## Connecticut State Department of Education

## DISTRICT PROFILE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2017–18



## Farmington School District

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#### **District Information**

| Grade Range                         | PK-12        |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Number of Schools/Programs          | 9            |
| Enrollment                          | 4,112        |
| Per Pupil Expenditures <sup>1</sup> | \$16,805     |
| Total Expenditures <sup>1</sup>     | \$68,866,145 |

<sup>1</sup>Expenditure data reflect the 2016-17 year.



### **Community Information**

<u>CERC Town Profiles</u> provide summary demographic and economic information for Connecticut's municipalities

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#### **Notes**

Unless otherwise noted, all data are for 2017-18 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.

suppressed to ensure student confidentiality. N/A is displayed when a category is not applicable for a district or school.

\* When an asterisk is displayed, data have been

## **Students**

| October 1, 2017 Enrollment               |       |                         |                         |  |  |
|--|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
|  |       | District                | State                   |  |  |
|  | Count | Percent of Total<br>(%) | Percent of Total<br>(%) |  |  |
| Female                                   | 2,002 | 48.7                    | 48.4                    |  |  |
| Male                                     | 2,110 | 51.3                    | 51.6                    |  |  |
| American Indian or Alaska Native         | *     | *                       | 0.3                     |  |  |
| Asian                                    | 883   | 21.5                    | 5.1                     |  |  |
| Black or African American                | 214   | 5.2                     | 12.8                    |  |  |
| Hispanic or Latino                       | 335   | 8.1                     | 24.8                    |  |  |
| Pacific Islander                         | *     | *                       | 0.1                     |  |  |
| Two or More Races                        | 125   | 3.0                     | 3.3                     |  |  |
| White                                    | 2,551 | 62.0                    | 53.6                    |  |  |
| English Learners                         | 155   | 3.8                     | 7.2                     |  |  |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 449   | 10.9                    | 36.7                    |  |  |
| Students with Disabilities <sup>1</sup>  | 472   | 11.5                    | 14.8                    |  |  |

<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**

| Absenteeism <sup>2</sup> |   | oulsion³  |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| nt Rate (%               | ) Count   | Rate (%)  |
| 2 4.2                    | *   | *   |
| 5 5.6                    | *   | *   |
| 3 11.0                   | 7   | 3.3   |
| 2 10.0                   | 12  | 3.6   |
| 1 4.1                    | 24  | 0.9   |
| 2 7.0                    | 0   | 0.0   |
| 2 12.7                   | 15  | 2.2   |
| 1 12.9                   | 16  | 3.0   |
| 7 4.9                    | 46  | 1.1   |
| 10.7                     |   | 6.8   |
|                          | nt Rate (% 2 4.2 5.5 5.6 3 11.0 12 10.0 11 4.1 1.2 7.0 12 12.7 11 12.9 17 4.9 | nt Rate (%) Count 12 4.2 * 15 5.6 * 13 11.0 7 12 10.0 12 11 4.1 24 12 7.0 0 12 12.7 15 11 12.9 16 17 4.9 46 |

Number of students in 2016-17 qualified as truant under state statute: 20

Number of school-based arrests: 16

<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)<sup>1</sup> Staff

|  | FTE   |
|--|-------|
| General Education  |       |
| Teachers and Instructors                                 | 276.8 |
| Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants                | 45.0  |
| Special Education  |       |
| Teachers and Instructors                                 | 40.6  |
| Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants                | 86.3  |
| Administrators, Coordinators and Department Chairs       |       |
| District Central Office                                  | 6.0   |
| School Level   | 17.2  |
| Library/Media  |       |
| Specialists (Certified)                                  | 7.0   |
| Support Staff  | 2.0   |
| Instructional Specialists Who Support Teachers           | 22.9  |
| Counselors, Social Workers and School Psychologists      | 23.3  |
| School Nurses  | 7.0   |
| Other Staff Providing Non-Instructional Services/Support | 185.1 |

<sup>&</sup>lt;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**

|                                     | Count | District Percent of Total | State Percent of Total |  |
|-------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|------------------------|--|
|                                     | Count | (%)                       | (%)                    |  |
| American Indian or<br>Alaska Native | 1     | 0.3                       | 0.1                    |  |
| Asian                               | 5     | 1.2                       | 1.1                    |  |
| Black or African<br>American        | 3     | 0.7                       | 3.7                    |  |
| Hispanic or Latino                  | 9     | 2.2                       | 3.7                    |  |
| Pacific Islander                    | 0     | 0.0                       | 0.0                    |  |
| Two or More Races                   | 0     | 0.0                       | 0.1                    |  |
| White                               | 386   | 95.5                      | 91.0                   |  |

#### Classroom Teacher Attendance: 2016-17

|   | District | State |
|---|----------|-------|
| Average Number of FTE Days Absent Due to Illness or Personal Time | 7.2      | 10.5  |

## **Instruction and Resources**

# 11th and 12th Graders Enrolled in College-and-Career-Readiness Courses during High School<sup>2</sup>

|  | 11th  |          | 12th  |          |
|--|-------|----------|-------|----------|
|  | Count | Rate (%) | Count | Rate (%) |
| Black or African American                | 7     | 35.0     | *     | *        |
| Hispanic or Latino                       | *     | *        | 14    | 56.0     |
| White                                    | 129   | 67.2     | 178   | 85.6     |
| English Learners                         | 0     | 0.0      | 0     | 0.0      |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 19    | 40.4     | 30    | 65.2     |
| Students with Disabilities               | 12    | 34.3     | 24    | 55.8     |
| District                                 | 191   | 64.5     | 243   | 80.7     |
| State                                    |       | 69.3     |       | 80.1     |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</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>3</sup>

|                            | Count | Rate (%) |
|----------------------------|-------|----------|
| Autism                     | 34    | 41.0     |
| Emotional Disturbance      | 12    | 32.4     |
| Intellectual Disability    | *     | *        |
| Learning Disability        | 103   | 75.2     |
| Other Health Impairment    | 77    | 74.0     |
| Other Disabilities         | *     | *        |
| Speech/Language Impairment | 46    | 80.7     |
| District                   | 275   | 61.1     |
| State                      |       | 68.6     |
|                            |       |          |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Ages 6-21

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

|                               | Dis   | State    |          |  |
|-------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|--|
|                               | Count | Rate (%) | Rate (%) |  |
| Autism                        | 86    | 2.1      | 1.8      |  |
| Emotional Disturbance         | 37    | 0.9      | 1.1      |  |
| Intellectual Disability       | 12    | 0.3      | 0.5      |  |
| Learning Disability           | 137   | 3.3      | 5.2      |  |
| Other Health Impairment       | 104   | 2.5      | 3.1      |  |
| Other Disabilities            | 27    | 0.7      | 1.1      |  |
| Speech/Language<br>Impairment | 65    | 1.6      | 1.8      |  |
| All Disabilities              | 468   | 11.4     | 14.5     |  |

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

|                                   | Dis   | State    |     |
|-----------------------------------|-------|----------|-----|
|                                   | Count | Rate (%) |     |
| Public Schools in Other Districts | 14    | 3.0      | 8.3 |
| Private Schools or Other Settings | 17    | 3.6      | 5.2 |

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

Overall Expenditures: 2016-17

|   |                | Per Pupil     |            |
|---|----------------|---------------|------------|
|   | Total (\$)     | District (\$) | State (\$) |
| Instructional Staff and Services                          | 41,773,745     | 10,282        | 9,847      |
| Instructional Supplies and Equipment                      | 1,601,662      | 394           | 287        |
| Improvement of Instruction and Educational Media Services | 2,535,491      | 624           | 589        |
| Student Support Services                                  | 4,841,181      | 1,192         | 1,120      |
| Administration and Support Services                       | 5,186,924      | 1,277         | 1,905      |
| Plant Operation and Maintenance                           | 6,976,959      | 1,717         | 1,648      |
| Transportation  | 3,415,544      | 753           | 904        |
| Costs of Students Tuitioned Out                           | 2,329,894      | N/A           | N/A        |
| Other   | 204,745        | 50            | 208        |
| Total   | 68,866,145     | 16,805        | 16,535     |
| Additiona   | I Expenditures |               |            |
| Land, Buildings, and Debt Service                         | 2,626,167      | 646           | 1,393      |

<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: 2016-17**

|                            | Dist       | District                |                         |  |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|
|                            | Total (\$) | Percent of<br>Total (%) | Percent of<br>Total (%) |  |
| Certified Personnel        | 7,960,398  | 57.4                    | 33.8                    |  |
| Noncertified Personnel     | 379,298    | 2.7                     | 14.5                    |  |
| Purchased Services         | 710,946    | 5.1                     | 5.5                     |  |
| Tuition to Other Schools   | 2,024,099  | 14.6                    | 23.4                    |  |
| Special Ed. Transportation | 1,202,725  | 8.7                     | 8.7                     |  |
| Other Expenditures         | 1,591,331  | 11.5                    | 14.1                    |  |
| Total Expenditures         | 13,868,797 | 100.0                   | 100.0                   |  |

# Expenditures by Revenue Source:<sup>4</sup> 2016-17

|                 | Percent of Total (%) |              |  |  |
|-----------------|----------------------|--------------|--|--|
|                 | Including Excluding  |              |  |  |
|                 | School School        |              |  |  |
|                 | Construction         | Construction |  |  |
| Local           | 93.7                 | 93.5         |  |  |
| State           | 3.7                  | 3.8          |  |  |
| Federal         | 1.2                  | 1.2          |  |  |
| Tuition & Other | 1.4                  | 1.5          |  |  |

<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. The USDOE approved Connecticut's waiver request related to statewide student assessment in science. As a result, in spring 2018, the Connecticut State Department of Education administered a NGSS Assessment Field Test for both science standard and alternate assessments. Therefore, no science data appear in the table below.

|  | English Langua | ge Arts(ELA) | Math  |      |
|--|----------------|--------------|-------|------|
|  | Count          | DPI          | Count | DPI  |
| American Indian or Alaska Native             | *              | *            | *     | *    |
| Asian  | 505            | 88.6         | 504   | 90.1 |
| Black or African American                    | 112            | 66.4         | 112   | 57.6 |
| Hispanic or Latino                           | 171            | 73.4         | 171   | 66.4 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander    | *              | *            | *     | *    |
| Two or More Races                            | 49             | 77.8         | 49    | 73.4 |
| White  | 1338           | 80.1         | 1336  | 75.4 |
| English Learners                             | 150            | 77.2         | 148   | 77.2 |
| Non-English Learners                         | 2028           | 81.0         | 2027  | 77.1 |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals     | 341            | 69.5         | 340   | 64.5 |
| Not Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 1837           | 82.8         | 1835  | 79.4 |
| Students with Disabilities                   | 260            | 55.0         | 259   | 49.4 |
| Students without Disabilities                | 1918           | 84.2         | 1916  | 80.8 |
| High Needs                                   | 618            | 68.4         | 615   | 63.8 |
| Non-High Needs                               | 1560           | 85.6         | 1560  | 82.3 |
| District                                     | 2178           | 80.7         | 2175  | 77.1 |

# 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%     | 44%       | 50%      |
| National Public | 35%     | 35%       | 36%      |
| MATH            | Grade 4 | Grade 8   | Grade 12 |
| Connecticut     | 40%     | 36%       | 32%      |
| National Public | 40%     | 33%       | 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 | d Grades |
|----------------------|---|------|------|------|-----------|----------|
|                      | 4   | 6    | 8    | HS   | Count     | Rate (%) |
| Sit & Reach          | 83.2  | 75.4 | 87.4 | 74.8 | 1,227     | 80.4     |
| Curl Up              | 82.2  | 76.0 | 86.5 | 89.3 | 1,227     | 83.3     |
| Push Up              | 68.8  | 79.1 | 81.2 | 83.3 | 1,227     | 78.2     |
| Mile Run/PACER       | 83.2  | 84.6 | 82.9 | 72.6 | 1,227     | 81.2     |
| All Tests - District | 48.3  | 50.5 | 71.5 | 47.0 | 1,227     | 55.0     |
| All Tests - State    | 53.2  | 51.4 | 50.5 | 45.6 |           | 50.1     |

<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>

|  | 2016-17                   |          |  |
|--|---------------------------|----------|--|
|  | Cohort Count <sup>2</sup> | Rate (%) |  |
| Black or African American                | 22                        | 95.5     |  |
| Hispanic or Latino                       | 17                        | *        |  |
| English Learners                         | *                         | *        |  |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 42                        | 100.0    |  |
| Students with Disabilities               | 44                        | 90.9     |  |
| District                                 | 305                       | 98.0     |  |
| State                                    |                           | 87.9     |  |

<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.

# 11th and 12th Graders Meeting Benchmark on at Least One College Readiness Exam<sup>3</sup>

|   | Participation <sup>4</sup> | Meeting E | Benchmark |
|---|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|   | Rate (%)                   | Count     | Rate (%)  |
| Female                                      | 97.8                       | 204       | 76.4      |
| Male  | 95.5                       | 239       | 72.4      |
| Black or African American                   | 89.7                       | *         | *         |
| Hispanic or Latino                          | 93.2                       | 19        | 43.2      |
| White                                       | 97.3                       | 315       | 78.8      |
| English Learners                            | *                          | 0         | *         |
| Eligible for Free or<br>Reduced-Price Meals | 93.5                       | 43        | 46.2      |
| Students with Disabilities                  | 74.4                       | 14        | 17.9      |
| District                                    | 96.5                       | 443       | 74.2      |
| State                                       | 96.3                       |           | 44.8      |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>College 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)
- 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>4</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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ACT® statistics derived from data provided by ACT, Inc.

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IB® statistics derived from data provided by the International Baccalaureate Organization.

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## **College Entrance and Persistence**

|   | Class of 2017         | Class of 2016            |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|
|   | Entrance <sup>5</sup> | Persistence <sup>6</sup> |
|   | Rate (%)              | Rate (%)                 |
| Female                                      | 90.7                  | 93.8                     |
| Male  | 79.2                  | 88.5                     |
| Black or African American                   | 61.9                  | *                        |
| Hispanic or Latino                          | *                     | *                        |
| White                                       | 85.5                  | 92.4                     |
| English Learners                            | *                     | *                        |
| Eligible for Free or<br>Reduced-Price Meals | 60.9                  | 71.0                     |
| Students with Disabilities                  | 60.5                  | 61.9                     |
| District                                    | 84.0                  | 91.3                     |
| State                                       | 70.9                  | 88.3                     |

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

 $<sup>^2</sup>$ Cohort count includes all students in the cohort as of the end of the 2016-17 school year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</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**

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.

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| Inc   | licator             | Index/Rate    | Target | Points<br>Earned | Max<br>Points | % Points<br>Earned | State Average<br>Index/Rate |
|---|---------------------|---------------|--------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| ELA Performance Index                                     | All Students        | 80.7          | 75     | 50.0             | 50            | 100.0              | 67.6                        |
| ELA Performance muex                                      | High Needs Students | 68.4          | 75     | 45.6             | 50            | 91.2               | 57.5                        |
| Math Performance Index                                    | All Students        | 77.1          | 75     | 50.0             | 50            | 100.0              | 62.7                        |
| iviatii Periormance muex                                  | High Needs Students | 63.8          | 75     | 42.5             | 50            | 85.1               | 52.0                        |
| ELA Academic Growth                                       | All Students        | 72.0%         | 100%   | 72.0             | 100           | 72.0               | 60.7%                       |
| ELA ACQUEITIC GIOWITI                                     | High Needs Students | 63.8%         | 100%   | 63.8             | 100           | 63.8               | 55.6%                       |
| Math Academic Growth                                      | All Students        | 74.2%         | 100%   | 74.2             | 100           | 74.2               | 61.9%                       |
| Math Academic Growth                                      | High Needs Students | 59.9%         | 100%   | 59.9             | 100           | 59.9               | 55.4%                       |
| Character Abassastas taus                                 | All Students        | 4.9%          | <=5%   | 50.0             | 50            | 100.0              | 10.7%                       |
| Chronic Absenteeism                                       | High Needs Students | 10.9%         | <=5%   | 38.2             | 50            | 76.5               | 16.6%                       |
| Dranaration for CCD                                       | % Taking Courses    | 72.7%         | 75%    | 48.5             | 50            | 96.9               | 74.8%                       |
| Preparation for CCR                                       | % Passing Exams     | 74.2%         | 75%    | 49.5             | 50            | 98.9               | 44.8%                       |
| On-track to High School Gra                               | aduation            | 98.6%         | 94%    | 50.0             | 50            | 100.0              | 87.5%                       |
| 4-year Graduation All Stude                               | ents (2017 Cohort)  | 98.0%         | 94%    | 100.0            | 100           | 100.0              | 87.9%                       |
| 6-year Graduation - High Needs Students (2015 Cohort)     |                     | 90.7%         | 94%    | 96.5             | 100           | 96.5               | 81.8%                       |
| Postsecondary Entrance (Class of 2017)                    |                     | 84.0%         | 75%    | 100.0            | 100           | 100.0              | 70.9%                       |
| Physical Fitness (estimated part rate) and (fitness rate) |                     | 94.2%   55.0% | 75%    | 36.7             | 50            | 73.3               | 96.6%   50.1%               |
| Arts Access   |                     | 54.4%         | 60%    | 45.3             | 50            | 90.7               | 51.2%                       |
| Accountability Index                                      |                     |               |        | 1072.7           | 1250          | 85.8               |                             |

| Gap Indicators                | Non-High Needs Rate <sup>1</sup> | High Needs Rate | Size of Gap | State Gap Mean +1 Stdev <sup>2</sup> | Is Gap an Outlier?2 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Achievement Gap Size Outlier? |                                  |                 |             |                                      | N                   |
| ELA Performance Index Gap     | 75.0                             | 68.4            | 6.6         | 15.9                                 |                     |
| Math Performance Index Gap    | 75.0                             | 63.8            | 11.2        | 18.2                                 |                     |
| Science Performance Index Gap |                                  | N/A             |             |                                      |                     |
| Graduation Rate Gap           | 94.0%                            | 90.7%           | 3.3%        | 12.7%                                | N                   |

<sup>1</sup> If 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>If the size of the gap exceeds the state mean gap plus one standard deviation, the gap is an outlier.

| Sul     | oject/Subgroup      | Participation Rate (%) <sup>3</sup> |                                |
|---------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ELA     | All Students        | 99.1                                | <sup>3</sup> Minimum           |
| ELA     | High Needs Students | 98.2                                | participation standard is 95%. |
| Math    | All Students        | 99.1                                |                                |
| IVIALII | High Needs Students | 98.0                                |                                |
| Science | All Students        | 98.2                                |                                |
| Science | High Needs Students | 95.8                                |                                |

# 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: 52 State: 51.5

#### **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**

The school district engages in an annual strategic planning cycle of continuous improvement to support the district mission, core beliefs, Vision of the Farmington Graduate and goals. Individual schools create their school improvement plans based on an analysis of school-based data and student learning needs. This school improvement process relies upon a school team, which includes parents, to set the improvement plan for the school. The school development process involves annual planning and accountability measures that demonstrate progress toward the goals. School and district plans, as well as annual results and outcomes, are posted on the district's website. School Development Plans as well as a Program and Special Services Development Plan are included to ensure all students achieve academic and personal excellence, exhibit persistent effort and live as resourceful, inquiring and contributing global citizens.

Administrators, teachers, school-based social workers and psychologists engage directly with children and families to address the academic, social and emotional aspects of educating the whole child including good attendance in school and participation in all aspects of the well-rounded education provided in Farmington. Throughout the school year parents are invited and encouraged to participate in special events and advisory board/PTO meetings all designed to strengthen the home-school partnership. Schools host Curriculum Open House nights, parent conferences, transition meetings and many other community events that build a strong sense of belonging for all families and children. Farmington is a school district that provides many during the day and after school programs to allow students to become involved in their school community in meaningful ways.

## Efforts to Reduce Racial, Ethnic and Economic Isolation

Farmington Public Schools remains deeply committed to the letter and spirit of the law intended to reduce racial, ethnic, and economic isolation through local and regional school and district programs. Farmington provides a multitude of opportunities for all students to experience a variety of cultural enrichment programming throughout students' K-12 experience. Farmington enjoys a rich history that is integrated into curriculum throughout the grade levels that speaks to reducing racial, ethnic and economic isolation.

Farmington's continuing commitment to the Choice program provides important education and social experiences for both Hartford and Farmington students. Farmington has participated in Project Concern, now Choice, for more than 50 years, and the district continues to welcome approximately 134 Choice students each school year. All schools in the district have a designated Family and Student Support Facilitator who coordinates experiences and activities designed to develop a strong sense of belonging to an inclusive community. These facilitators also plan learning experiences to increase students' intercultural competencies and awareness of diversity. Farmington plays a lead role in two interdistrict cooperative grants promoting achievement through the arts and four of our seven schools are actively participating in Sister School projects. Farmington's commitment to improving student achievement while simultaneously addressing education equity, quality and diversity is well established.

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

The Farmington Public Schools' budget is presented to the town after two months of school and program budget reviews and adjustments with principals, central office administrators, program directions and finally, a thorough study by the Board of Education of the budget recommended for consideration by the Superintendent. The budget is prepared to support the district mission, vision, core beliefs and goals. A comprehensive Theory of Action guides improvement design and efforts throughout the school district. This process ensures that the budget is allocated appropriately by school and by program and the resource allocation reflects the priorities and goals of the Board of Education as well as the strengths and needs of students.