Entrance ⁵ | Persistence ⁶ |
| | Rate (%) | Rate (%) |
| Female | 80.8 | 94.3 |
| Male | 74.7 | 90.7 |
| Black or African American | * | * |
| Hispanic or Latino of any race | * | * |
| White | 75.4 | 91.8 |
| English Learners | 75.4 | * |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 57.8 | 90.3 |
| Students with Disabilities | 41.0 | 76.2 |
| District | 77.4 | 92.5 |
| State | 71.0 | 87.8 |

⁵College 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 2017-18 school year.

⁶College 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

Connecticut's Next Generation Accountability System is a broad set of 12 indicators that help tell the story of how well a district/school is preparing its students for success in college, careers, and life. It moves beyond test scores and graduation rates to provide a more holistic, multifactor perspective of district and school performance.

| Indi | cator | Index/Rate | Target | Points Earned | Max Points | % Points Earned | State Average Index/Rate |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|--------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| ELA Performance Index | All Students | 76.5 | 75 | 50.0 | 50 | 100.0 | 67.7 |
| LLA Performance muex | High Needs Students | 66.3 | 75 | 44.2 | 50 | 88.4 | 58.1 |
| Math Performance Index | All Students | 72.5 | 75 | 48.3 | 50 | 96.7 | 63.1 |
| Math Performance muex | High Needs Students | 61.6 | 75 | 41.1 | 50 | 82.2 | 52.7 |
| Science Performance Index | All Students | 73.7 | 75 | 49.2 | 50 | 98.3 | 63.8 |
| Science Performance index | High Needs Students | 63.1 | 75 | 42.1 | 50 | 84.1 | 54.2 |
| FIA A de la Constalla | All Students | 63.3% | 100% | 63.3 | 100 | 63.3 | 59.9% |
| ELA Academic Growth | High Needs Students | 56.9% | 100% | 56.9 | 100 | 56.9 | 55.1% |
| Nath Assassis Counts | All Students | 63.1% | 100% | 63.1 | 100 | 63.1 | 62.5% |
| Math Academic Growth | High Needs Students | 51.8% | 100% | 51.8 | 100 | 51.8 | 55.2% |
| Progress Toward English | Literacy | 85.4% | 100% | 42.7 | 50 | 85.4 | 60.0% |
| Proficiency | Oral | 66.1% | 100% | 33.0 | 50 | 66.1 | 52.1% |
| Clause in Alexandra inco | All Students | 4.6% | <=5% | 50.0 | 50 | 100.0 | 10.4% |
| Chronic Absenteeism | High Needs Students | 7.8% | <=5% | 44.4 | 50 | 88.7 | 16.1% |
| Duamanation for CCD | % Taking Courses | 95.8% | 75% | 50.0 | 50 | 100.0 | 80.0% |
| Preparation for CCR | % Passing Exams | 58.0% | 75% | 38.6 | 50 | 77.3 | 42.6% |
| On-track to High School Gra | duation | 97.6% | 94% | 50.0 | 50 | 100.0 | 88.0% |
| 4-year Graduation All Stude | nts (2018 Cohort) | 95.5% | 94% | 100.0 | 100 | 100.0 | 88.3% |
| 6-year Graduation - High Ne | eds Students (2016 Cohort) | 88.9% | 94% | 94.6 | 100 | 94.6 | 83.3% |
| Postsecondary Entrance (Cla | ass of 2018) | 77.4% | 75% | 100.0 | 100 | 100.0 | 70.9% |
| Physical Fitness (estimated p | part rate) and (fitness rate) | 89.8% 61.9% | 75% | 20.6 | 50 | 41.3 | 96.4% 52.9% |
| Arts Access | | 54.7% | 60% | 45.6 | 50 | 91.2 | 51.9% |
| Accountability Index | | | | 1179.4 | 1450 | 81.3 | |

NOTE: A dot (.) appears in the table above when there are fewer than 20 students in the student group or the indicator is not applicable based on grades served.

| Gap Indicators | Non-High Needs Rate ¹ | High Needs Rate | Size of Gap | State Gap Mean +1 Stdev ² | Is Gap an Outlier?2 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Achievement Gap Size Outlier? | | | | | N |
| ELA Performance Index Gap | 75.0 | 66.3 | 8.7 | 15.4 | |
| Math Performance Index Gap | 75.0 | 61.6 | 13.4 | 17.6 | |
| Science Performance Index Gap | 75.0 | 63.1 | 11.9 | 16.1 | |
| Graduation Rate Gap | 94.0% | 88.9% | 5.1% | 11.1% | N |

¹If the Non-High Needs Rate exceeds the ultimate target (75 for Performance Index and 94% for graduation rate), the ultimate target is used for gap calculations. ²If the size of the gap exceeds the state mean gap plus one standard deviation, the gap is an outlier.

Detailed Presentation

NOTE: A dot (.) appears in the table above when there are fewer than 20 students in at least one of the student groups used to calculate the gap measure or the indicator is not applicable based on grades served.

| Subject/Student Group | | Participation Rate (%) ³ |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ELA All Students High Needs Students | | 97.7 |
| | | 95.8 |
| Math | All Students | 97.7 |
| IVIdIII | High Needs Students | 95.8 |
| Science | All Students | 97.4 |
| High Needs Studer | | 96.3 |

³Minimum participation standard is 95%.

Supporting Resources: Two-page FAQ

(SIMR) for Children with DisabilitiesIncrease the reading performance of all 3rd grade students with disabilities

Connecticut's State Identified Measurable Result

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: * State: 51.5

Using Accountability Results to Guide Improvement

Narratives

School District Improvement Plans and Parental Outreach Activities

Annual school district improvement plans remain aligned to both the Long Range Plan and the District Improvement Plan. The focus of these plans are around three goals: Focusing Decisions and System Operations on Student Success, Collaborative Culture, and Student Centered Learning. All improvement plans focus on the following theories of action.

District Improvement Plan Theory of Action:

- 1. If we build shared meaning, capacity, and commitment to action then all stakeholders will see their part in achieving the mission of the school district.
- 2. If a growth mindset underlies our culture, then we will foster learning, innovation and action through trusting partnerships.
- 3. If we focus on instruction that takes into account the distinct learning needs, interests, aspirations, and cultural backgrounds of our individual students, then all students will achieve both inter-personal and intra-personal growth.

Infinite Campus remains the district student management system. This system allows parents to access attendance and grades for every student in the district. Students have access to their own accounts as well at the secondary level in order to develop their own awareness of their personal growth over time. Parents are notified daily and weekly in regards to achievement and attendance records. Every building hosts conference opportunities twice throughout the school year. The district continues to use our school website as a means of communicating to parent's programs and online resources to help guide their student's skill based development at home. Google Classroom is utilized at the secondary level as a means of consistent communication between students and educators during the learning experience.

All elementary schools have active PTAs that assist in building community support for education and student needs. The middle school hosts several parent activities such as concerts, Life Arts events and curriculum experiential learning experiences. The high school offers opportunities to parents around academic, arts and athletics events. Parent and school counselor relationships are a priority for the high school as they create a partnership of support around the student.

Efforts to Reduce Racial, Ethnic and Economic Isolation

.The school district continues to make available the opportunity for students to attend regional magnet schools. For the 2018-2019 school year, 11 East Lyme students attended The Marine Science Magnet High School of Southeastern Connecticut and 10 East Lyme students attended the LEARN Multicultural Magnet School.

.The district strives to enhance students' understanding of the larger world. Awareness, celebration, and appreciation of significant events in world history and an understanding of characteristics of and interactions among different cultures are addressed through a number of venues. Throughout the grades, literature in language arts, social studies, music and art addresses diversity and cultures around the world. Use of software, such as Skype and Google Hangout allows several classrooms to engage with students from outside the town, state and even country. The Anti-Defamation League continues to be a partner and resource for our schools. Student clubs focused on diverse student interest are key components of our educational program at all buildings. All field experiences provided to children are meant to focus on cultural and individual diversity across all buildings.

Equitable Allocation of Resources among District Schools

.The Board of Education policy assures that each school in the district receives an equitable level of materials and financial resources. Zero based budgeting is practiced as a means of ensuring a student need based budgetary process. The budget process assures that each student receives the necessary materials, supplies and texts. The district supports several educational programs across all five schools; in order to ensure a common experience for all students. These programs help to provide an equitable resource across all K-12 classrooms. Instructional supplies and professional learning resources are aligned to the curriculum revision cycle as a means of providing equity across content areas. The phase of curriculum development determines the allocated funds for the fiscal year. Throughout the year, there is a consistent focus on identifying districtwide programs and resources that can consistently support our students across all buildings to allow us to provide a more coherent educational experience. Core/Tier one instruction is seen as equal opportunity and access for all students in using the Universal Design for Learning principles.