

**STRATEGIC SCHOOL PROFILE 2008-09****Trumbull School District**

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**COMMUNITY DATA**

County: Fairfield	Per Capita Income in 2000: \$34,931
Town Population in 2000: 34,243	Percent of Adults without a High School Diploma in 2000*: 10.9%
1990-2000 Population Growth: 7.0%	Percent of Adults Who Were Not Fluent in English in 2000*: 1.6%
Number of Public Schools: 9	District Enrollment as % of Estimated. Student Population: 90.2%

\*To view the Adult Education Program Profiles online, go to [www.sde.ct.gov](http://www.sde.ct.gov) and click on Adult Education, then Reports.

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District Reference Group (DRG): B 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.

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**STUDENT ENROLLMENT**

Enrollment on October 1, 2008	6,934
5-Year Enrollment Change	4.3%

**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	198	2.9	6.4	30.3
K-12 Students Who Are Not Fluent in English	116	1.7	2.2	5.2
Students Identified as Gifted and/or Talented*	95	1.4	6.6	4.0
PK-12 Students Receiving Special Education Services in District	580	8.4	10.2	11.4
Kindergarten Students who Attended Preschool, Nursery School or Headstart	441	92.5	91.3	79.7
Homeless	0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Juniors and Seniors Working 16 or More Hours Per Week	198	18.3	14.2	19.0

\*29.5% of the identified gifted and/or talented students received services.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT DIVERSITY

Student Race/Ethnicity		
Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent
American Indian	9	0.1
Asian American	391	5.6
Black	286	4.1
Hispanic	418	6.0
White	5,830	84.1
Total Minority	1,104	15.9

**Percent of Minority Professional Staff:** 3.3%

**Open Choice:** 40 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:** 4.7% 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 42.

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### EFFORTS TO REDUCE RACIAL, ETHNIC, AND ECONOMIC ISOLATION

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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.

While the minority student enrollment in Trumbull is approximately 17.4%, the schools have actively sought to provide resources and activities that allow students and staff to interact with members of minority communities. To increase and expand interactions with people of diverse backgrounds, the District has supported the following initiatives:

- An active district-wide Cultural Diversity committee, representing administrators, teachers and community members, works toward extending an environment where diversity is valued as a source of strength and vitality. The district-wide committee has expanded to include five building level cultural diversity committees, each sponsoring a variety of cultural events at the local level. Inter-district projects allow us to maintain lasting partnerships with surrounding districts.
  - A regional Agriscience and Biotechnology Center, located at Trumbull High School, has enrolled 187 students from eight communities. Thirty percent of the students are minority students.
  - Forty-five Trumbull students participated in a regional program for the arts. Forty-eight of our students enrolled in the marine science program at the regional Aquaculture Center in Bridgeport.
  - Approximately forty Project Choice students have become a part of our school system as welcome members of our elementary, middle school and high school communities.
  - Minority candidates for teaching positions are actively recruited from teacher-preparation institutions and through personal contact and recommendations, as well as ensuring these candidates are included in respective interviews. This area must continue to be a priority. Two minority candidates were hired in 2008.
  - All curriculum guides include links and references to diverse cultures and backgrounds, and students and teachers share and celebrate the rich history, traditions and holidays of a wide range of the world's communities.
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## STUDENT PERFORMANCE

**Connecticut Mastery Test, Fourth Generation, % 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.

Grade and CMT Subject Area	District	State	% of Districts in State with Equal or Lower Percent Meeting Goal
Grade 3 Reading	74.1	54.6	81.8
Writing	81.2	62.5	84.3
Mathematics	86.2	62.8	92.5
Grade 4 Reading	82.4	60.7	88.3
Writing	83.6	64.2	90.9
Mathematics	88.4	63.6	92.7
Grade 5 Reading	86.2	66.0	88.8
Writing	84.2	66.5	87.0
Mathematics	89.7	68.8	92.6
Science	83.3	58.1	88.3
Grade 6 Reading	85.4	68.9	74.8
Writing	83.0	62.2	84.7
Mathematics	87.9	68.8	76.1
Grade 7 Reading	91.4	74.9	85.4
Writing	85.3	62.9	93.0
Mathematics	82.3	66.0	72.0
Grade 8 Reading	88.2	68.4	86.5
Writing	90.2	66.5	92.3
Mathematics	81.9	64.5	71.6
Science	78.4	60.6	70.3

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](http://www.ctreports.com).

To see the NCLB Report Card for this school, go to [www.sde.ct.gov](http://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 scoreable 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	65.6	47.4	75.8
Writing Across the Disciplines	80.7	55.0	90.1
Mathematics	68.6	47.8	75.6
Science	69.4	42.8	88.5

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**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
	46.2	36.2	75.3

<b>SAT® I: Reasoning Test Class of 2008</b>		<b>District</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>% of Districts in State with Equal or Lower Scores</b>
% of Graduates Tested		92.7	74.5	
Average Score	Mathematics	530	507	70.5
	Critical Reading	512	503	54.3
	Writing	519	506	60.5

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

<b>Graduation and Dropout Rates</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>% of Districts in State with Equal or Less Desirable Rates</b>
Graduation Rate, Class of 2008	99.4	92.1	93.9
Cumulative Four-Year Dropout Rate for Class of 2008	0.6	6.6	88.3
2007-08 Annual Dropout Rate for Grade 9 through 12	0.3	2.5	87.6

<b>Activities of Graduates</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>State</b>
% Pursuing Higher Education (Degree and Non-Degree Programs)	95.4	84.1
% Employed (Civilian Employment and in Armed Services)	4.0	11.0

## RESOURCES AND EXPENDITURES

### DISTRICT STAFF

<b>Full-Time Equivalent Count of District Staff</b>	
General Education	
Teachers and Instructors	412.85
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	27.74
Special Education	
Teachers and Instructors	63.00
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	104.10
Library/Media Specialists and/or Assistants	13.00
Staff Devoted to Adult Education	0.45
Administrators, Coordinators, and Department Chairs	
District Central Office	5.00
School Level	27.05
Instructional Specialists Who Support Teachers (e.g., subject area specialists)	10.00
Counselors, Social Workers, and School Psychologists	43.90
School Nurses	12.50
Other Staff Providing Non-Instructional Services and Support	343.15

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.

<b>Teachers and Instructors</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>DRG</b>	<b>State</b>
Average Years of Experience in Education	12.5	13.7	13.6
% with Master's Degree or Above	84.4	83.3	76.1

<b>Average Class Size</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>DRG</b>	<b>State</b>
Grade K	17.7	18.4	18.3
Grade 2	20.0	19.4	19.3
Grade 5	21.1	22.0	21.0
Grade 7	22.2	21.6	20.5
High School	19.4	20.0	19.3

Hours of Instruction Per Year*	Dist	DRG	State
Elementary School	1,004	991	988
Middle School	1,032	1,018	1,016
High School	988	977	1,007

\*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*	2.8	3.4	3.3
Middle School	2.5	2.5	2.6
High School	2.8	2.9	2.4

\*Excludes schools with no grades above kindergarten.

## DISTRICT EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES, 2007-08

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	\$45,904	\$6,650	\$7,521	\$7,233	\$7,522
Instructional Supplies and Equipment	\$1,536	\$223	\$267	\$245	\$271
Improvement of Instruction and Educational Media Services	\$3,748	\$543	\$461	\$461	\$446
Student Support Services	\$5,999	\$869	\$808	\$862	\$806
Administration and Support Services	\$9,767	\$1,415	\$1,351	\$1,342	\$1,369
Plant Operation and Maintenance	\$8,456	\$1,225	\$1,382	\$1,386	\$1,377
Transportation	\$3,830	\$539	\$649	\$575	\$644
Costs for Students Tuitioned Out	\$2,471	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	\$994	\$144	\$152	\$164	\$151
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$82,707</b>	<b>\$11,847</b>	<b>\$12,869</b>	<b>\$12,531</b>	<b>\$12,805</b>
<b>Additional Expenditures</b>					
Land, Buildings, and Debt Service	\$6,508	\$943	\$1,791	\$1,180	\$1,759

Special Education Expenditures	District Total	Percent of PK-12 Expenditures Used for Special Education		
		District	DRG	State
	\$15079047	18.2	19.2	20.5

**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	85.6	10.1	2.1	2.2
Excluding School Construction	89.3	6.1	2.3	2.4

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### EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES AMONG DISTRICT SCHOOLS

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

In order to allocate resources to ensure equity and address needs:

- Building administrators, with the assistance of staff members and the recommendations of District curriculum support personnel, develop budgets for their individual schools. All budgets fall within a reasonable parity range.
- Per pupil allocations, geared to meet the needs of different school age populations, allow building administrators to prioritize and fund the purchase of instructional materials and supplies, print materials, media resources and related professional activities.
- New text adoptions are district-wide decisions, funded through a central account that provides the new texts and supplementary resources for all students in all schools.
- Board guidelines establish class size for specific grade levels. When projected class size violates guidelines, adjustments are made to meet the needs of the teacher and class. This may involve hiring additional full-time teachers, providing part-time teachers or placing trained paraprofessionals in the classroom.

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### SPECIAL EDUCATION

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Number of K-12 Students with Disabilities for Whom the District is Financially Responsible	554
Of All K-12 Students for Whom the District is Financially Responsible, the Percent with Disabilities	8.4%

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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	50	0.8	1.0	0.8
Learning Disability	183	2.8	3.5	3.9
Intellectual Disability	29	0.4	0.3	0.5
Emotional Disturbance	32	0.5	0.6	1.0
Speech Impairment	84	1.3	2.1	2.3
Other Health Impairment*	135	2.0	2.1	2.1
Other Disabilities**	41	0.6	0.7	0.9
Total	554	8.4	10.2	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 2007-08 with a Standard Diploma	79.5	81.4
2007-08 Annual Dropout Rate for Students Aged 14 to 21	N/A	3.5

## 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	45.6	30.2	84.7	65.7
	Writing	31.2	19.5	84.6	64.1
	Mathematics	46.8	30.7	86.0	65.7
	Science	36.9	23.8	80.8	59.4
CAPT	Reading Across the Disciplines	26.9	14.1	65.6	47.4
	Writing Across the Disciplines	25.8	13.6	80.7	55.0
	Mathematics	29.6	15.4	68.6	47.8
	Science	20.6	10.6	69.4	42.8

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Participation in State Assessments of Students with Disabilities Attending District Schools		
CMT	% Without Accommodations	12.6
	% With Accommodations	87.4
CAPT	% Without Accommodations	11.4
	% With Accommodations	88.6
% Assessed Using Skills Checklist		10.7

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	3	0.5
Private Schools or Other Settings	46	8.3

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	404	72.9	75.9	72.7
40.1 to 79.0 Percent of Time	106	19.1	17.2	16.1
0.0 to 40.0 Percent of Time	44	7.9	6.9	11.2

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**SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND ACTIVITIES**

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The following narrative was submitted by this district.

The district utilized the State SRBI Framework to focus improvement plans and activities. All district staff received professional development on the definition and use of SRBI so they could begin to understand how it would function in their content area. While all three tiers of the framework are important, emphasis was placed on Tier I. By providing a strong Tier I core curriculum, we maximize all students' opportunities for academic success.

**Tier I**

- Foundations phonics/word study program was implemented in Grades K-2. The Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment system was implemented in Grades K-8 as a consistent approach to administering and analyzing reading records.
- A K-12 student assessment database was created to track the longitudinal progress of all students.
- Monthly subject-based District Articulation Committee (DAC) meetings focused on curriculum, instruction and assessment in transition grades 5-6 and 8-9. This allowed for improvements in our curriculum alignment and consistent use of instructional best practices.
- The district conducted a K-12 mathematics Tri-State visit to receive feedback on areas of strength and needs for growth.
- Professional learning activities will continue to support staff efforts to grow, to explore, to innovate and to use their skills to enhance student learning.

**Tier II/Tier III**

- The Leveled Literacy intervention (LLI) program was implemented to serve the needs of struggling readers in Grades 1-3.
  - The Wilson Reading Program continues intervention efforts for struggling readers in Grades 3-8.
  - Trumbull High School continues the use of the Read 180 lab for computer-based instruction focused on specific reading skills.
  - The district's K-5 Math Program Leader analyzed universal screen, diagnostic, and progress monitoring assessments for future use by classroom teachers and elementary math specialists.
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