

STRATEGIC SCHOOL PROFILE 2009-10**Regional School District 12**

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This regional school district serves Bridgewater, Roxbury, Washington

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COMMUNITY DATA

County: Litchfield

Town Population in 2000: 7,556

1990-2000 Population Growth: 2.3%

Number of Public Schools: 5

Per Capita Income in 2000: \$44,020

Percent of Adults without a High School Diploma in 2000*: 7.8%

Percent of Adults Who Were Not Fluent in English in 2000*: 0.3%

District Enrollment as % of Estimated. Student Population: 91.1%

*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): C 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 968
5-Year Enrollment Change -15.0%

DISTRICT GRADE RANGE

Grade Range K - 12

INDICATORS OF EDUCATIONAL NEED

Need Indicator	Number in District	Percent		
		District	DRG	State
Students Eligible for Free/Reduced-Price Meals	47	4.9	6.7	32.6
K-12 Students Who Are Not Fluent in English	8	0.9	0.7	5.4
Students Identified as Gifted and/or Talented	0	0.0	4.6	4.1
PK-12 Students Receiving Special Education Services in District	132	13.6	10.8	11.4
Kindergarten Students who Attended Preschool, Nursery School or Headstart	46	95.8	85.9	80.5
Homeless	0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Juniors and Seniors Working 16 or More Hours Per Week	22	13.5	12.7	13.6

SCHOOL DISTRICT DIVERSITY

Student Race/Ethnicity		
Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent
American Indian	5	0.5
Asian American	16	1.7
Black	9	0.9
Hispanic	24	2.5
White	914	94.4
Total Minority	54	5.6

Percent of Minority Professional Staff: 1.7%

Non-English Home Language:

1.0% 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.

Region 12 is located in the northwest corner of the state and as such remains relatively isolated from urban life, in general, and the rich diversity to be found there. This and the fact that the district's students and staff are largely white, requires the district to provide as many opportunities as possible for teachers and for students to increase their awareness of diversity, to encourage greater sensitivity to differences, and to participate in unique experiences to expand cultural awareness. Region 12's individual school reports provide greater detail, but some highlights include involvement in programs that encourage sharing with students in other parts of the state and across the world ("Flat Stanley"), exposure to cultures through programs like "Customs Around the World," after school programs in the arts (provided by ASAP, a community-based arts program) that broaden cultural sensitivity through the arts, poetry competitions with students in other districts and around the world, and various courses that promote cultural and gender awareness among students. All schools spend time in the area of character education and through a variety of initiatives, develop mutual respect for all, among other positive traits.

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	69.3	57.0	60.1	
Writing	84.0	58.3	96.3	
Mathematics	83.3	62.4	87.7	
Grade 4 Reading	72.9	59.9	61.0	
Writing	78.7	63.6	71.3	
Mathematics	80.0	67.0	67.9	
Grade 5 Reading	80.0	61.8	77.6	
Writing	86.2	68.2	84.3	
Mathematics	98.2	72.4	100.0	
Science	75.9	59.4	63.9	
Grade 6 Reading	86.0	74.9	64.4	
Writing	84.1	65.9	77.4	
Mathematics	77.3	70.7	47.9	
Grade 7 Reading	90.8	77.4	76.0	
Writing	81.8	61.2	83.1	
Mathematics	84.0	68.5	69.5	
Grade 8 Reading	73.8	73.3	33.1	
Writing	71.6	62.6	50.3	
Mathematics	67.9	67.3	35.0	
Science	59.3	62.8	27.4	

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	47.0	45.9	45.5	
Writing Across the Disciplines	54.4	59.6	31.6	
Mathematics	54.4	48.7	49.2	
Science	55.1	45.3	57.6	

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
	74.2	50.7	95.3

SAT® I: Reasoning Test Class of 2009		District	State	% of Districts in State with Equal or Lower Scores
% of Graduates Tested		71.0	68.5	
Average Score	Mathematics	518	508	54.3
	Critical Reading	521	503	61.2
	Writing	528	506	66.7

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	100.0	91.3	100.0
2008-09 Annual Dropout Rate for Grade 9 through 12	0.0	3.0	100.0

Activities of Graduates	District	State
% Pursuing Higher Education (Degree and Non-Degree Programs)	87.0	84.5
% Employed (Civilian Employment and in Armed Services)	12.0	10.4

RESOURCES AND EXPENDITURES

DISTRICT STAFF

Full-Time Equivalent Count of School Staff	
General Education	
Teachers and Instructors	80.47
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	13.99
Special Education	
Teachers and Instructors	13.20
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	24.50
Library/Media Specialists and/or Assistants	3.50
Staff Devoted to Adult Education	0.00
Administrators, Coordinators, and Department Chairs	
District Central Office	4.00
School Level	5.26
Instructional Specialists Who Support Teachers (e.g., subject area specialists)	0.00
Counselors, Social Workers, and School Psychologists	6.51
School Nurses	4.00
Other Staff Providing Non-Instructional Services and Support	67.41

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	17.0	14.5	13.8
% with Master's Degree or Above	86.7	79.0	77.8

Average Class Size	District	DRG	State
Grade K	16.0	17.2	18.5
Grade 2	13.5	18.5	19.7
Grade 5	15.0	20.7	21.1
Grade 7	15.3	19.9	20.8
High School	18.8	19.0	19.6

Hours of Instruction Per Year*	Dist	DRG	State
Elementary School	990	994	992
Middle School	1,040	1,034	1,018
High School	982	1,007	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*	2.2	3.1	3.2
Middle School	2.0	2.2	2.5
High School	1.6	2.4	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	\$10,660	\$10,544	\$7,819	\$7,380	\$7,829
Instructional Supplies and Equipment	\$596	\$589	\$274	\$281	\$279
Improvement of Instruction and Educational Media Services	\$863	\$853	\$474	\$406	\$459
Student Support Services	\$1,474	\$1,458	\$863	\$816	\$859
Administration and Support Services	\$1,873	\$1,852	\$1,405	\$1,400	\$1,426
Plant Operation and Maintenance	\$2,439	\$2,412	\$1,469	\$1,468	\$1,462
Transportation	\$1,274	\$1,239	\$701	\$675	\$694
Costs for Students Tuitioned Out	\$438	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	\$400	\$395	\$163	\$148	\$162
Total	\$20,015	\$19,546	\$13,458	\$13,077	\$13,386
Additional Expenditures					
Land, Buildings, and Debt Service	\$397	\$393	\$1,864	\$1,030	\$1,825

Special Education Expenditures	District Total	Percent of PK-12 Expenditures Used for Special Education		
		District	DRG	State
	\$3,604,169	18.0	20.2	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	91.8	3.7	2.1	2.4
Excluding School Construction	91.8	3.6	2.1	2.5

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.

Like many other school districts in CT and elsewhere, RSD 12's budget development process consumes administration and teacher time throughout most of the fall months. This process essentially allows for each principal and program leader to develop and propose a budget request for the next fiscal year, including requests for materials, supplies and equipment. Personnel funding is handled centrally and is largely controlled by maintaining class sizes that are similar across the levels to insure that no student is disadvantaged by having overly large classes. Special education costs are dictated by the requirements of the several PPT's that define program needs, ranging from in-class supports to costly out-of-district placements. The most recent budget request (FY11) brought to the voters for approval represented a 1.1% increase over the prior year's budget with no increase. The voters endorsed this request at the first referendum. As in the prior year' budget, to achieve a 1.1% increase, additional positions had to be eliminated across the district among both certified and non-certified staff. In spite of these reductions, learning opportunities remain at present equitable and reasonably comprehensive among all the schools.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Number of K-12 Students with Disabilities for Whom the District is Financially Responsible	131
Of All K-12 Students for Whom the District is Financially Responsible, the Percent with Disabilities	14.3%

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	7	0.8	1.0	1.0
Learning Disability	48	5.3	3.9	3.9
Intellectual Disability	4	0.4	0.4	0.5
Emotional Disturbance	6	0.7	0.7	1.0
Speech Impairment	32	3.5	2.1	2.2
Other Health Impairment*	26	2.8	1.9	2.1
Other Disabilities**	8	0.9	0.7	0.9
Total	131	14.3	10.5	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	100.0	81.0
2008-09 Annual Dropout Rate for Students Aged 14 to 21	0.0	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	43.6	31.6	79.1	67.5
	Writing	31.5	19.6	80.9	63.3
	Mathematics	35.6	32.9	80.8	68.1
	Science	9.5	23.7	66.2	61.1
CAPT	Reading Across the Disciplines	N/A	N/A	47.0	45.9
	Writing Across the Disciplines	N/A	N/A	54.4	59.6
	Mathematics	N/A	N/A	54.4	48.7
	Science	N/A	N/A	55.1	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	33.3
	% With Accommodations	66.7
CAPT	% Without Accommodations	25.0
	% With Accommodations	75.0
% Assessed Using Skills Checklist		6.0

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	0	0.0
Private Schools or Other Settings	13	9.9

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	80	61.1	76.7	73.4
40.1 to 79.0 Percent of Time	39	29.8	16.4	15.3
0.0 to 40.0 Percent of Time	12	9.2	6.9	11.3

SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND ACTIVITIES

The following narrative was submitted by this district.

In order to insure that all of the Region's students learn at high levels, the administration continues to work with a streamlined Strategic Plan that has established direction for improvement for the next several years. The key Goal areas are: Curriculum, Student Needs, Data, and Technology. In each area a Goal Team, working with the Superintendent and the Director of Curriculum, established the near term objectives, measurement indicators, and completion timelines. These Goals, and attendant objectives and implementation plans then drove development of School Success Plans at each facility. SMART goals are written by faculty with the intention of knowing where instruction was successful and where it was not. Each year the goal of a carefully constructed and collaborative data culture where student accomplishment is central comes ever closer to fruition. At the building level, focuses for improvement are driven from close analysis of CMT and CAPT scores, as well as through the use of various interim assessments that allow for the adjustment of instruction to insure the success of all learners. Further, work done over the last few years in the areas of differentiated instruction and Understanding by Design now finds its application under the broader umbrella of measured performance. Clear curricular outcomes and an array of instructional strategies will contribute significantly to the instructional adjustments called for by the periodic assessments of the learning students managed to achieve. The Region also continues to work toward the required implementation of Scientific, Research-Based Intervention (SRBI). Lastly, with substantial decline in enrollment projected through most of the next decade, the Region is poised to embark on an examination of how to preserve all that is good about our district, while striving to do so in the most cost effective manner.
