### Connecticut State Department of Education

### DISTRICT PROFILE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2014–15



### Oxford School District

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#### **District Information**

| Grade Range                         | PK-12        |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Number of Schools/Programs          | 5            |
| Enrollment                          | 1,979        |
| Per Pupil Expenditures <sup>1</sup> | \$13,980     |
| Total Expenditures <sup>1</sup>     | \$29,288,805 |

<sup>1</sup>Expenditure 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)
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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 <a href="EdSight.ct.gov">EdSight.ct.gov</a>).

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 (%) |          | Percent of Total<br>(%) |  |  |
| Female                                   | 989                        | 50.0     | 48.3                    |  |  |
| Male                                     | 990                        | 50.0     | 51.6                    |  |  |
| American Indian or Alaska Native         | *                          | *        | 0.2                     |  |  |
| Asian                                    | 40                         | 2.0      | 4.7                     |  |  |
| Black or African American                | 22                         | 1.1      | 12.9                    |  |  |
| Hispanic or Latino                       | 109                        | 5.5      | 22.1                    |  |  |
| Pacific Islander                         | *                          | *        | 0.0                     |  |  |
| Two or More Races                        | 41                         | 2.1      | 2.5                     |  |  |
| White                                    | 1,762                      | 89.0     | 57.2                    |  |  |
| English Language Learners                | 25                         | 1.3      | 6.3                     |  |  |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 170                        | 8.6      | 37.6                    |  |  |
| Students with Disabilities <sup>1</sup>  | 238                        | 12.0     | 13.3                    |  |  |

<sup>1</sup>Students 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 <sup>2</sup> |          | Expulsion <sup>3</sup> |          |
|  | Count                    | Rate (%) | Count                  | Rate (%) |
| Female                                   | 80                       | 8.2      | 7                      | 0.7      |
| Male                                     | 62                       | 6.4      | 30                     | 3.0      |
| Black or African American                | 0                        | 0.0      | *                      | *        |
| Hispanic or Latino                       | 9                        | 7.4      | *                      | *        |
| White                                    | 122                      | 7.1      | 30                     | 1.7      |
| English Language Learners                | *                        | *        | 0                      | 0.0      |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 32                       | 18.0     | 9                      | 4.7      |
| Students with Disabilities               | 32                       | 14.0     | 7                      | 2.6      |
| District                                 | 142                      | 7.3      | 37                     | 1.8      |
| State                                    |                          | 10.6     |                        | 7.2      |

Number of students in 2013-14 qualified as truant under state statute: 25

<sup>2</sup>A 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.

<sup>3</sup>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                                 | 120.6 |
| Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants                | 16.6  |
| Special Education  |       |
| Teachers and Instructors                                 | 18.1  |
| Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants                | 32.0  |
| Administrators, Coordinators and Department Chairs       |       |
| District Central Office                                  | 3.0   |
| School Level   | 7.2   |
| Library/Media  |       |
| Specialists (Certified)                                  | 3.0   |
| Support Staff  | 1.0   |
| Instructional Specialists Who Support Teachers           | 4.8   |
| Counselors, Social Workers and School Psychologists      | 7.8   |
| School Nurses  | 4.0   |
| Other Staff Providing Non-Instructional Services/Support | 79.3  |

<sup>1</sup>In 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<br>(%) |
| American Indian or<br>Alaska Native | 0                          | 0.0      | 0.1                     |
| Asian                               | 0                          | 0.0      | 1.0                     |
| Black or African<br>American        | 1                          | 0.6      | 3.5                     |
| Hispanic or Latino                  | 3                          | 1.8      | 3.5                     |
| Pacific Islander                    | 0                          | 0.0      | 0.0                     |
| Two or More Races                   | 1                          | 0.6      | 0.0                     |
| White                               | 159                        | 97.0     | 91.8                    |

### Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers<sup>2</sup>

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>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 | 11.2     | 9.2   |

### **Instruction and Resources**

## 11th and 12th Graders Enrolled in College-and-Career-Readiness Courses during High School<sup>3</sup>

|  | 11th  |          | 12th  |          |
|--|-------|----------|-------|----------|
|  | Count | Rate (%) | Count | Rate (%) |
| Black or African American                | 0     | 0.0      | *     | *        |
| Hispanic or Latino                       | 0     | 0.0      | *     | *        |
| White                                    | 14    | 11.9     | 57    | 52.3     |
| English Language Learners                | 0     | 0.0      | *     | *        |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 0     | 0.0      | *     | *        |
| Students with Disabilities               | 0     | 0.0      | *     | *        |
| District                                 | 17    | 12.3     | 67    | 55.4     |
| State                                    |       | 58.4     |       | 73.8     |

<sup>3</sup>College-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 Peers<sup>4</sup>

|                            | Count | Rate (%) |
|----------------------------|-------|----------|
| Autism                     | 14    | 48.3     |
| Emotional Disturbance      | 9     | *        |
| Intellectual Disability    | 0     | 0        |
| Learning Disability        | 41    | 61.2     |
| Other Health Impairment    | 40    | 66.7     |
| Other Disabilities         | 0     | 0        |
| Speech/Language Impairment | 25    | 69.4     |
| District                   | 129   | 58.9     |
| State                      |       | 69.7     |
|                            |       |          |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Ages 6-21

### Students with Disabilities by Primary Disability<sup>1</sup>

|                               | Dis   | State    |          |
|-------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
|                               | Count | Rate (%) | Rate (%) |
| Autism                        | 29    | 1.4      | 1.5      |
| Emotional Disturbance         | 15    | 0.7      | 1.0      |
| Intellectual Disability       | 7     | 0.3      | 0.5      |
| Learning Disability           | 67    | 3.3      | 4.4      |
| Other Health Impairment       | 60    | 3.0      | 2.6      |
| Other Disabilities            | 14    | 0.7      | 1.0      |
| Speech/Language<br>Impairment | 40    | 2.0      | 1.9      |
| All Disabilities              | 232   | 11.5     | 13.0     |

### Students with Disabilities Placed Outside of the District<sup>2</sup>

|                                   | District |          | State |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|-------|
|                                   | Count    | Rate (%) |       |
| Public Schools in Other Districts | 8        | 3.4      | 8.1   |
| Private Schools or Other Settings | 13       | 5.6      | 5.4   |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Grades K-12

Overall Expenditures: 2013-14

|   |            | Per Pupil     |            |  |  |
|---|------------|---------------|------------|--|--|
|   | Total (\$) | District (\$) | State (\$) |  |  |
| Instructional Staff and Services                          | 16,984,149 | 8,305         | 9,134      |  |  |
| Instructional Supplies and Equipment                      | 605,647    | 296           | 334        |  |  |
| Improvement of Instruction and Educational Media Services | 140,771    | 69            | 498        |  |  |
| Student Support Services                                  | 1,807,293  | 884           | 1,001      |  |  |
| Administration and Support Services                       | 3,524,718  | 1,724         | 1,694      |  |  |
| Plant Operation and Maintenance                           | 2,295,005  | 1,122         | 1,572      |  |  |
| Transportation  | 1,887,731  | 763           | 813        |  |  |
| Costs of Students Tuitioned Out                           | 1,046,573  | N/A           | N/A        |  |  |
| Other   | 996,918    | 487           | 186        |  |  |
| Total   | 29,288,805 | 13,980        | 15,289     |  |  |
| Additional Expenditures                                   |            |               |            |  |  |
| Land, Buildings, and Debt Service                         | 2,263,378  | 1,107         | 1,272      |  |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Expenditures 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<br>Total (%) | Percent of<br>Total (%) |
| Certified Personnel        | 2,438,889  | 36.9                    | 35.1                    |
| Noncertified Personnel     | 1,201,514  | 18.2                    | 14.2                    |
| Purchased Services         | 192,945    | 2.9                     | 5.2                     |
| Tuition to Other Schools   | 1,046,573  | 15.9                    | 22.0                    |
| Special Ed. Transportation | 627,574    | 9.5                     | 8.6                     |
| Other Expenditures         | 1,094,444  | 16.6                    | 14.9                    |
| Total Expenditures         | 6,601,939  | 100.0                   | 100.0                   |

### Expenditures by Revenue Source:4 2013-14

|                 | Percent of Total (%) |              |  |  |  |
|-----------------|----------------------|--------------|--|--|--|
|                 | Including            | Excluding    |  |  |  |
|                 | School               | School       |  |  |  |
|                 | Construction         | Construction |  |  |  |
| Local           | 80.0                 | 78.5         |  |  |  |
| State           | 16.5                 | 17.7         |  |  |  |
| Federal         | 1.5                  | 1.6          |  |  |  |
| Tuition & Other | 2.0                  | 2.1          |  |  |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>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 Correction).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Grades 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             | *                          | *    | *     | *    | N/A   | N/A  |
| Asian  | 23                         | 86.6 | 23    | 72.1 | 8     | *    |
| Black or African American                    | *                          | *    | *     | *    | 7     | *    |
| Hispanic or Latino                           | 57                         | 70.2 | 57    | 57.9 | 23    | 61.6 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander    | 0                          | N/A  | 0     | N/A  | 0     | N/A  |
| Two or More Races                            | 16                         | *    | 16    | *    | 10    | *    |
| White  | 996                        | 75.6 | 992   | 63.8 | 466   | 63.8 |
| English Language Learners                    | 20                         | 67.7 | 20    | 58.3 | 7     | *    |
| Non-English Language Learners                | 1088                       | 75.4 | 1084  | 63.4 | 507   | 63.9 |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals     | 89                         | 69.5 | 88    | 56.2 | 42    | 55.6 |
| Not Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 1019                       | 75.8 | 1016  | 64.0 | 472   | 64.4 |
| Students with Disabilities                   | 160                        | 55.5 | 159   | 45.9 | 68    | 45.9 |
| Students without Disabilities                | 948                        | 78.6 | 945   | 66.3 | 446   | 66.4 |
| High Needs                                   | 241                        | 62.7 | 239   | 51.5 | 106   | 51.0 |
| Non-High Needs                               | 867                        | 78.8 | 865   | 66.6 | 408   | 67.0 |
| District                                     | 1108                       | 75.3 | 1104  | 63.4 | 514   | 63.7 |

## National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP): Percent At or Above Proficient<sup>1</sup>

|                 | 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%      |

<sup>1</sup>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 student subgroup performance on NAEP, click here.

### Physical Fitness Tests: Students Reaching Health Standard<sup>2</sup>

|                      | Percent of Students by Grade <sup>3</sup> (%) |      |      |      | All Teste | ed Grades |
|----------------------|---|------|------|------|-----------|-----------|
|                      | 4   | 6    | 8    | 10   | Count     | Rate (%)  |
| Sit & Reach          | 76.7  | 53.6 | 43.2 | 97.5 | 554       | 72.2      |
| Curl Up              | 79.1  | 89.1 | 92.6 | 94.5 | 554       | 88.1      |
| Push Up              | 58.1  | 87.7 | 79.0 | 66.9 | 554       | 71.1      |
| Mile Run/PACER       | 93.6  | 82.6 | 55.6 | 69.3 | 554       | 78.2      |
| All Tests - District | 46.5  | 42.8 | 25.9 | 51.5 | 554       | 44.0      |
| All Tests - State    | 50.8  | 51.0 | 50.3 | 51.9 |           | 51.0      |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Only students assessed in all four areas are included in this calculation.

Cohort Graduation: Four-Year<sup>1</sup>

|  | 2013-14                   |          |                         |                 | 2014-15     |
|--|---------------------------|----------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
|  | Cohort Count <sup>2</sup> | Rate (%) | Target <sup>3</sup> (%) | Target Achieved | Target³ (%) |
| Black or African American                | *                         | *        |                         |                 |             |
| Hispanic or Latino                       | *                         | *        |                         |                 |             |
| English Language Learners                | *                         | *        |                         |                 |             |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | *                         | *        |                         |                 |             |
| Students with Disabilities               | *                         | *        |                         |                 |             |
| District                                 | 174                       | 96.6     | 94.0                    | Yes             | 94.0        |
| State <sup>4</sup>                       |                           | 87.0     |                         |                 |             |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The 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 available online.

## 11th and 12th Graders Meeting Benchmark on at Least One College Readiness Exam<sup>5</sup>

|   | Participation <sup>6</sup> | Meeting E | Benchmark |
|---|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|   | Rate (%)                   | Count     | Rate (%)  |
| Female                                      | 82.7                       | 73        | 54.9      |
| Male  | 73.0                       | 66        | 52.4      |
| Black or African American                   | *                          | *         | *         |
| Hispanic or Latino                          | *                          | 8         | *         |
| White                                       | 79.3                       | 122       | 53.7      |
| English Language Learners                   | *                          | *         | *         |
| Eligible for Free or<br>Reduced-Price Meals | 36.4                       | 6         | 27.3      |
| Students with Disabilities                  | *                          | *         | *         |
| District                                    | 78.0                       | 139       | 53.7      |
| State                                       | 67.2                       |           | 37.3      |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>College 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

<sup>6</sup>Participation 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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### **College Entrance and Persistence**

|   | Class of 2014         | Class of 2013            |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|
|   | Entrance <sup>7</sup> | Persistence <sup>8</sup> |
|   | Rate (%)              | Rate (%)                 |
| Female                                      | 87.2                  | 88.6                     |
| Male  | 79.3                  | 94.5                     |
| Black or African American                   | *                     | *                        |
| Hispanic or Latino                          | *                     | *                        |
| White                                       | 83.4                  | 90.5                     |
| English Language Learners                   | *                     | *                        |
| Eligible for Free or<br>Reduced-Price Meals | *                     | *                        |
| Students with Disabilities                  | *                     | *                        |
| District                                    | 83.3                  | 91.2                     |
| State                                       | 72.6                  | 88.8                     |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>College 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Cohort count includes all students in the cohort as of the end of the 2013-14 school year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Targets are calculated when there are at least 20 students in a cohort in the base year (i.e., 2010-11).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Targets are not displayed at the state level.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>College 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 |
|---|---------------------|---------------|--------|--------|------|----------|---------------|
| CLA Doutoumana Indov                                      | All Students        | 75.3          | 75     | 100.0  | 100  | 100.0    | 67.9          |
| ELA Performance Index                                     | High Needs Students | 62.7          | 75     | 83.6   | 100  | 83.6     | 56.7          |
| Math Performance Index                                    | All Students        | 63.4          | 75     | 84.5   | 100  | 84.5     | 59.3          |
| Math Performance muex                                     | High Needs Students | 51.5          | 75     | 68.7   | 100  | 68.7     | 47.8          |
| Science Performance Index                                 | All Students        | 63.7          | 75     | 84.9   | 100  | 84.9     | 56.5          |
| Science Performance index                                 | High Needs Students | 51.0          | 75     | 68.0   | 100  | 68.0     | 45.9          |
| Chronic Absenteeism                                       | All Students        | 7.3%          | <=5%   | 45.5   | 50   | 90.9     | 10.6%         |
| Chronic Absenteeism                                       | High Needs Students | 14.4%         | <=5%   | 31.1   | 50   | 62.3     | 17.3%         |
| Dranavation for CCD                                       | % Taking Courses    | 32.4%         | 75%    | 21.6   | 50   | 43.2     | 66.1%         |
| Preparation for CCR                                       | % Passing Exams     | 53.7%         | 75%    | 35.8   | 50   | 71.6     | 37.3%         |
| On-track to High School Grad                              | duation             | 80.8%         | 94%    | 43.0   | 50   | 86.0     | 85.6%         |
| 4-year Graduation All Studer                              | nts (2014 Cohort)   | 96.6%         | 94%    | 100.0  | 100  | 100.0    | 87.0%         |
| 6-year Graduation - High Needs Students (2012 Cohort)     |                     | 65.2%         | 94%    | 69.4   | 100  | 69.4     | 77.6%         |
| Postsecondary Entrance (Class of 2014)                    |                     | 85.1%         | 75%    | 100.0  | 100  | 100.0    | 72.8%         |
| Physical Fitness (estimated part rate) and (fitness rate) |                     | 80.8%   44.0% | 75%    | 14.7   | 50   | 29.4     | 87.6%   51.0% |
| Arts Access   | Arts Access         |               | 60%    | 0.7    | 50   | 1.4      | 45.7%         |
| Accountability Index                                      |                     |               |        | 951.4  | 1250 | 76.1     |               |

| Gap Indicators                | Non-High Needs<br>Rate <sup>1</sup> | High Needs Rate | Size of Gap | State Gap Mean<br>+ 1 Stdev² | Is Gap an<br>Outlier?² |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Achievement Gap Size Outlier? |                                     |                 |             |                              | N                      |
| ELA Performance Index Gap     | 75.0                                | 62.7            | 12.3        | 17.3                         |                        |
| Math Performance Index Gap    | 66.6                                | 51.5            | 15.1        | 19.6                         |                        |
| Science Performance Index Gap | 67.0                                | 51.0            | 16.0        | 17.2                         |                        |
| Graduation Rate Gap           | 94.0%                               | 65.2%           | 28.8%       | 15.2%                        | Υ                      |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>If 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>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 (%) |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| All Students     |                     | 98.2                   |
| ELA              | High Needs Students | 97.2                   |
| All Students     |                     | 97.9                   |
| IVIALII          | High Needs Students | 96.4                   |
| All Students     |                     | 98.8                   |
| Science          | High Needs Students | 97.2                   |

### 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: 51.7** 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**

Investigate, pilot and adopt a new math program - Investigations

Continued Review of the SRBI Process

Review writing programs

Continue to align Curriculum, Instruction, materials, and assessments with the Connecticut Core Standards in English Language Arts and Math, Social Studies and Science

K-12 Vertical Articulation Teams are working on curricular alignment.

Work on Units of Study in Language Arts, Math

Review of curricular assessments – Use of Assessment Grant

Investigate and adopt a Universal Screening Tool – NWEA/MAP (K-5)

Increase use of Technology

The following initiatives put in place to facilitate parental support, involvement, and communication – Kindergarten Orientation welcomes and acclimates students and parents to their beginning journey at Quaker Farms School and Oxford Center School. Meet the Teacher Night and Parent Teacher Conferences facilitate in-depth communication between parents and teachers beyond Power School; websites are used for ongoing communication; Parents and the PTO play a significant role in expanding learning activities, offerings and after-school programs. volunteer program; Report cards are distributed three times a year and progress reports are distributed. All classroom teachers have created parent email distribution lists in order to communicate with parents about classroom activities and school initiatives; Technology Night for parents; parental invites many school functions throughout the year.

The "Center Post" at Oxford Center School is a student publication that facilitates monthly communication from school to home. Parents of incoming 3rd graders attend an orientation and tour during the spring prior to the beginning of their child's third grade school year. Sixty plus parents are invited and recruited to help produce the annual play. The One School-One Book event promoted four hundred families participating in a read at home project.

Programs of study and extracurricular activities are in keeping with middle schools of our size and demographics. We offer Band, Chorus, Drama Club, Sport Teams, Ski Club, School Newspaper, Enrichment programs as well as Student Council. Teachers post assignments and grades in PowerSchool and progress reports are sent home every quarter. E-mail "blasts" have been utilized to give parents current and timely information. The school newspaper is sent home electronically.

The NEASC steering and subcommittees prepared for and hosted the NEASC visit. To assure academic growth and success: PSAT testing, SAT prep classes, department chair meetings, faculty meetings, Student Council, National Honor Society, SRBI team, involvement with ACES and other professional organizations for various PD sessions. Several blood drives were held throughout the year.

The district is improving special education services for students with disabilities by increasing staff capacity by proving training and professional development to help students access the common core curriculum. By offering differentiation instruction and programming, students have the ability to access grade level curriculum to become 21st century learners.

### Efforts to Reduce Racial, Ethnic and Economic Isolation

The Quaker Farms School community initiates and implements a variety of school-wide efforts that highlight cultural differences. Monthly character education assemblies take place to promote positive school climate while showing respect for others. We have celebrated Constitution Day.

Participated in Project Lucid where students and teachers from diverse schools throughout Connecticut have the opportunity to videoconference and participate in collaborative tasks.

Grade 3 Pow Wow integrating Native American Art, Music, History and Literature. Grade 4 Alaska Day integrating Inuit Art, Music, History, and Literature. Black History Month, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Explorers, Veterans Day, Flag Day, and Earth Day.

Programs stressing diversity; 6th graders take a class called "Self-Awareness" where topics of diversity include racial, ethnic and economic differences; peer mentoring and peer mediation programs through Connecticut State Trooper, cyber bullying speaker for each grade level are provided.

Periodic mailings and quarterly report cards are part of the regular correspondence with parents/guardians. The OHS Booster Club meets on a monthly basis and sponsors school-wide activities including speakers, post-prom activities, Oxford Day and Trees of Hope. Parents are involved with Band, Chorus, Drama Club, Capstone, and other activities. Informational events, College Fair, Meet the Teachers, Senior Awards, Underclassmen Awards, PSAT Review, Parent-Teacher Conferences, New Student Orientation, Student Athlete/Parent meetings, Freshmen orientation, NCAA Workshops, Junior and Senior Informational evenings, etc.

### **Equitable Allocation of Resources among District Schools**

All four schools participate in the district wide budget process. Staff members are part of creating the school based budget by providing input to school administration. Administration submits and presents budget to Superintendent of Schools and Business Manager. Budgetary items, staffing discussed with the administrative team as well as with the Board Finance Committee. Completed/submitted the 2014-2015 consolidated grant to secure funding for K-5 early intervention programs including staff, materials, and professional development. High School accreditation process in the spring of 2015; interscholastic athletics available to all students; rigorous academic program has three tiers: college prep, honors, and advanced placement. 150 AP exams were taken in the spring. The Unified Sports team has been very successful and has served as a model for other schools in Connecticut. The Fine Arts department presents concerts and dramatic productions. Run a Saturday Academy, after-school study, and a free tutorial program available to all students. Our transition program assists students entering the work force and post-secondary education. Planning for alternative education program.