

STRATEGIC SCHOOL PROFILE 2009-10**Newington School District**

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COMMUNITY DATA

County: Hartford	Per Capita Income in 2000: \$26,881
Town Population in 2000: 29,306	Percent of Adults without a High School Diploma in 2000*: 14.7%
1990-2000 Population Growth: 0.3%	Percent of Adults Who Were Not Fluent in English in 2000*: 3.0%
Number of Public Schools: 7	District Enrollment as % of Estimated. Student Population: 95.8%

*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): D 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, 2009	4,467
5-Year Enrollment Change	-3.4%

DISTRICT GRADE RANGE

Grade Range	PK - 12
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INDICATORS OF EDUCATIONAL NEED

Need Indicator	Number in District	Percent		
		District	DRG	State
Students Eligible for Free/Reduced-Price Meals	794	17.8	13.4	32.6
K-12 Students Who Are Not Fluent in English	143	3.3	2.3	5.4
Students Identified as Gifted and/or Talented*	188	4.2	4.8	4.1
PK-12 Students Receiving Special Education Services in District	515	11.5	11.2	11.4
Kindergarten Students who Attended Preschool, Nursery School or Headstart	274	85.6	85.6	80.5
Homeless	9	0.2	0.1	0.2
Juniors and Seniors Working 16 or More Hours Per Week	82	15.0	15.5	13.6

*100.0 % of the identified gifted and/or talented students received services.

SCHOOL DISTRICT DIVERSITY

Student Race/Ethnicity		
Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent
American Indian	12	0.3
Asian American	387	8.7
Black	289	6.5
Hispanic	459	10.3
White	3,320	74.3
Total Minority	1,147	25.7

Percent of Minority Professional Staff: 3.6%

Open Choice:

55 student(s) attended this district as part of the Open Choice program. Open Choice brings students from urban areas to attend school in suburban or rural towns, and students from non-urban areas to attend city schools.

Non-English Home Language:

14.6% 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 52.

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.

The Newington Public Schools has developed and continually updates its District Strategic Plan. One strategy of the plan states, "through the school, family, and community partnerships we will develop and implement action plans to foster, appreciate and value diversity." Newington schools have engaged in a variety of activities and efforts during the 2009-10 school year in an effort to reduce the racial, ethnic, and economic isolation our students may encounter. Newington continues to participate in the Choice Program with up to 56 students from Hartford enrolled in our schools. Newington students participated in various interdistrict cooperative grant programs. Through these programs, our students share many learning experiences with students from other school districts and diversity ideals are nurtured. This year our schools also presented various cultural programs and musical performances in celebration of diverse heritage and traditions of world cultures. An emphasis was placed on integrating multi-cultural experiences and celebrating diversity within the curriculum. The four elementary schools embrace the responsive classroom philosophy as a vehicle to develop empathy, cooperation, responsibility and self-control. The middle school and high school staff continue to infuse the tenets of the "Capturing Kids Hearts" program by establishing a classroom environment where trust, respect, and caring relationships flourish. All elementary and middle schools implement School Families, a program developed by staff to bring students from each grade together as a "family" lead by an adult member of the school. The families participate in a variety of activities that address school-wide matters. The high school's Advisor-Advisee program, held during an extended homeroom period, builds connections between students and staff. Newington places a high priority on increasing the percentage of minority staff members. We will continue our efforts to recruit through attendance at the CREC Minority Fair, college job fairs and diversified advertising. The school system takes seriously its responsibility to provide its students with opportunities to interact with students and teachers from diverse racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds. To this end, we will continue to expand our participation in programs and activities that accomplish our mission of providing all of our students the knowledge, skills and attitudes to continue to learn, live a productive life and contribute to a diverse, rapidly changing society.

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	74.4	57.0	75.5
Writing	73.4	58.3	76.7
Mathematics	74.7	62.4	63.2
Grade 4 Reading	67.0	59.9	46.5
Writing	75.2	63.6	60.6
Mathematics	76.5	67.0	57.2
Grade 5 Reading	64.4	61.8	37.6
Writing	76.1	68.2	48.8
Mathematics	77.6	72.4	45.8
Science	63.2	59.4	33.1
Grade 6 Reading	82.3	74.9	51.5
Writing	75.2	65.9	56.1
Mathematics	74.4	70.7	41.7
Grade 7 Reading	86.1	77.4	53.9
Writing	67.9	61.2	48.7
Mathematics	70.7	68.5	37.7
Grade 8 Reading	83.8	73.3	61.8
Writing	78.0	62.6	70.7
Mathematics	73.2	67.3	47.1
Science	70.4	62.8	42.0

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	61.6	45.9	71.2
Writing Across the Disciplines	77.1	59.6	72.9
Mathematics	63.8	48.7	63.6
Science	51.4	45.3	50.0

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
	54.3	50.7	56.5

SAT® I: Reasoning Test Class of 2009		District	State	% of Districts in State with Equal or Lower Scores
% of Graduates Tested		68.4	68.5	
Average Score	Mathematics	529	508	62.8
	Critical Reading	512	503	49.6
	Writing	521	506	54.3

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, Class of 2009	98.4	91.3	83.8
2008-09 Annual Dropout Rate for Grade 9 through 12	0.7	3.0	66.9

Activities of Graduates	District	State
% Pursuing Higher Education (Degree and Non-Degree Programs)	86.6	84.5
% Employed (Civilian Employment and in Armed Services)	6.4	10.4

RESOURCES AND EXPENDITURES

DISTRICT STAFF

Full-Time Equivalent Count of School Staff	
General Education	
Teachers and Instructors	286.22
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	22.00
Special Education	
Teachers and Instructors	29.00
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	92.80
Library/Media Specialists and/or Assistants	11.00
Staff Devoted to Adult Education	0.00
Administrators, Coordinators, and Department Chairs	
District Central Office	5.00
School Level	19.38
Instructional Specialists Who Support Teachers (e.g., subject area specialists)	8.00
Counselors, Social Workers, and School Psychologists	23.20
School Nurses	9.00
Other Staff Providing Non-Instructional Services and Support	146.50

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	13.0	14.4	13.8
% with Master's Degree or Above	73.3	77.1	77.8

Average Class Size	District	DRG	State
Grade K	18.8	17.2	18.5
Grade 2	19.9	18.9	19.7
Grade 5	21.0	20.9	21.1
Grade 7	21.3	20.3	20.8
High School	19.6	19.6	19.6

Hours of Instruction Per Year*	Dist	DRG	State
Elementary School	976	985	992
Middle School	1,026	1,025	1,018
High School	1,000	1,000	1,006

*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*	4.7	3.5	3.2
Middle School	3.2	2.8	2.5
High School	2.6	2.8	2.3

*Excludes schools with no grades above kindergarten.

DISTRICT EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES, 2008-09

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	\$31,697	\$7,030	\$7,819	\$7,408	\$7,829
Instructional Supplies and Equipment	\$2,380	\$528	\$274	\$280	\$279
Improvement of Instruction and Educational Media Services	\$1,855	\$411	\$474	\$389	\$459
Student Support Services	\$3,409	\$756	\$863	\$800	\$859
Administration and Support Services	\$5,556	\$1,232	\$1,405	\$1,309	\$1,426
Plant Operation and Maintenance	\$7,960	\$1,765	\$1,469	\$1,377	\$1,462
Transportation	\$2,581	\$563	\$701	\$641	\$694
Costs for Students Tuitioned Out	\$2,305	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	\$777	\$172	\$163	\$169	\$162
Total	\$58,520	\$12,862	\$13,458	\$12,685	\$13,386
Additional Expenditures					
Land, Buildings, and Debt Service	\$3,681	\$816	\$1,864	\$1,136	\$1,825

Special Education Expenditures	District Total	Percent of PK-12 Expenditures Used for Special Education		
		District	DRG	State
	\$9,344,318	16.0	20.9	20.7

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	74.2	23.9	1.8	0.1
Excluding School Construction	73.8	24.1	1.9	0.1

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.

Annually the Board of Education prepares a budget to insure our schools receive necessary resources to accomplish the district's mission of providing an educational program of high quality learning experiences. It has been the practice of the Board of Education and its central office administration that each school in the district should have comparable resources. Factors taken into account include student population, age of school facilities, and student performance on district/state testing programs, average class size and school staffing. Additional resources are allocated to individual schools when deemed appropriate to insure equity and address specific needs. The proposed budget for our school district is created by our administrators and teachers in the early fall. It is based on a fixed amount for each school. For the 2009-10 school year, the number of certified staff was unchanged from the previous year and the number of instructional support positions increased by ten in order to equitably serve the growing needs of our student population and maintain class size. Textbook and material needs were provided as requested at each level.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Number of K-12 Students with Disabilities for Whom the District is Financially Responsible	509
Of All K-12 Students for Whom the District is Financially Responsible, the Percent with Disabilities	11.4%

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	42	0.9	1.1	1.0
Learning Disability	211	4.7	3.4	3.9
Intellectual Disability	21	0.5	0.4	0.5
Emotional Disturbance	38	0.9	0.9	1.0
Speech Impairment	91	2.0	2.4	2.2
Other Health Impairment*	55	1.2	2.2	2.1
Other Disabilities**	51	1.1	0.9	0.9
Total	509	11.4	11.4	11.6

*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 2008-09 with a Standard Diploma	95.8	81.0
2008-09 Annual Dropout Rate for Students Aged 14 to 21	0.6	4.1

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	38.9	31.6	76.9	67.5
	Writing	25.6	19.6	74.3	63.3
	Mathematics	33.9	32.9	74.4	68.1
	Science	18.8	23.7	67.1	61.1
CAPT	Reading Across the Disciplines	18.5	13.8	61.6	45.9
	Writing Across the Disciplines	25.0	16.8	77.1	59.6
	Mathematics	35.7	16.7	63.8	48.7
	Science	20.0	13.0	51.4	45.3

For more detailed CMT or 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.”

Participation in State Assessments of Students with Disabilities Attending District Schools

CMT	% Without Accommodations	25.3
	% With Accommodations	74.7
CAPT	% Without Accommodations	6.5
	% With Accommodations	93.5
% Assessed Using Skills Checklist		10.3

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	1	0.2
Private Schools or Other Settings	35	6.9

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	396	77.8	76.7	73.4
40.1 to 79.0 Percent of Time	75	14.7	13.8	15.3
0.0 to 40.0 Percent of Time	38	7.5	9.5	11.3

SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND ACTIVITIES

The following narrative was submitted by this district.

The district strives to support students as they work to achieve at higher levels. CMT, CAPT, SAT, and student performance data guide decisions regarding instruction, course and program offerings, material selection and new initiatives. This year, the district continued its focus on enhancing vertical articulation K-12 by powering and unwrapping language arts standards K-12. Through this work, teachers and administrators audit, revise and align curriculum with the state frameworks and GLE's. Staff members are developing common formative assessments in mathematics, reading, writing, and science. Newington continues to enhance teaching and learning through the establishment of clearly articulated standards and expectations for all students. Maintaining and managing student data reports permits administrators and staff to focus on subgroup strengths and needs in order to develop instructional plans for target populations and students at risk for grade level success. District and school improvement plans, which address areas in need of strengthening as identified through analysis of various assessment data. A component of our improvement plan focuses on the importance of parental involvement in a student's academic success. Parent conferences are held at the elementary level and student led conferences are held at the middle school level twice during the school year. The district engages in a strategic planning process that frames our improvement efforts. A central part of this process is a Strategic Planning Committee representing teachers, parents, staff members, community members, and administrators. The committee works annually to review district data and extensively discuss critical issues.
