

STRATEGIC SCHOOL PROFILE 2007-08**Eastern Connecticut Regional Educational Service Center**

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COMMUNITY DATA

County: N/A	Per Capita Income in 2000: N/A
Town Population in 2000: N/A	Percent of Adults without a High School Diploma in 2000*: N/A
1990-2000 Population Growth: N/A	Percent of Adults Who Were Not Fluent in English in 2000*: N/A
Number of Public Schools: 1	District Enrollment as % of Estimated. Student Population: N/A

*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): N/A

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Enrollment on October 1, 2007	64
5-Year Enrollment Change	N/A

DISTRICT GRADE RANGE

Grade Range	9- 9
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INDICATORS OF EDUCATIONAL NEED

Need Indicator	Number in District	Percent		
		District	DRG	State
Students Eligible for Free/Reduced-Price Meals	19	29.7	N/A	28.7
K-12 Students Who Are Not Fluent in English	0	0.0	N/A	5.4
Students Identified as Gifted and/or Talented	0	0.0	N/A	4.0
PK-12 Students Receiving Special Education Services in District	46	71.9	N/A	11.4
Kindergarten Students who Attended Preschool, Nursery School or Headstart	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Homeless	1	1.6	N/A	0.2
Juniors and Seniors Working 16 or More Hours Per Week	0	N/A	N/A	N/A

SCHOOL DISTRICT DIVERSITY

Student Race/Ethnicity		
Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent
American Indian	3	4.7
Asian American	0	0.0
Black	2	3.1
Hispanic	4	6.3
White	55	85.9
Total Minority	9	14.1

Percent of Minority Professional Staff: 6.1%

Non-English Home Language: 3.1% 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 1.

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.

EASTCONN continues to promote a genuine appreciation and celebration of diversity in its own programs and services throughout the region. For example, we provided professional development and support to districts in the area of Title III services, including facilitating an ELL Consortium to provide assessment, programming, and professional development resources. Our implementation of multiple CSDE inter-district grants that focused on improving achievement and reducing racial, ethnic, and economic isolation have been critical in building personal and professional connections across and beyond our region's communities. Teachers also benefitted from collaborating with inter-district peers in these learning activities; new professional support emerged through this work, thereby reducing the isolation of rural educators, as well. These experiences are rich indeed in a rural region lacking transportation options, and with reduced economic stability, few cultural venues, and a limited but growing minority population.

Our after-school and school vacation multi-cultural programs are also designed to embrace the vibrancy of the rich cultural heritage of our region. Our Arts in the Afternoon Program, for example, operates in the Willimantic Housing Project and engages children, youth, and their families of all ethnicities and nationalities in an array of intensive arts experiences. Public performances by participants on ACT's theater stage culminated in the celebration of diverse cultural arts, while bringing together audiences representing all cultural communities in the greater Willimantic area.

ACT, our performing arts magnet high school, offered a full-day program for the first time to newly enrolling 9th grade students, while maintaining its part-time program, as well, in 2007-2008, bringing together diverse students from across the region. Material selected for student performances represented the work of diverse playwrights and authors who reflect local nationalities, ethnicities, and cultures. Moreover, throughout all of our schools and programs, EASTCONN promotes culturally sensitive curricula, while working closely with schools and community organizations to actively reduce the racial, ethnic, and economic isolation of students, their families, and our educators. Also, in 2007-2008, EASTCONN, working with Quinebaug Valley Community College, and partnering districts, planned and received approval for a new middle college magnet high school, providing another learning option for students throughout the region.

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	N/A	N/A	N/A
Writing	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mathematics	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 4 Reading	N/A	N/A	N/A
Writing	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mathematics	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 5 Reading	N/A	N/A	N/A
Writing	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mathematics	N/A	N/A	N/A
Science	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 6 Reading	N/A	N/A	N/A
Writing	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mathematics	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 7 Reading	N/A	N/A	N/A
Writing	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mathematics	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 8 Reading	N/A	N/A	N/A
Writing	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mathematics	N/A	N/A	N/A
Science	N/A	N/A	N/A

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	N/A	N/A	N/A
Writing Across the Disciplines	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mathematics	N/A	N/A	N/A
Science	N/A	N/A	N/A

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
	N/A	N/A	N/A

SAT® I: Reasoning Test Class of 2007		District	State	% of Districts in State with Equal or Lower Scores
% of Graduates Tested		N/A	N/A	
Average Score	Mathematics	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Critical Reading	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Writing	N/A	N/A	N/A

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 2007	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cumulative Four-Year Dropout Rate for Class of 2007	0.0	6.2	100.0
2006-07 Annual Dropout Rate for Grade 9 through 12	0.0	1.7	100.0

Activities of Graduates	District	State
% Pursuing Higher Education (Degree and Non-Degree Programs)	N/A	N/A
% Employed (Civilian Employment and in Armed Services)	N/A	N/A

RESOURCES AND EXPENDITURES

DISTRICT STAFF

Full-Time Equivalent Count of District Staff	
General Education	
Teachers and Instructors	8.11
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	59.06
Special Education	
Teachers and Instructors	10.65
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	54.00
Library/Media Specialists and Assistants	0.00
Staff Devoted to Adult Education	12.92
Administrators, Coordinators, and Department Chairs	
District Central Office	3.00
School Level	6.83
Instructional Specialists Who Support Teachers (e.g., subject area specialists)	0.00
Counselors, Social Workers, and School Psychologists	3.50
School Nurses	3.00
Other Staff Providing Non-Instructional Services and Support	222.43

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	9.5	N/A	13.6
% with Master's Degree or Above	63.6	N/A	75.6

Average Class Size	District	DRG	State
Grade K	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 5	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade 7	N/A	N/A	N/A
High School	20.0	N/A	18.6

Hours of Instruction Per Year*	Dist	DRG	State
Elementary School	N/A	N/A	N/A
Middle School	N/A	N/A	N/A
High School	1,110	N/A	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*	N/A	N/A	N/A
Middle School	N/A	N/A	N/A
High School	0.4	N/A	2.7

*Excludes schools with no grades above kindergarten.

DISTRICT EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES, 2006-07

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	Districts	DRG	State
Instructional Staff and Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Instructional Supplies and Equipment	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Improvement of Instruction and Educational Media Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Student Support Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Administration and Support Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Plant Operation and Maintenance	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Transportation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Costs for Students Tuitioned Out	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additional Expenditures					
Land, Buildings, and Debt Service	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Special Education Expenditures	
Total Expenditures	N/A
Percent of Total PK-12 Expenditures Used for Special Education	N/A

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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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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.

EASTCONN continues to maintain the fair and equitable distribution of resources across all its programs and services as a means of ensuring that each student has access to a high quality education. Whether it is the assignment of appropriate, high quality staffing; the distribution of technology resources; or the provision of professional development, we collaborated throughout the year with our own programs and schools, as well as with our region's districts to ensure equitable access to the support they need to meet high performance standards. We continue to maintain regular processes to review and monitor our current programs as well as plan for the appropriate roll-out of new programs and services that will serve our districts and the students across the region. Collaborations, such as the regional staff development council meetings, superintendent roundtables, literacy and math councils, for example, also continue to help us focus on the equitable allocation of resources.

Our region-wide collaborations on grants, foundational support, and new program development continue to promote new learning options for students throughout the region, reflecting another vehicle for the equitable allocation of resources.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Number of K-12 Students with Disabilities for Whom the District is Financially Responsible N/A

Of All K-12 Students for Whom the District is Financially Responsible, the Percent with Disabilities N/A

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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Learning Disability	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Intellectual Disability	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Emotional Disturbance	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Speech Impairment	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other Health Impairment*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other Disabilities**	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

*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 2006-07 with a Standard Diploma	N/A	N/A
2006-07 Annual Dropout Rate for Students Aged 14 to 21	N/A	N/A

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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Writing	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Mathematics	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Science	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CAPT	Reading Across the Disciplines	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Writing Across the Disciplines	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Mathematics	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Science	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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	N/A
	% With Accommodations	N/A
CAPT	% Without Accommodations	55.6
	% With Accommodations	44.4
% Assessed Using Skills Checklist		N/A

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	N/A	N/A
Private Schools or Other Settings	N/A	N/A

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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
40.1 to 79.0 Percent of Time	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
0.0 to 40.0 Percent of Time	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND ACTIVITIES

The following narrative was submitted by this district.

EASTCONN opened the doors of its first, full-time magnet high school, Arts at the Capitol Theater, ACT, during the 2007 – 2008 school year. The first group of full-day ninth grade students enrolled in September, 2007. At the same time, ACT continues to provide part-day programming for students in grades 10 – 12. As ACT includes a uniquely integrated curriculum that promotes the use of an authentic performing arts learning environment, students are engaged in integrated activities that relate to the production of public performances. Courses in drama, dance, performance, costume design, stage and set design and construction, lighting and media are integrated with more traditional high school offerings, including English Language Arts, mathematics, and science, for example.

EASTCONN sought highly qualified educators for all subjects, though preference to performers and experienced professionals was given to those teaching stage, production, and technology-related courses. To promote greater student achievement, however, we provided research-supported professional development opportunities throughout the year for teachers, instructors, and administrators. For example, sessions on differentiation of instruction, utilization of smart board technology to support instruction, team building activities, project-based learning, creative arts education, and others. Teachers, instructors, and administrators, with representatives of PACT, Parents of ACT students, and consultants collaborated on the development of the school curriculum. In addition, a NEASC Accreditation Team was established, reflecting all the school's and regional stakeholders.

In addition, we have drafted a district-wide strategic plan focused on developing capable, ethical, healthy and intellectually reflective citizens, and providing educational options for students and their families throughout northeastern Connecticut. In the next four years, EASTCONN will explore the development of two magnet high schools and a series of day treatment program options to serve our region's learners. Our focus on individual student achievement and being responsive to the needs of learners will be reflected in enhanced learning outcomes.
