Connecticut State Department of Education

DISTRICT PROFILE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2015–16



Achievement First Hartford Academy Inc. District

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District Information

Grade RangeK-12Number of Schools/Programs1Enrollment1,063Per Pupil Expenditures¹\$13,422Total Expenditures¹\$12,804,864

¹Expenditure data reflect the 2014-15 year.



Community Information

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

Related Reports/Publications

CT Reports (CMT/CAPT)
District and School Performance Reports
Special Education Annual Performance Reports
SAT®, AP®, PSAT® Report by High School (Class of 2016)
(2016® The College Board)

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Notes

Unless otherwise noted, all data are for 2015-16 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 edsight.ct.gov.

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.

* When an asterisk is displayed, data have been suppressed to ensure student confidentiality. N/A is displayed when a category is not applicable for a district or school.

Students

October 1, 2015 Enrollment				
		District	State	
	Count	Percent of Total (%)	Percent of Total (%)	
Female	543	51.1	48.3	
Male	520	48.9	51.6	
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	0.2	
Asian	*	*	4.9	
Black or African American	784	73.8	12.8	
Hispanic or Latino	255	24.0	23.0	
Pacific Islander	*	*	0.0	
Two or More Races	11	1.0	2.7	
White	*	*	55.9	
English Learners	52	4.9	6.4	
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	1,063	100.0	38.0	
Students with Disabilities ¹	115	10.8	13.7	

¹Students 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

	Chronic		Suspe	ension/
	Absenteeism ²		ism ² Expulsion	
	Count	Rate (%)	Count	Rate (%)
Female	54	10.7	91	17.7
Male	46	9.4	152	29.9
Black or African American	59	7.8	185	24.0
Hispanic or Latino	38	17.4	55	23.8
White	0	*	0	*
English Learners	6	14.0	11	22.9
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	100	10.1	241	23.6
Students with Disabilities	20	19.2	34	29.8
District	100	10.1	243	23.8
State		9.6		7.0

Number of students in 2014-15 qualified as truant under state statute: 92

Number of school-based arrests: 0

²A 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.

³The count and percentage of students who receive at least one in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension or expulsion.

Educators

Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)1 Staff

	FTE
General Education	
Teachers and Instructors	163.8
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	18.0
Special Education	
Teachers and Instructors	19.2
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	0.0
Administrators, Coordinators and Department Chairs	
District Central Office	19.0
School Level	19.0
Library/Media	
Specialists (Certified)	0.0
Support Staff	0.0
Instructional Specialists Who Support Teachers	0.0
Counselors, Social Workers and School Psychologists	4.0
School Nurses	1.0
Other Staff Providing Non-Instructional Services/Support	43.6

¹In 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

	District Count Percent of Total (%)		State Percent of Total (%)
American Indian or Alaska Native	2	1.7	0.1
Asian	5	4.3	1.0
Black or African American	24	20.7	3.5
Hispanic or Latino	5	4.3	3.5
Pacific Islander	0	0.0	0.0
Two or More Races	1	0.9	0.1
White	75	64.7	91.7

Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers²

	Percent of Total (%)		
District	73.2		
District Poverty Quartile: High			
State High Poverty Quartile Schools	97.6		
State Low Poverty Quartile Schools	99.6		

²Core academic classes taught by teachers who are fully certified to teach in that subject area.

Classroom Teacher Attendance: 2014-15

	District	State
Average Number of FTE Days Absent Due to Illness or Personal Time	4.8	9.4

Instruction and Resources

11th and 12th Graders Enrolled in College-and-Career-Readiness Courses during High School³

	11th		12th	
	Count	Rate (%)	Count	Rate (%)
Black or African American	*	*	*	*
Hispanic or Latino	*	*	*	*
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Learners	0	0.0	*	*
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	32	97.0	30	96.8
Students with Disabilities	*	*	0	0.0
District	32	97.0	30	96.8
State		61.2		73.9

³College-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 Peers⁴

	Count	Rate (%)
Autism	N/A	N/A
Emotional Disturbance	N/A	N/A
Intellectual Disability	N/A	N/A
Learning Disability	N/A	N/A
Other Health Impairment	N/A	N/A
Other Disabilities	N/A	N/A
Speech/Language Impairment	N/A	N/A
District	N/A	N/A
State		68.8

⁴Ages 6-21

Students with Disabilities by Primary Disability¹

	Dis	State	
	Count	Rate (%)	Rate (%)
Autism	0	0.0	1.6
Emotional Disturbance	0	0.0	1.0
Intellectual Disability	0	0.0	0.5
Learning Disability	0	0.0	4.6
Other Health Impairment	0	0.0	2.8
Other Disabilities	0	0.0	1.0
Speech/Language Impairment	0	0.0	1.9
All Disabilities	0	0.0	13.4

¹Grades K-12

Overall Expenditures: 2014-15

		Per Pupil	
	Total (\$)	District (\$)	State (\$)
Instructional Staff and Services	6,863,137	7,194	9,387
Instructional Supplies and Equipment	646,646	678	318
Improvement of Instruction and Educational Media Services	310,629	326	541
Student Support Services	1,086,042	1,138	1,048
Administration and Support Services	3,699,477	3,878	1,790
Plant Operation and Maintenance	83,095	87	1,608
Transportation	98,398		845
Costs of Students Tuitioned Out		N/A	N/A
Other	17,440	18	194
Total	12,804,864	13,422	15,762
Additiona	al Expenditures		
Land, Buildings, and Debt Service	0	0	1,524

³Expenditures may be supported by local tax revenues, state grants, federal grants, municipal in-kind services, tuition and other sources.

Special Education Expenditures: 2014-15

	Dist	State	
	Total (\$)	Percent of Total (%)	Percent of Total (%)
Certified Personnel	0	0.0	35.1
Noncertified Personnel	0	0.0	14.5
Purchased Services	0	0.0	5.5
Tuition to Other Schools	0	0.0	21.6
Special Ed. Transportation	0	0.0	8.3
Other Expenditures	0	0.0	15.0
Total Expenditures	0	0.0	100.0

Expenditures by Revenue Source:4 2014-15

	Percent of Total (%)				
	Including Excluding				
	School School				
	Construction Construction				
Local	0.0	0.0			
State	83.2	83.2			
Federal	8.0	8.0			
Tuition & Other	8.8	8.8			

⁴Revenue 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).

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.

	English Language Arts(ELA)		Mat	h	Scien	ce
	Count	DPI	Count	DPI	Count	DPI
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	*	0	N/A
Asian	*	*	*	*	*	*
Black or African American	469	64.3	467	56.2	190	42.2
Hispanic or Latino	140	62.5	138	56.5	54	42.5
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	0	N/A
Two or More Races	*	*	*	*	*	*
White	*	*	*	*	0	N/A
English Learners	40	61.6	39	54.2	10	*
Non-English Learners	579	64.3	576	56.7	237	42.7
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	619	64.1	615	56.6	247	42.4
Not Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A
Students with Disabilities	65	46.4	66	37.6	26	29.6
Students without Disabilities	554	66.2	549	58.8	221	43.9
High Needs	619	64.1	615	56.6	247	42.4
Non-High Needs	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A
District	619	64.1	615	56.6	247	42.4

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP): Percent At or Above Proficient¹

	NAEP	NAEP 2013	
READING	Grade 4 Grade 8		Grade 12
Connecticut	43%	43%	50%
National Public	35%	33%	36%
MATH	Grade 4	Grade 8	Grade 12
Connecticut	41%	36%	32%
National Public	39%	32%	25%

¹NAEP 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 Standard²

	Percent	of Stude	All Teste	ed Grades		
	4	6	8	10	Count	Rate (%)
Sit & Reach	92.7	60.7	55.2	65.8	314	70.1
Curl Up	91.7	35.2	22.4	86.8	314	56.4
Push Up	86.5	30.3	46.6	65.8	314	54.8
Mile Run/PACER	92.7	43.4	29.3	52.6	314	57.0
All Tests - District	82.3	13.1	20.7	23.7	314	36.9
All Tests - State	50.6	49.8	50.6	51.1		50.5

²The 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.

³Only students assessed in all four areas are included in this calculation.

Cohort Graduation: Four-Year¹

		2015-16			
	Cohort Count ²	Rate (%)	Target ³ (%)	Target Achieved	Target³ (%)
Black or African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Learners	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students with Disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
State ⁴		87.2			

¹The four-year cohort graduation rate represents the percentage of first-time 9th graders who earn a standard high school diploma within four years. Statewide, district and school results for cohorts of 2010 through 2014 are <u>available online</u>.

11th and 12th Graders Meeting Benchmark on at Least One College Readiness Exam⁵

	Participation ⁶	Meeting B	enchmark
	Rate (%)	Count	Rate (%)
Female	100.0	25	59.5
Male	95.5	12	54.5
Black or African American	*	*	*
Hispanic or Latino	*	*	*
White	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Learners	*	*	*
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	98.4	37	57.8
Students with Disabilities	*	0	*
District	98.4	37	57.8
State	95.6		40.7

⁵College 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

⁶Participation 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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College Entrance and Persistence

	Class of 2015	Class of 2014
	Entrance ⁷	Persistence ⁸
	Rate (%)	Rate (%)
Female	N/A	N/A
Male	N/A	N/A
Black or African American	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	N/A	N/A
White	N/A	N/A
English Learners	N/A	N/A
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	N/A	N/A
Students with Disabilities	N/A	N/A
District	N/A	N/A
State	71.9	88.3

⁷College 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

²Cohort count includes all students in the cohort as of the end of the 2014-15 school year.

³Targets are calculated when there are at least 20 students in a cohort in the base year (i.e., 2010-11).

⁴Targets are not displayed at the state level.

⁸College 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

These statistics are the results from Connecticut's Next Generation Accountability System for districts and schools. This system is a broad set of 12 indicators that help tell the story of how well a school is preparing its students for success in college, careers and life. It moves beyond test scores and graduation rates and instead provides a more holistic, multifactor perspective of district and school performance and incorporates student growth over time.

Indicator		Index/Rate	Target	Points	Max	% Points	State Average
ELA Performance Index	All Students	64.1	75	42.7	50	85.5	67.7
ELA Performance muex	High Needs Students	64.1	75	42.7	50	85.5	56.7
Math Performance Index	All Students	56.6	75	37.7	50	75.4	61.4
Math Performance index	High Needs Students	56.6	75	37.7	50	75.4	49.9
Science Performance Index	All Students	42.4	75	28.2	50	56.5	57.5
Science Performance muex	High Needs Students	42.4	75	28.2	50	56.5	47.0
ELA Academic Growth	All Students	71.7%	100%	71.7	100	71.7	63.8%
ELA ACAGEMIC Growth	High Needs Students	71.7%	100%	71.7	100	71.7	58.3%
Math Academic Growth	All Students	65.0%	100%	65.0	100	65.0	65.0%
Math Academic Growth	High Needs Students	65.0%	100%	65.0	100	65.0	57.4%
Chronic Absenteeism	All Students	10.1%	<=5%	39.9	50	79.8	9.6%
Cilionic Absenteeisin	High Needs Students	10.1%	<=5%	39.9	50	79.8	15.6%
Droparation for CCB	% Taking Courses	96.9%	75%	50.0	50	100.0	67.6%
Preparation for CCR	% Passing Exams	57.8%	75%	38.5	50	77.1	40.7%
On-track to High School Gra	duation	84.0%	94%	44.7	50	89.4	85.1%
4-year Graduation All Stude	nts (2015 Cohort)	N/A	94%	0.0	0	0.0	87.2%
6-year Graduation - High Needs Students (2013 Cohort)		N/A	94%	0.0	0	0.0	78.6%
Postsecondary Entrance (Class of 2015)		N/A	75%	0.0	0	0.0	71.9%
Physical Fitness (estimated part rate) and (fitness rate)		91.5% 36.9%	75%	24.6	50	49.3	89.2% 50.5%
Arts Access		27.9%	60%	23.2	50	46.5	47.5%
Accountability Index				751.8	1050	71.6	

Gap Indicators	Non-High Needs Rate ¹	High Needs Rate	Size of Gap	State Gap Mean + 1 Stdev ²	Is Gap an Outlier? ²
Achievement Gap Size Outlier?					N
ELA Performance Index Gap		64.1		16.5	
Math Performance Index Gap		56.6		18.9	
Science Performance Index Gap		42.4		17.2	
Graduation Rate Gap					

¹ 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.

²If the size of the gap exceeds the state mean gap plus one standard deviation, the gap is an outlier.

Sul	oject/Subgroup	Participation Rate (%) ³	
ELA	All Students	99.2	³ Minimum
ELA	High Needs Students	99.2	participation standard is 95%.
Math	All Students	98.7	
IVIALII	High Needs Students	98.7	
Science	All Students	97.6	
Science	High Needs Students	97.6	

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: 49.3 State: 51.4

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

Hartford Academy is a member of the Achievement First network of schools, and as such benefits from the latest available research, training, and support in providing differentiated instruction to students with special needs or requiring additional support. Team Special Services works closely with our schools' special services leaders to design programming and interventions to meet the needs of the current school population. A foundation of that support is a "special services playbook", a manual that serves as a resource to school leaders, special services leaders, and teachers in identifying and addressing needs of all students. Hartford Academy is building an inclusive environment to ensure all our scholars are able to achieve academically and behaviorally at high levels. Co-teaching is one vehicle for reaching inclusiveness. Additionally, co-teaching allows teachers to collect more data, provide more feedback, and offer more targeted support to lead students to the same rigorous academic and behavioral outcomes.

Maintaining high daily attendance rates and low chronic absenteeism rates are daily initiatives at Hartford Academy. To this end, operations staff reaches out to parents and guardians moments after the start of the school day to determine the reason for a student's absence. This sometimes involves understanding the circumstances that keep students from getting to school and compensating for those challenges. In some cases that can include arranging transportation for a student that missed the bus or otherwise doesn't have a ride to school. Each classroom in the schools displays their daily attendance percentage and provides incentives and recognition for days that the school buildings have 100% attendance.

Families are regularly welcomed into the school and to engage in learning activities. Report card nights are extremely well attended, and many parents are involved the planning and leadership of these events through parent leadership councils. Teachers are highly accessible to families, with their cell phone numbers being available to parents to reach them after school hours. Community outreach and student recruitment is led by a dedicated Community Outreach Associate who coordinates efforts and explores partnerships with the community our school serves. This includes a relatively new program called "AF Ambassadors" which is a partnership among parents, teachers, and community leaders with a goal of advocating for the schools and expanding their community impact.

Additional information is available in our annual charter report and most recent charter renewal application filed with the Connecticut Department of Education.

Efforts to Reduce Racial, Ethnic and Economic Isolation

The mission of Hartford Academy is to deliver on the promise of equal educational opportunity for all of Hartford's children. We believe that all children, regardless of race or economic status, can succeed if they have access to a great education. Hartford Academy schools provide all of our scholars with the academic and character skills they need to graduate from top colleges, to succeed in a competitive world and to serve as the next generation of leaders in our communities.

We believe it is the fulfillment of this mission and the reduction of the achievement gaps based on race and economic status that will reduce the isolation for our scholar.

s. We aim to have our schools reflect the demographic composition of the neighborhoods we serve, and prepare our scholars to achieve academic success, college acceptance, and college graduation at the same rates as their more affluent peers.

The current demographic composition of our school community is 98% African American or Hispanic and 100% of our scholars are eligible for free or reduced price lunch. Academic performance on the 2015-16 SBAC exceeds or compares favorably with our host district of Hartford with 45% proficiency in ELA and 30% proficiency in Math in grades 3-8. On the SAT, our 11th grade scholars were 70% proficient in ELA and 53% proficient in Math.

Preparation for the college experience begins in the 9th grade with the Foundations and Leadership course. This four year program is designed to help scholars learn how to navigate the more complex high school and post-secondary school world, with an emphasis on overcoming obstacles through effort. Each year culminates in scholars completing high stakes applications which prepare them for the college application process. High school scholars apply to and attend a variety of summer programs to prepare them for the college experience and the diverse populations they will encounter when they move onto college campuses around the nation.

Additional information is available in our annual charter report and most recent charter renewal application filed with the Connecticut Department of Education.

Equitable Allocation of Resources among District Schools

The Hartford Academy district is comprised of four individual school campuses. Each school has a Director of Operations (DSO) that is responsible for non-instructional activities within the school including budgeting and resource acquisition. DSOs from each campus across the Achievement First network meet regularly in a DSO Cohort to norm around processes, procedures, and activities within their schools.

The Hartford Academy Board of Directors reviews and approves the annual budget, as well as the financial reports at each of their meetings. These include school level detail with key comparable metrics. Financial reporting is centralized, allowing Achievement First's Chief Financial Officer to insure resources are allocated similarly throughout the network to schools at the same grade levels.

Hartford Academy is a data-driven organization, not only in our financial reporting, but in academic, behavior, as well as parent, student, and staff satisfaction. These data are reviewed regularly to identify outliers and equalize resources and results, ensuring equity in the way we serve our scholars and community.