

STRATEGIC SCHOOL PROFILE 2009-10**The Gilbert School**

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COMMUNITY DATA

County: Litchfield
 Town Population in 2000: N/A
 1990-2000 Population Growth: N/A
 Number of Public Schools: 1

Per Capita Income in 2000: N/A
 Percent of Adults without a High School Diploma in 2000*: N/A
 Percent of Adults Who Were Not Fluent in English in 2000*: N/A
 District Enrollment as % of Estimated. Student Population: N/A

*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): G 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 381
 5-Year Enrollment Change -26.2%

DISTRICT GRADE RANGE

Grade Range 9 - 12

INDICATORS OF EDUCATIONAL NEED

| Need Indicator | Number in District | Percent | | |
|---|--------------------|----------|------|-------|
| | | District | DRG | State |
| Students Eligible for Free/Reduced-Price Meals | 122 | 32.0 | 36.4 | 32.6 |
| K-12 Students Who Are Not Fluent in English | 16 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 5.4 |
| Students Identified as Gifted and/or Talented | 0 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 4.1 |
| PK-12 Students Receiving Special Education Services in District | 45 | 11.8 | 12.1 | 11.4 |
| Kindergarten Students who Attended Preschool, Nursery School or Headstart | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Homeless | 1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Juniors and Seniors Working 16 or More Hours Per Week | 31 | 16.1 | 14.8 | 13.6 |

SCHOOL DISTRICT DIVERSITY

| Student Race/Ethnicity | | |
|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Race/Ethnicity | Number | Percent |
| American Indian | 1 | 0.3 |
| Asian American | 3 | 0.8 |
| Black | 10 | 2.6 |
| Hispanic | 41 | 10.8 |
| White | 326 | 85.6 |
| Total Minority | 55 | 14.4 |

Percent of Minority Professional Staff: 0.0%

Non-English Home Language:

9.4% 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 4.

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 Gilbert School is a small, comprehensive, independent regional high school located in northwestern Connecticut. It is one of only three endowed and incorporated academies in the state of Connecticut and is accredited by NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges). The Gilbert School is the designated high school for the towns of Hartland and Winchester and has a population of just under 350 students. Despite its geographical isolation, the school endeavors to provide a rich environment to compliment and support the school's cultural and economic diversity. Staff and students embrace diversity through the curriculum during the school day and outside the classroom in a variety of activities throughout the year. The community continues to increase in ethnic diversity thus delivering to The Gilbert School a true microcosm of the world and provides, in this rural setting, an opportunity for exposure and interaction with the many types of diversity they will encounter in their lives as they move on from high school. The athletic and extracurricular programs welcome and attract students from all ethnic, social, cultural and economic backgrounds. The Student Council is open for anyone who wants to join (other than officers, no elections are held) and initiates many activities and awareness projects for the student body. Coaches and staff create a welcoming environment for all students and capitalize on every individual's contribution to the group. Students have many opportunities to participate in local, regional, state, national and international field trips and competitions that incorporate the knowledge gained in the classroom in a very real way. The curriculum includes the study of all people and cultures through their writing, reading and projects. Several departments have developed commendable and unique programs to provide world experiences to students that would otherwise likely not be given these opportunities. More and more communication is translated into Spanish for our ever-increasing Latino population. Efforts to outreach to this community continue on many fronts through our ELL program.

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 | <p>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.</p> <p>For more detailed CMT results, go to www.ctreports.com.</p> <p>To see the NCLB Report Card for this school, go to www.sde.ct.gov and click on "No Child Left Behind."</p> |
|----------------------------|----------|-------|--|--|
| Grade 3 Reading | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| Writing | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| Mathematics | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| Grade 4 Reading | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| Writing | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| Mathematics | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| Grade 5 Reading | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| Writing | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| Mathematics | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| Science | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| Grade 6 Reading | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| Writing | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| Mathematics | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| Grade 7 Reading | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| Writing | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| Mathematics | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| Grade 8 Reading | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| Writing | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| Mathematics | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| Science | N/A | N/A | N/A | |

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 | <p>For more detailed CAPT results, go to www.ctreports.com.</p> <p>To see the NCLB Report Card for this school, go to www.sde.ct.gov and click on "No Child Left Behind."</p> |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------|--|--|
| Reading Across the Disciplines | 44.0 | 45.9 | 40.2 | |
| Writing Across the Disciplines | 60.9 | 59.6 | 42.1 | |
| Mathematics | 41.1 | 48.7 | 32.6 | |
| Science | 45.1 | 45.3 | 38.6 | |

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 |
|--|----------|-------|---|
| | 39.3 | 50.7 | 20.9 |

| SAT® I: Reasoning Test Class of 2009 | | District | State | % of Districts in State with Equal or Lower Scores |
|---|------------------|----------|-------|--|
| % of Graduates Tested | | 61.8 | 68.5 | |
| Average Score | Mathematics | 501 | 508 | 38.0 |
| | Critical Reading | 507 | 503 | 44.2 |
| | Writing | 498 | 506 | 36.4 |

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 | 88.1 | 91.3 | 16.2 |
| 2008-09 Annual Dropout Rate for Grade 9 through 12 | 3.8 | 3.0 | 11.8 |

| Activities of Graduates | District | State |
|--|----------|-------|
| % Pursuing Higher Education (Degree and Non-Degree Programs) | 68.5 | 84.5 |
| % Employed (Civilian Employment and in Armed Services) | 22.5 | 10.4 |

RESOURCES AND EXPENDITURES

DISTRICT STAFF

| Full-Time Equivalent Count of School Staff | |
|---|-------|
| General Education | |
| Teachers and Instructors | 28.60 |
| Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants | 1.00 |
| Special Education | |
| Teachers and Instructors | 2.00 |
| Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants | 3.00 |
| Library/Media Specialists and/or Assistants | 2.00 |
| Staff Devoted to Adult Education | 0.00 |
| Administrators, Coordinators, and Department Chairs | |
| District Central Office | 0.00 |
| School Level | 3.45 |
| Instructional Specialists Who Support Teachers (e.g., subject area specialists) | 0.00 |
| Counselors, Social Workers, and School Psychologists | 3.50 |
| School Nurses | 1.00 |
| Other Staff Providing Non-Instructional Services and Support | 21.50 |

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 | 18.0 | 14.6 | 13.8 |
| % with Master's Degree or Above | 81.3 | 78.5 | 77.8 |

| Average Class Size | District | DRG | State |
|--------------------|----------|------|-------|
| Grade K | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Grade 2 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Grade 5 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Grade 7 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| High School | 18.9 | 19.8 | 19.6 |

| Hours of Instruction Per Year* | Dist | DRG | State |
|--------------------------------|------|-------|-------|
| Elementary School | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Middle School | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| High School | 989 | 1,002 | 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* | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Middle School | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| High School | 1.8 | 2.3 | 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 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Instructional Supplies and Equipment | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Improvement of Instruction and Educational Media Services | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Student Support Services | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Administration and Support Services | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Plant Operation and Maintenance | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Transportation | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Costs for Students Tuitioned Out | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Other | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Total | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Additional Expenditures | | | | | |
| Land, Buildings, and Debt Service | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

| Special Education Expenditures | District Total | Percent of PK-12 Expenditures Used for Special Education | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--|-----|-------|
| | | District | DRG | State |
| | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
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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.

The Gilbert School is a one school district. Each sending district has a representative on the Finance Committee that develops and recommends the budget to the full Board of Education. Additionally, these representatives are members of the full Board. Once the budget is approved, a presentation is made to the Board of Education and/or Board of Selectman for each sending district.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Number of K-12 Students with Disabilities for Whom the District is Financially Responsible N/A

Of All K-12 Students for Whom the District is Financially Responsible, the Percent with Disabilities N/A

| 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 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Learning Disability | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Intellectual Disability | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Emotional Disturbance | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Speech Impairment | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Other Health Impairment* | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Other Disabilities** | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Total | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

*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 | N/A | N/A |
| 2008-09 Annual Dropout Rate for Students Aged 14 to 21 | N/A | 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 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | Writing | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | Mathematics | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | Science | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| CAPT | Reading Across the Disciplines | N/A | N/A | 44.0 | 45.9 |
| | Writing Across the Disciplines | N/A | N/A | 60.9 | 59.6 |
| | Mathematics | N/A | N/A | 41.1 | 48.7 |
| | Science | N/A | N/A | 45.1 | 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 | N/A |
| | % With Accommodations | N/A |
| CAPT | % Without Accommodations | 30.0 |
| | % With Accommodations | 70.0 |
| % Assessed Using Skills Checklist | | 0.0 |

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 | N/A | N/A |
| Private Schools or Other Settings | N/A | N/A |

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 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 40.1 to 79.0 Percent of Time | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 0.0 to 40.0 Percent of Time | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND ACTIVITIES

The following narrative was submitted by this district.

Efforts to incorporate more CAPT-like activities over the past few years and the seriousness of purpose with which our teachers and students tend to their education is evident in all that they do. In addition, all ninth grade students are administered a practice CAPT using CAPT-released questions. During the last two years the results of newly-developed curriculum units has started to show in improved lesson development, more student-centered instruction, common assessments and improved student learning. Staff was appreciative of the professional time dedicated to writing curriculum in this collaborative manner and in the UBD (Understanding by Design) format. Department goals and teacher goals are aligned to the school goals. Formative assessments are used to periodically review student performance and instructional strategies are adjusted when needed. There has been more effort to design common planning time with the professional staff. All sophomores and juniors were administered the PSAT. A long-range strategic plan, Gilbert 2020, was recently adopted. The twenty-member committee was represented by a wide range of people consisting of students, faculty, administration, board members, parents and committed local citizens. Goals and objectives were designed and implemented and focused on 21st Century Skills, instruction, communication and data-driven decision making.
