

STRATEGIC SCHOOL PROFILE 2008-09**Regional School District 06**

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Litchfield,
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This regional school district serves Goshen, Morris, Warren

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COMMUNITY DATA

County: Litchfield

Per Capita Income in 2000: \$32,775

Town Population in 2000: 6,252

Percent of Adults without a High School Diploma in 2000*: 12.4%

1990-2000 Population Growth: 11.8%

Percent of Adults Who Were Not Fluent in English in 2000*: 0%

Number of Public Schools: 4

District Enrollment as % of Estimated. Student Population: 91.6%

*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): E 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, 2008

1,082

5-Year Enrollment Change

2.4%

DISTRICT GRADE RANGE

Grade Range

PK-12

INDICATORS OF EDUCATIONAL NEED

Need Indicator	Number in District	Percent		
		District	DRG	State
Students Eligible for Free/Reduced-Price Meals	104	9.6	11.1	30.3
K-12 Students Who Are Not Fluent in English	16	1.5	0.6	5.2
Students Identified as Gifted and/or Talented	0	0.0	3.8	4.0
PK-12 Students Receiving Special Education Services in District	128	11.8	11.1	11.4
Kindergarten Students who Attended Preschool, Nursery School or Headstart	40	87.0	85.5	79.7
Homeless	0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Juniors and Seniors Working 16 or More Hours Per Week	5	10.2	18.7	19.0

SCHOOL DISTRICT DIVERSITY

Student Race/Ethnicity		
Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent
American Indian	1	0.1
Asian American	8	0.7
Black	13	1.2
Hispanic	17	1.6
White	1,043	96.4
Total Minority	39	3.6

Percent of Minority Professional Staff: 1.9%

Non-English Home Language: 2.1% 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 8.

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 6 continues to offer a variety of programs designed to reduce and increase awareness of racial, ethnic, and economic isolation. Wamogo Regional High School purposefully offers experiences for all students to increase awareness of diversity. Sample activities include: participation in Project Poetry Live for the 16th year; a Diversity Club which sponsors opportunities for students to gain appreciation for individual differences; and efforts to integrate content with the curriculum that exposes students to diverse populations and perspectives. At the elementary level, curriculum integration includes the “Don’t Laugh at Me” and “Character Counts” programs, which address student differences, and provide training in strategies to prevent bullying. In addition, our entire student body participates in fund raising activities designed to support local, national and international efforts to support people who have experienced catastrophic events. Finally, each of our schools sponsors events designed to recognize diversity: an annual Heritage Luncheon, an annual Veteran’s Day Breakfast, and an Arts Festival and Creation Celebration that focus on individual achievements.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Connecticut Mastery Test, Fourth Generation, % 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.

Grade and CMT Subject Area	District	State	% of Districts in State with Equal or Lower Percent Meeting Goal
Grade 3 Reading	68.4	54.6	65.4
Writing	61.2	62.5	34.0
Mathematics	62.8	62.8	36.5
Grade 4 Reading	71.6	60.7	60.1
Writing	72.1	64.2	50.3
Mathematics	77.3	63.6	69.5
Grade 5 Reading	76.0	66.0	59.0
Writing	73.7	66.5	51.2
Mathematics	65.3	68.8	27.8
Science	76.3	58.1	69.1
Grade 6 Reading	87.8	68.9	80.4
Writing	76.6	62.2	68.7
Mathematics	77.6	68.8	53.4
Grade 7 Reading	80.7	74.9	50.3
Writing	78.3	62.9	74.5
Mathematics	66.3	66.0	34.4
Grade 8 Reading	72.6	68.4	41.9
Writing	76.2	66.5	53.5
Mathematics	69.0	64.5	39.4
Science	72.6	60.6	51.6

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.

To see the NCLB Report Card for this school, go to 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 scoreable 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	47.4	57.6
Writing Across the Disciplines	50.5	55.0	30.5
Mathematics	60.6	47.8	61.1
Science	51.5	42.8	58.0

For more detailed CAPT results, go to www.ctreports.com.

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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
	46.6	36.2	76.8

SAT® I: Reasoning Test Class of 2008		District	State	% of Districts in State with Equal or Lower Scores
% of Graduates Tested		78.2	74.5	
Average Score	Mathematics	531	507	71.3
	Critical Reading	531	503	76.0
	Writing	539	506	82.2

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 2008	97.8	92.1	74.8
Cumulative Four-Year Dropout Rate for Class of 2008	1.8	6.6	73.7
2007-08 Annual Dropout Rate for Grade 9 through 12	0.7	2.5	65.7

Activities of Graduates	District	State
% Pursuing Higher Education (Degree and Non-Degree Programs)	83.9	84.1
% Employed (Civilian Employment and in Armed Services)	8.0	11.0

RESOURCES AND EXPENDITURES

DISTRICT STAFF

Full-Time Equivalent Count of District Staff	
General Education	
Teachers and Instructors	78.70
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	12.19
Special Education	
Teachers and Instructors	9.80
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	12.90
Library/Media Specialists and/or Assistants	3.00
Staff Devoted to Adult Education	0.00
Administrators, Coordinators, and Department Chairs	
District Central Office	1.00
School Level	5.80
Instructional Specialists Who Support Teachers (e.g., subject area specialists)	1.00
Counselors, Social Workers, and School Psychologists	6.00
School Nurses	4.00
Other Staff Providing Non-Instructional Services and Support	55.15

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	13.5	14.6	13.6
% with Master's Degree or Above	65.2	77.2	76.1

Average Class Size	District	DRG	State
Grade K	9.2	15.8	18.3
Grade 2	14.2	17.5	19.3
Grade 5	15.8	19.6	21.0
Grade 7	21.0	19.5	20.5
High School	19.0	18.2	19.3

Hours of Instruction Per Year*	Dist	DRG	State
Elementary School	1,011	993	988
Middle School	N/A	N/A	N/A
High School	1,060	1,007	1,007

*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*	3.2	2.7	3.3
Middle School	N/A	N/A	N/A
High School	1.5	2.0	2.4

*Excludes schools with no grades above kindergarten.

DISTRICT EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES, 2007-08

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	\$8,460	\$7,526	\$7,521	\$7,032	\$7,522
Instructional Supplies and Equipment	\$473	\$420	\$267	\$303	\$271
Improvement of Instruction and Educational Media Services	\$540	\$481	\$461	\$409	\$446
Student Support Services	\$1,066	\$949	\$808	\$862	\$806
Administration and Support Services	\$1,838	\$1,635	\$1,351	\$1,365	\$1,369
Plant Operation and Maintenance	\$1,967	\$1,750	\$1,382	\$1,339	\$1,377
Transportation	\$791	\$726	\$649	\$671	\$644
Costs for Students Tuitioned Out	\$210	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	\$212	\$189	\$152	\$158	\$151
Total	\$15,557	\$13,767	\$12,869	\$12,486	\$12,805
Additional Expenditures					
Land, Buildings, and Debt Service	\$1,293	\$1,150	\$1,791	\$1,677	\$1,759

Special Education Expenditures	District Total	Percent of PK-12 Expenditures Used for Special Education		
		District	DRG	State
	\$2,630,737	16.9	19.0	20.5

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	81.9	10.3	2.2	5.6
Excluding School Construction	82.9	8.7	2.4	6.0

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.

It is the Board of Education's policy and practice to ensure that all resources are distributed equitably among all district schools. Elementary school staffs, both certified and classified, are assigned based on student population and program needs. Certified and classified staff assignments at Wamogo Regional High School are based on the course selection index and the master schedule. Special education and pupil services personnel are assigned to each school based on individual student needs. The district Technology Plan governs the distribution of computers among our schools. In addition, funds for curriculum and professional development, technology, educational supplies, textbooks, and library materials are distributed equitably based on enrollment. To this end, district budget proposals are developed collaboratively by the administrative team. In addition, the elementary principals collaboratively plan for use of itinerant (Fine Arts, Physical Education) staff to ensure equability in this area. Finally, community and parental input is actively solicited during district budget proposal development.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Number of K-12 Students with Disabilities for Whom the District is Financially Responsible	107
Of All K-12 Students for Whom the District is Financially Responsible, the Percent with Disabilities	11.1%

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	5	0.5	0.8	0.8
Learning Disability	48	5.0	3.7	3.9
Intellectual Disability	3	0.3	0.4	0.5
Emotional Disturbance	8	0.8	0.7	1.0
Speech Impairment	21	2.2	2.9	2.3
Other Health Impairment*	20	2.1	1.8	2.1
Other Disabilities**	2	0.2	0.7	0.9
Total	107	11.1	11.1	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 2007-08 with a Standard Diploma	83.3	81.4
2007-08 Annual Dropout Rate for Students Aged 14 to 21	N/A	3.5

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	38.6	30.2	76.2	65.7
	Writing	23.6	19.5	72.9	64.1
	Mathematics	27.9	30.7	69.5	65.7
	Science	N/A	N/A	74.4	59.4
CAPT	Reading Across the Disciplines	N/A	N/A	55.3	47.4
	Writing Across the Disciplines	N/A	N/A	50.5	55.0
	Mathematics	N/A	N/A	60.6	47.8
	Science	N/A	N/A	51.5	42.8

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	3.7
	% With Accommodations	96.3
CAPT	% Without Accommodations	36.4
	% With Accommodations	63.6
% Assessed Using Skills Checklist		4.3

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	1.9
Private Schools or Other Settings	2	1.9

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	95	88.8	75.5	72.7
40.1 to 79.0 Percent of Time	10	9.3	18.1	16.1
0.0 to 40.0 Percent of Time	2	1.9	6.4	11.2

SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND ACTIVITIES

The following narrative was submitted by this district.

Region 6 continues to devote marked amounts of funding to the areas of curriculum development and instructional practice improvement. Wamogo Regional High School completed a curriculum development initiative, using the Understanding by Design model to revise curriculum in all content areas to ensure alignment with state frameworks. The elementary schools have also begun this process, focusing on improving curriculum in reading, writing, math and science. The district participated in a consortium with several neighboring districts, facilitated by consultants from Education Connection, to finalize the elementary math and science curriculum.

In addition, the district developed a new three year Strategic Plan, with the support of an Education Connection consultant. And the Board of Education has adopted this plan and new vision and mission statement. This initiative has included a wide group of stakeholders, inclusive of school staff, parents, and community members. The initiative has led to reimplementation of Professional Learning Communities throughout the district.

Improvement of provision of support services for students with disabilities continues to be a priority for Region 6. A co-teaching model has been expanded from the elementary schools into the middle school grades, with plans to move this model into the high school. Staff training in this area has been provided in-house during district professional development days, as well as through offerings from SERC and CREC. Parent training opportunities, funded through IDEA grant funds, have included evening workshops on the new IDEA as well as preschool and kindergarten readiness skills.
