## Connecticut State Department of Education

# DISTRICT PROFILE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2013–14



## **Cornwall School District**

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#### **District Information**

| Grade Range                         | K-8         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Number of Schools                   | 1           |
| Enrollment                          | 105         |
| Per Pupil Expenditures <sup>1</sup> | \$27,759    |
| Total Expenditures <sup>1</sup>     | \$3,053,524 |
|                                     |             |

<sup>1</sup>Expenditure data reflect the 2012-13 year.



#### **Community Information**

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

#### **Related Reports/Publications**

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#### **Notes**

Unless otherwise noted, all data are for 2013-14 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.

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, 2013 Enrollment               |       |                         |                         |
|--|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|  |       | District                | State                   |
|  | Count | Percent of Total<br>(%) | Percent of Total<br>(%) |
| Female                                   | 42    | 40.0                    | 48.3                    |
| Male                                     | 63    | 60.0                    | 51.6                    |
| American Indian                          | 0     | 0.0                     | 0.2                     |
| Asian                                    | *     | *                       | 4.6                     |
| Black or African American                | *     | *                       | 12.9                    |
| Hispanic or Latino                       | 9     | 8.6                     | 21.2                    |
| Pacific Islander                         | 0     | 0.0                     | 0.0                     |
| White                                    | 87    | 82.9                    | 58.4                    |
| Two or More Races                        | 6     | 5.7                     | 2.3                     |
| English Language Learners                | *     | *                       | 5.7                     |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 22    | 21.0                    | 37.3                    |
| Students with Disabilities <sup>1</sup>  | 17    | 16.2                    | 12.8                    |

<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**

|  | Chronic                  |          | Suspension/ |                    |
|--|--------------------------|----------|-------------|--------------------|
|  | Absenteeism <sup>2</sup> |          | Expu        | lsion <sup>3</sup> |
|  | Count                    | Rate (%) | Count       | Rate (%)           |
| Female                                   | *                        | *        | 0           | 0.0                |
| Male                                     | 0                        | 0.0      | 0           | 0.0                |
| Black or African American                | 0                        | *        | 0           | *                  |
| Hispanic or Latino                       | *                        | *        | 0           | *                  |
| White                                    | *                        | *        | 0           | 0.0                |
| English Language Learners                | 0                        | *        | 0           | *                  |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 0                        | *        | 0           | 0.0                |
| Students with Disabilities               | 0                        | *        | 0           | *                  |
| District                                 | *                        | *        | 0           | 0.0                |
| State                                    |                          | 10.8     |             | 7.4                |

Number of students in 2012-13 qualified as truant under state statute: 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;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>&</sup>lt;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                                 | 15.2 |
| Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants                | 2.5  |
| Special Education  |      |
| Teachers and Instructors                                 | 1.0  |
| Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants                | 2.3  |
| Administrators, Coordinators and Department Chairs       |      |
| District Central Office                                  | 0.5  |
| School Level   | 1.0  |
| Library/Media  |      |
| Specialists (Certified)                                  | 0.0  |
| Support Staff  | 0.9  |
| Instructional Specialists Who Support Teachers           | 0.5  |
| Counselors, Social Workers and School Psychologists      | 0.5  |
| School Nurses  | 0.8  |
| Other Staff Providing Non-Instructional Services/Support | 4.9  |

<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**

|                              | District                   |       | State                   |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------|-------------------------|
|                              | Count Percent of Total (%) |       | Percent of Total<br>(%) |
| Asian                        | 0                          | 0     | 1.0                     |
| Black or African<br>American | 0                          | 0     | 3.5                     |
| Hispanic                     | 0                          | 0     | 3.6                     |
| Native American              | 0                          | 0     | 0.1                     |
| White                        | 25                         | 100.0 | 91.7                    |

#### Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers<sup>2</sup>

|                                     | Percent of Total (%) |  |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| District                            | 100.0                |  |
| District Poverty Quartile: Middle   |                      |  |
| State High Poverty Quartile Schools | 97.8                 |  |
| State Low Poverty Quartile Schools  | 99.5                 |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Core academic classes taught by teachers who are fully certified to teach in that subject area.

#### Classroom Teacher Attendance: 2012-13

|   | District | State |
|---|----------|-------|
| Average Number of FTE Days Absent Due to Illness or Personal Time | 7.9      | 9.3   |

## **Instruction and Resources**

# Students with Disabilities Who Spend 79.1 to 100 Percent of Time with Nondisabled Peers<sup>4</sup>

|                            | Count | Rate (%) |
|----------------------------|-------|----------|
| Autism                     | *     | *        |
| Emotional Disturbance      | *     | *        |
| Intellectual Disability    | N/A   | N/A      |
| Learning Disability        | *     | *        |
| Other Health Impairment    | *     | *        |
| Other Disabilities         | 0     | 0        |
| Speech/Language Impairment | 0     | 0        |
| District                   | 10    | *        |
| State                      |       | 69.2     |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Ages 6-21

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

|                               | Dis   | State    |          |  |
|-------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|--|
|                               | Count | Rate (%) | Rate (%) |  |
| Autism                        | *     | *        | 1.4      |  |
| Emotional Disturbance         | *     | *        | 1.0      |  |
| Intellectual Disability       | 0     | 0        | 0.4      |  |
| Learning Disability           | 8     | 7.8      | 4.2      |  |
| Other Health Impairment       | *     | *        | 2.5      |  |
| Other Disabilities            | *     | *        | 1.0      |  |
| Speech/Language<br>Impairment | *     | *        | 1.9      |  |
| All Disabilities              | 19    | 18.4     | 12.4     |  |

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

|                                   | Dis   | State    |     |
|-----------------------------------|-------|----------|-----|
|                                   | Count | Rate (%) |     |
| Public Schools in Other Districts | 0     | 0        | 2.8 |
| Private Schools or Other Settings | 0     | 0        | 8.1 |

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

#### Overall Expenditures: 2012-13

|   |            | Per Pupil     |            |  |
|---|------------|---------------|------------|--|
|   | Total (\$) | District (\$) | State (\$) |  |
| Instructional Staff and Services                          | 1,663,487  | 16,150        | 8,769      |  |
| Instructional Supplies and Equipment                      | 66,196     | 643           | 275        |  |
| Improvement of Instruction and Educational Media Services | 84,142     | 817           | 487        |  |
| Student Support Services                                  | 160,575    | 1,559         | 965        |  |
| Administration and Support Services                       | 407,880    | 3,960         | 1,600      |  |
| Plant Operation and Maintenance                           | 314,232    | 3,051         | 1,472      |  |
| Transportation  | 279,958    | 1,602         | 786        |  |
| Costs of Students Tuitioned Out                           | 76,315     | N/A           | N/A        |  |
| Other   | 739        | 7             | 178        |  |
| Total   | 3,053,524  | 27,759        | 14,642     |  |
| Additional Expenditures                                   |            |               |            |  |
| Land, Buildings, and Debt Service                         | 182,518    | 1,772         | 1,434      |  |

<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: 2012-13**

|  | Dist       | State                   |                         |
|--|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|  | Total (\$) | Percent of<br>Total (%) | Percent of<br>Total (%) |
| Certified Personnel                      | 174,661    | 37.9                    | 35.6                    |
| Noncertified Personnel                   | 78,588     | 17.1                    | 14.5                    |
| Purchased Services                       | 24,532     | 5.3                     | 5.0                     |
| Tuition to Other Schools                 | 76,315     | 16.6                    | 21.4                    |
| Special Ed. Transportation               | 26,123     | 5.7                     | 8.5                     |
| Other Expenditures                       | 80,269     | 17.4                    | 14.9                    |
| Total Expenditures                       | 460,488    | 100.0                   | 100.0                   |
|  |            |                         |                         |
| PK-12 Expenditures Used for Special Educ | 15.1       | 21.9                    |                         |

# Expenditures by Revenue Source:<sup>4</sup> 2012-13

|                 | Percent of Total (%) |              |  |  |  |
|-----------------|----------------------|--------------|--|--|--|
|                 | Including Excluding  |              |  |  |  |
|                 | School               | School       |  |  |  |
|                 | Construction         | Construction |  |  |  |
| Local           | 95.0                 | 94.7         |  |  |  |
| State           | 2.9                  | 3.1          |  |  |  |
| Federal         | 1.7                  | 1.8          |  |  |  |
| Tuition & Other | 0.3                  | 0.3          |  |  |  |

<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**

#### **District Performance Index (DPI)**

A District Performance Index (DPI) for the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) is the test performance of all subjects tested for all students in the district. The DPI ranges in value from 0 to 100 points. Connecticut's ultimate target for a DPI is 88 because in a district with a DPI of 88 or above, students will have performed at or above the "goal" level on the majority of tests. Detailed reports of CMT assessment results are available at <a href="www.ctreports.com">www.ctreports.com</a>. School and District Performance Reports produced by the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) are also available online.

| CMT                                      | DPI     |         |         | 2013-14 |       |     | Note: If no |          |                            |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-----|-------------|----------|----------------------------|
|  | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 | 2012-13 | Count | DPI | Target      | Achieved | data are                   |
| Black or African American                |         |         |         |         |       |     |             |          | displayed for 2013-14, the |
| Hispanic or Latino                       |         |         |         |         |       |     |             |          | district                   |
| English Language Learners                |         |         |         |         |       |     |             |          | implemented<br>the Smarter |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals |         |         |         |         |       |     |             |          | Balanced Field             |
| Students with Disabilities               |         |         |         |         |       |     |             |          | Test.                      |
| High Needs                               | 64.3    | 71.6    | 82.4    | 80.0    |       |     |             |          | _                          |
| District                                 | 83.2    | 87.8    | 92.6    | 89.5    |       |     |             |          |                            |

# 2013 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP): Percent At or Above Proficient<sup>1</sup>

| READING             | Grade 4        | Grade 8 | Grade 12        |  |
|---------------------|----------------|---------|-----------------|--|
| Connecticut         | 43%            | 45%     | 50%             |  |
| National Public     | 34%            | 34%     | 36%             |  |
|                     |                |         |                 |  |
| MATH                | Grade 4        | Grade 8 | Grade 12        |  |
| MATH<br>Connecticut | Grade 4<br>45% | Grade 8 | Grade 12<br>32% |  |

<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 CMT/CAPT and NAEP. Instead, NAEP results are meant to complement CMT/CAPT results.

#### Physical Fitness Tests: Students Reaching Health Standard<sup>2</sup>

|                      | Percent of Students by |      |      | All Tested Grades |          |
|----------------------|------------------------|------|------|-------------------|----------|
|                      | 4                      | 6    | 8    | Count             | Rate (%) |
| Sit & Reach          | *                      | *    | *    | 36                | 91.7     |
| Curl Up              | *                      | *    | *    | 36                | 83.3     |
| Push Up              | *                      | *    | *    | 36                | 80.6     |
| Mile Run/PACER       | *                      | *    | *    | 36                | 94.4     |
| All Tests - District | *                      | *    | *    | 36                | 69.4     |
| All Tests - State    | 50.2                   | 50.7 | 50.3 |                   | 51.1     |

<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.

### **Narratives**

#### **School District Improvement Plans and Parental Outreach Activities**

Cornwall Consolidated School is its own school district, though we partner closely with other schools in Region One in many areas. Our school improvement efforts this year have focused primarily on a comprehensive process to review and revise our school mission and belief statements. This included input from students, parents, staff, and Board of Education members, as well as a "data audit" by staff in which we examined a wide range of data that reflected the state of the school.

Our efforts to improve our already-strong special education program have included significant professional development to further increase the technical expertise of our special education professionals. We have closely examined all individual education plans to ensure that students' are educated in the Least Restrictive Environment. This has led to an increase in the quality and amount of in-class professional and paraprofessional support.

In order to comply with the new State Board of Education attendance policy, we have created a system to communicate with parents as students accrue absences and approach the threshold of truancy. We have partnered effectively with many parents in order to improve student attendance. Going beyond state requirements, the administration meets with parents of any student who is tardy 15 times in order to collaborate with parents on a plan to reduce tardiness. Both of these efforts have increased student instructional time.

Engaging parents in student learning has long been a priority at CCS. Our large and active PTA provides a forum for eliciting parent input on broad topics such as our school goals and our mission statement. PTA meetings regularly feature presentations from teachers and outside agencies, which increases our parents' understanding of the academic and personal development of children. For example, representatives from social service agencies attended meetings to talk about bullying and social media use. At another meeting, teachers gave a presentation on Common Core Math and how to support student learning in math.

Innovative efforts to engage parents in students' work abound. From Africa night; when first, sixth, and seventh graders present on their common study of Africa, with parent help; to middle school Student Showcase night; to specially-created websites that provide parents with resources to understand and support students' work in math.

#### Efforts to Reduce Racial, Ethnic and Economic Isolation

At Cornwall Consolidated School, we focus on equity and social justice. This is reflected in our curriculum and our practices. It is important that teachers challenge students to think openly about people, places, and cultures with which they are not familiar. Beyond curriculum and instruction, providing an inclusive, accepting environment that is a safe place for all is a priority. That is why we are focusing on school climate and culture, including implementing Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS).

We work to bring students into direct contact with people of different backgrounds. This includes a variety of inter-district events. We have one that focuses on the arts, another on math and science, and many days devoted to the rehearsal and performance of an inter-district music program. These events expose all of our fourth graders and most 6-8 students to instructors and students with different backgrounds. The 2013-14 school year included a residency by a theater group that included actors with disabilities. K-8 students celebrated "Japan Day" and participated in a food allergy awareness program. We held after-school enrichment programs that were free of charge for families in need. Topics included chess, mobile-making, rocketry, and documentary filmmaking. Interscholastic sports teams formed through cooperatives with another school connect children with students from different backgrounds. Though ours is a small school, it offers children an entry point to the broader world.

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

Because Cornwall Consolidated School is the only school in our district, equitable allocation of resources among district schools is not an issue.