

**STRATEGIC SCHOOL PROFILE 2010-11****Newington School District**

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**COMMUNITY DATA**

County: Hartford

Town Population in 2000: 29,306

1990-2000 Population Growth: 0.3%

Number of Public Schools: 7

Per Capita Income in 2000: \$26,881

Percent of Adults without a High School Diploma in 2000\*: 14.7%

Percent of Adults Who Were Not Fluent in English in 2000\*: 3.0%

District Enrollment as % of Estimated. Student Population: 96.1%

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

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District Reference Group (DRG): D DRG is a classification of districts whose students' families are similar in education, income, occupation, and need, and that have roughly similar enrollment. The Connecticut State Board of Education approved DRG classification for purposes of reporting data other than student performance.

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**STUDENT ENROLLMENT**

Enrollment on October 1, 2010      4,416  
 5-Year Enrollment Change      -4.5%

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**DISTRICT GRADE RANGE**

Grade Range      PK - 12

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**INDICATORS OF EDUCATIONAL NEED**

Need Indicator	Number in District	Percent		
		District	DRG	State
Students Eligible for Free/Reduced-Price Meals	746	16.9	13.8	34.1
K-12 Students Who Are Not Fluent in English	144	3.3	2.3	5.6
Students Identified as Gifted and/or Talented*	182	4.1	4.8	4.0
PK-12 Students Receiving Special Education Services in District	512	11.6	11.1	11.4
Kindergarten Students who Attended Preschool, Nursery School or Headstart	254	90.4	85.1	80.2
Homeless	5	0.1	0.1	0.3
Juniors and Seniors Working 16 or More Hours Per Week	114	19.5	17.2	13.2

\*100.0 % of the identified gifted and/or talented students received services.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT DIVERSITY

Student Race/Ethnicity		
Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent
American Indian	6	0.1
Asian American	376	8.5
Black	206	4.7
Hispanic	619	14.0
Pacific Islander	0	0.0
White	3,040	68.8
Two or more races	169	3.8
Total Minority	1,376	31.2

**Percent of Minority Professional Staff:** 3.8%

**Open Choice:**

49 student(s) attended this district as part of the Open Choice program. Open Choice brings students from urban areas to attend school in suburban or rural towns, and students from non-urban areas to attend city schools.

**Non-English Home Language:**

15.0% 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 53.

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

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Below is the description submitted by this school of how it provides educational opportunities for its students to interact with students and teachers from diverse racial, ethnic, and economic backgrounds.

The Newington Public Schools has developed and continually updates its District Strategic Plan. One strategy of the plan states, "through the school, family, and community partnerships we will develop and implement action plans to foster, appreciate and value diversity." Newington schools have engaged in a variety of activities and efforts during the 2010-11 school year in an effort to reduce the racial, ethnic, and economic isolation our students may encounter. Newington continues to participate in the Choice Program with up to 56 students from Hartford enrolled in our schools. Newington students participated in the Amistad: Pathways to Freedom and Friendship, CPEP: Mission Possible and other interdistrict cooperative grant programs. Through these programs, our students share many learning experiences with students from other school districts and diversity ideals are nurtured. The elementary schools embrace the responsive classroom philosophy as a vehicle to develop empathy, cooperation, responsibility and self-control. The middle school and high school staff continue to infuse the tenets of the "Capturing Kids Hearts" program by establishing a classroom environment where trust, respect, and caring relationships flourish. All elementary and middle schools implement School Families, a program developed by staff to bring students from each grade together as a "family" lead by an adult member of the school. The families participate in a variety of activities that address school-wide matters. The high school's Advisor-Advisee program, held during an extended homeroom period, builds connections between students and staff. Newington places a high priority on increasing the percentage of minority staff members. We will continue our efforts to recruit through attendance at the National Minority Careers in Education Expo held in New York City, the CREC Minority Fair, college job fairs and diversified advertising. The school system takes seriously its responsibility to provide its students with opportunities to interact with students and teachers from diverse racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds. To this end, we will continue to expand our participation in programs and activities that accomplish our mission of providing all of our students the knowledge, skills and attitudes to continue to learn, live a productive life and contribute to a diverse, rapidly changing society.

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## 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
Grade 3 Reading	72.3	58.4	70.6
Writing	77.8	61.1	77.6
Mathematics	76.4	63.0	72.0
Grade 4 Reading	71.8	62.5	54.6
Writing	76.1	65.5	56.1
Mathematics	80.1	67.0	67.1
Grade 5 Reading	63.7	61.4	38.0
Writing	70.3	66.8	41.7
Mathematics	78.6	72.5	47.9
Science	66.5	59.9	41.1
Grade 6 Reading	88.2	76.0	67.3
Writing	79.2	65.2	70.2
Mathematics	81.4	71.3	58.3
Grade 7 Reading	85.9	77.8	49.7
Writing	68.8	58.9	56.3
Mathematics	66.5	68.4	34.0
Grade 8 Reading	82.6	74.7	47.1
Writing	75.1	64.8	49.7
Mathematics	68.7	66.6	37.6
Science	71.0	63.1	42.7

These results reflect the performance of students with scoreable tests who were enrolled in the district at the time of testing, regardless of the length of time they were enrolled in the district. Results for fewer than 20 students are not presented.

For more detailed CMT results, go to [www.ctreports.com](http://www.ctreports.com).

To see the NCLB Report Card for this school, go to [www.sde.ct.gov](http://www.sde.ct.gov) and click on "No Child Left Behind."

**Connecticut Academic Performance Test, Third Generation, % Meeting State Goal.** The CAPT is administered to Grade 10 students. The Goal level is more demanding than the state Proficient level, but not as high as the Advanced level, reported in the No Child Left Behind Report Cards. The following results reflect the performance of students with 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
Reading Across the Disciplines	55.3	44.7	58.3
Writing Across the Disciplines	76.3	61.2	66.2
Mathematics	62.9	49.5	66.9
Science	57.9	47.0	57.1

For more detailed CAPT results, go to [www.ctreports.com](http://www.ctreports.com). To see the NCLB Report Card for this school, go to [www.sde.ct.gov](http://www.sde.ct.gov) and click on "No Child Left Behind."

**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
	53.4	51.0	50.3

SAT® I: Reasoning Test Class of 2010		District	State	% of Districts in State with Equal or Lower Scores
% of Graduates Tested		68.0	70.6	
Average Score	Mathematics	522	510	60.3
	Critical Reading	505	505	47.3
	Writing	521	510	58.8

**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, Adjusted Cohort Rate 2010	85.2	81.8	33.6
2009-10 Annual Dropout Rate for Grade 9 through 12	0.3	2.8	78.4

Activities of Graduates	District	State
% Pursuing Higher Education (Degree and Non-Degree Programs)	93.2	84.8
% Employed (Civilian Employment and in Armed Services)	5.3	9.1

## RESOURCES AND EXPENDITURES

### DISTRICT STAFF

Full-Time Equivalent Count of School Staff	
General Education	
Teachers and Instructors	282.92
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	25.00
Special Education	
Teachers and Instructors	31.50
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	86.60
Library/Media Specialists and/or Assistants	11.00
Staff Devoted to Adult Education	0.00
Administrators, Coordinators, and Department Chairs	
District Central Office	7.00
School Level	17.38
Instructional Specialists Who Support Teachers (e.g., subject area specialists)	8.00
Counselors, Social Workers, and School Psychologists	23.20
School Nurses	9.00
Other Staff Providing Non-Instructional Services and Support	146.80

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	14.0	14.6	13.9
% with Master's Degree or Above	73.2	79.0	79.0

Average Class Size	District	DRG	State
Grade K	17.6	17.5	18.4
Grade 2	18.5	19.2	19.9
Grade 5	23.0	21.7	21.2
Grade 7	21.2	20.7	20.6
High School	21.0	19.8	19.3

Hours of Instruction Per Year*	Dist	DRG	State
Elementary School	975	984	992
Middle School	1,026	1,025	1,017
High School	1,000	1,004	1,010

\*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*	4.1	3.2	3.1
Middle School	3.1	2.5	2.4
High School	2.6	2.6	2.2

\*Excludes schools with no grades above kindergarten.

### DISTRICT EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES, 2009-10

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	\$36,178	\$8,099	\$8,232	\$7,875	\$8,237
Instructional Supplies and Equipment	\$1,571	\$352	\$299	\$267	\$300
Improvement of Instruction and Educational Media Services	\$1,823	\$408	\$477	\$387	\$463
Student Support Services	\$3,457	\$774	\$875	\$828	\$872
Administration and Support Services	\$5,961	\$1,335	\$1,433	\$1,339	\$1,459
Plant Operation and Maintenance	\$7,406	\$1,658	\$1,421	\$1,322	\$1,410
Transportation	\$2,706	\$580	\$701	\$641	\$692
Costs for Students Tuitioned Out	\$2,695	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	\$756	\$169	\$161	\$159	\$159
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$62,553</b>	<b>\$13,818</b>	<b>\$13,878</b>	<b>\$13,136</b>	<b>\$13,780</b>
<b>Additional Expenditures</b>					
Land, Buildings, and Debt Service	\$1,875	\$420	\$1,622	\$1,432	\$1,616

Special Education Expenditures	District Total	Percent of PK-12 Expenditures Used for Special Education		
		District	DRG	State
	\$10,148,218	16.2	21.7	21.5

**Revenue Sources, % of Expenditures from Source.** Revenue sources do not include state funded Teachers' Retirement Board contributions, vocational-technical school operations, SDE budgeted costs for salaries and leadership activities and other state-funded school districts (e.g., Dept. of Children and Families and Dept. of Corrections).

District Expenditures	Local Revenue	State Revenue	Federal Revenue	Tuition & Other
Including School Construction	73.8	21.2	4.9	0.1
Excluding School Construction	74.8	20.1	5.1	0.1

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**EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES AMONG DISTRICT SCHOOLS**


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

Annually the Board of Education prepares a budget to insure our schools receive necessary resources to accomplish the district's mission of providing an educational program of high quality learning experiences. It has been the practice of the Board of Education and its central office administration that each school in the district should have comparable resources. Factors taken into account include student population, age of school facilities, and student performance on district/state testing programs, average class size and school staffing. Additional resources are allocated to individual schools when deemed appropriate to insure equity and address specific needs. The proposed budget for our school district is created by our administrators and teachers in the early fall. It is based on a fixed amount for each school. During the 2010-2011 school year, the certified and instructional support staff continued to equitably serve the growing needs of our student population as well as maintain class sizes and provide textbook and material needs as requested at each level.

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**SPECIAL EDUCATION**


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Number of K-12 Students with Disabilities for Whom the District is Financially Responsible	509
Of All K-12 Students for Whom the District is Financially Responsible, the Percent with Disabilities	11.4%

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<b>Of All K-12 Students for Whom District is Financially Responsible, Number and Percentage with Disabilities</b>				
<b>Disability</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>District Percent</b>	<b>DRG Percent</b>	<b>State Percent</b>
Autism	52	1.2	1.2	1.1
Learning Disability	222	5.0	3.4	3.9
Intellectual Disability	20	0.4	0.4	0.4
Emotional Disturbance	27	0.6	0.9	1.0
Speech Impairment	84	1.9	2.3	2.2
Other Health Impairment*	61	1.4	2.2	2.1
Other Disabilities**	43	1.0	0.9	0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>11.6</b>

\*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

<b>Graduation and Dropout Rates of Students with Disabilities for Whom District is Financially Responsible</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>State</b>
% Who Graduated in 2009-10 with a Standard Diploma	54.8	62.5
2009-10 Annual Dropout Rate for Students Aged 14 to 21	N/A	3.9

## 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	33.9	33.0	77.5	68.6
	Writing	25.1	19.3	74.5	63.7
	Mathematics	34.7	33.4	75.1	68.2
	Science	27.5	21.2	68.9	61.5
CAPT	Reading Across the Disciplines	15.4	14.1	55.3	44.7
	Writing Across the Disciplines	25.8	17.3	76.3	61.2
	Mathematics	19.2	15.8	62.9	49.5
	Science	10.3	13.1	57.9	47.0

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### Participation in State Assessments of Students with Disabilities Attending District Schools

CMT	% Without Accommodations	22.3
	% With Accommodations	77.7
CAPT	% Without Accommodations	26.5
	% With Accommodations	73.5
% Assessed Using Skills Checklist		8.5

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	2	0.4
Private Schools or Other Settings	32	6.3

### Number and Percentage of K-12 Students with Disabilities for Whom District is Financially Responsible by the Percentage of Time They Spent with Their Non-Disabled Peers

Time Spent with Non-Disabled Peers	Count of Students	Percent of Students		
		District	DRG	State
79.1 to 100 Percent of Time	400	78.6	77.0	74.1
40.1 to 79.0 Percent of Time	72	14.1	13.9	14.9
0.0 to 40.0 Percent of Time	37	7.3	9.1	11.0

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**SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND ACTIVITIES**

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The following narrative was submitted by this district.

The district strives to support students as they work to achieve at higher levels. CMT, CAPT, SAT, and student performance data guide decisions regarding instruction, course and program offerings, material selection and new initiatives. This year, the district continued its focus on enhancing vertical articulation K-12 by powering and unwrapping language arts standards K-12. Through this work, teachers and administrators audit, revise and align curriculum with the state frameworks EGLE's. Staff members are developing common formative assessments in mathematics, reading, writing, and science. Newington continues to enhance teaching and learning through the establishment of clearly articulated standards and expectations for all students. Maintaining and managing student data reports permits administrators and staff to focus on subgroup strengths and needs in order to develop instructional plans for target populations and students at risk for grade level success. District and school improvement plans, which address areas in need of strengthening as identified through analysis of various assessment data. A component of our improvement plan focuses on the importance of parental involvement in a student's academic success. Parent conferences are held at the elementary level and student led conferences are held at the middle school level twice during the school year. The district engages in a strategic planning process that frames our improvement efforts. A central part of this process is a Strategic Planning Committee representing teachers, parents, staff members, community members, and administrators. The committee works annually to review district data and extensively discuss critical issues.

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