

DISTRICT PROFILE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2015–16



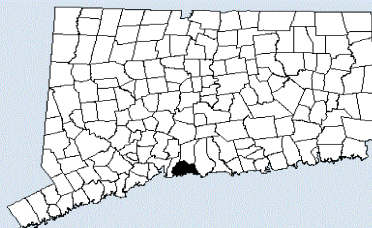
Branford School District

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District Information

Grade Range	PK-12
Number of Schools/Programs	7
Enrollment	3,066
Per Pupil Expenditures ¹	\$16,842
Total Expenditures ¹	\$54,163,140

¹Expenditure data reflect the 2014-15 year.



Community Information

[CERC Town Profiles](#) provide summary demographic and economic information for Connecticut's municipalities

Related Reports/Publications

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[Special Education Annual Performance Reports](#)

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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	1,467	47.8	48.3
Male	1,599	52.2	51.6
American Indian or Alaska Native	7	0.2	0.2
Asian	231	7.5	4.9
Black or African American	98	3.2	12.8
Hispanic or Latino	296	9.7	23.0
Pacific Islander	0	0.0	0.0
Two or More Races	65	2.1	2.7
White	2,369	77.3	55.9
English Learners	114	3.7	6.4
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	788	25.7	38.0
Students with Disabilities ¹	422	13.8	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 Absenteeism ²		Suspension/Expulsion ³	
	Count	Rate (%)	Count	Rate (%)
Female	137	9.7	48	3.2
Male	140	9.2	132	8.2
Black or African American	7	7.6	13	13.1
Hispanic or Latino	25	8.9	26	8.5
White	225	9.9	126	5.3
English Learners	11	8.9	*	*
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	132	16.4	86	10.5
Students with Disabilities	69	17.3	61	13.1
District	277	9.4	180	5.8
State		9.6		7.0

Number of students in 2014-15 qualified as truant under state statute: 61

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.

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Educators

Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)¹ Staff

	FTE
General Education	
Teachers and Instructors	225.5
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	0.0
Special Education	
Teachers and Instructors	28.0
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	0.0
Administrators, Coordinators and Department Chairs	
District Central Office	5.0
School Level	11.8
Library/Media	
Specialists (Certified)	5.0
Support Staff	0.0
Instructional Specialists Who Support Teachers	6.0
Counselors, Social Workers and School Psychologists	15.4
School Nurses	0.0
Other Staff Providing Non-Instructional Services/Support	0.0

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

	Count	District Percent of Total (%)	State Percent of Total (%)
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.0	0.1
Asian	1	0.3	1.0
Black or African American	1	0.3	3.5
Hispanic or Latino	8	2.7	3.5
Pacific Islander	0	0.0	0.0
Two or More Races	0	0.0	0.1
White	289	96.7	91.7

Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers²

	Percent of Total (%)
District	99.4
District Poverty Quartile: Middle	
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	11.5	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	18	85.7	23	88.5
White	186	93.0	196	95.1
English Learners	*	*	*	*
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	54	90.0	57	89.1
Students with Disabilities	32	76.2	35	85.4
District	234	92.1	249	92.9
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	13	36.1
Emotional Disturbance	22	55.0
Intellectual Disability	*	*
Learning Disability	87	75.7
Other Health Impairment	82	75.2
Other Disabilities	*	*
Speech/Language Impairment	45	70.3
District	262	64.9
State		68.8

⁴Ages 6-21

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Students with Disabilities by Primary Disability¹

	District		State
	Count	Rate (%)	Rate (%)
Autism	36	1.2	1.6
Emotional Disturbance	41	1.4	1.0
Intellectual Disability	17	0.6	0.5
Learning Disability	115	3.8	4.6
Other Health Impairment	111	3.7	2.8
Other Disabilities	27	0.9	1.0
Speech/Language Impairment	71	2.3	1.9
All Disabilities	418	13.8	13.4

¹Grades K-12

Overall Expenditures:³ 2014-15

	Total (\$)	Per Pupil	
		District (\$)	State (\$)
Instructional Staff and Services	30,307,538	9,837	9,387
Instructional Supplies and Equipment	1,008,278	327	318
Improvement of Instruction and Educational Media Services	2,459,872	798	541
Student Support Services	3,580,773	1,162	1,048
Administration and Support Services	5,552,487	1,802	1,790
Plant Operation and Maintenance	4,423,188	1,436	1,608
Transportation	2,883,326	877	845
Costs of Students Tuitioned Out	2,788,469	N/A	N/A
Other	1,159,209	376	194
Total	54,163,140	16,842	15,762

Additional Expenditures

Land, Buildings, and Debt Service	1,353,462	439	1,524
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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

	District		State
	Total (\$)	Percent of Total (%)	Percent of Total (%)
Certified Personnel	3,854,432	35.4	35.1
Noncertified Personnel	1,441,329	13.2	14.5
Purchased Services	547,180	5.0	5.5
Tuition to Other Schools	2,616,402	24.0	21.6
Special Ed. Transportation	625,523	5.7	8.3
Other Expenditures	1,818,618	16.7	15.0
Total Expenditures	10,903,484	100.0	100.0

Expenditures by Revenue Source:⁴

2014-15

	Percent of Total (%)	
	Including School Construction	Excluding School Construction
Local	92.9	93.3
State	5.1	4.6
Federal	2.0	2.1
Tuition & Other	0.0	0.0

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).

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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)		Math		Science	
	Count	DPI	Count	DPI	Count	DPI
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	124	74.7	124	74.9	39	66.7
Black or African American	54	59.2	53	52.9	18	*
Hispanic or Latino	148	64.5	148	60.4	61	55.6
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A
Two or More Races	*	*	*	*	*	*
White	1200	71.8	1197	65.4	535	61.2
English Learners	72	61.8	72	61.6	18	*
Non-English Learners	1490	71.2	1486	65.3	651	60.9
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	396	63.4	395	57.3	161	55.2
Not Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	1166	73.2	1163	67.7	508	62.2
Students with Disabilities	230	52.3	230	45.8	108	46.2
Students without Disabilities	1332	73.9	1328	68.4	561	63.2
High Needs	559	61.1	558	55.4	248	52.3
Non-High Needs	1003	76.1	1000	70.5	421	65.3
District	1562	70.7	1558	65.1	669	60.5

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

	NAEP 2015		NAEP 2013
	Grade 4	Grade 8	Grade 12
READING			
Connecticut	43%	43%	50%
National Public	35%	33%	36%
MATH			
Grade 4			
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 Students by Grade ³ (%)				All Tested Grades	
	4	6	8	10	Count	Rate (%)
Sit & Reach	79.6	72.5	79.9	96.1	785	81.5
Curl Up	84.7	90.8	85.3	94.4	785	88.7
Push Up	79.2	81.2	67.9	77.5	785	76.7
Mile Run/PACER	74.1	71.0	64.7	55.6	785	66.9
All Tests - District	53.7	48.3	38.0	53.4	785	48.5
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.

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Cohort Graduation: Four-Year¹

	2014-15				2015-16
	Cohort Count ²	Rate (%)	Target ³ (%)	Target Achieved	Target ³ (%)
Black or African American	*	*	.		.
Hispanic or Latino	*	*	.		.
English Learners	*	*	.		.
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	62	79.0	83.0	No	84.3
Students with Disabilities	33	60.6	83.1	No	84.5
District	253	90.1	93.7	No	93.8
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 [available online](#).

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.

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

	Participation ⁶	Meeting Benchmark	
	Rate (%)	Count	Rate (%)
Female	98.7	99	42.1
Male	95.1	93	32.4
Black or African American	*	*	*
Hispanic or Latino	95.7	12	25.5
White	97.3	151	37.2
English Learners	*	0	*
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	94.4	23	18.5
Students with Disabilities	73.1	*	*
District	96.7	192	36.8
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:

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College Entrance and Persistence

	Class of 2015	Class of 2014
	Entrance ⁷	Persistence ⁸
	Rate (%)	Rate (%)
Female	81.3	92.4
Male	78.7	92.0
Black or African American	*	*
Hispanic or Latino	*	*
White	81.8	91.3
English Learners	*	*
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	68.0	90.2
Students with Disabilities	52.4	83.3
District	80.1	92.2
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.

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).

Source: National Student Clearinghouse

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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	70.7	75	47.1	50	94.3	67.7
	High Needs Students	61.1	75	40.7	50	81.5	56.7
Math Performance Index	All Students	65.1	75	43.4	50	86.8	61.4
	High Needs Students	55.4	75	36.9	50	73.9	49.9
Science Performance Index	All Students	60.5	75	40.3	50	80.6	57.5
	High Needs Students	52.3	75	34.9	50	69.7	47.0
ELA Academic Growth	All Students	62.9%	100%	62.9	100	62.9	63.8%
	High Needs Students	59.9%	100%	59.9	100	59.9	58.3%
Math Academic Growth	All Students	63.0%	100%	63.0	100	63.0	65.0%
	High Needs Students	57.5%	100%	57.5	100	57.5	57.4%
Chronic Absenteeism	All Students	9.4%	<=5%	41.2	50	82.4	9.6%
	High Needs Students	15.6%	<=5%	28.8	50	57.6	15.6%
Preparation for CCR	% Taking Courses	92.5%	75%	50.0	50	100.0	67.6%
	% Passing Exams	36.8%	75%	24.5	50	49.0	40.7%
On-track to High School Graduation		95.4%	94%	50.0	50	100.0	85.1%
4-year Graduation All Students (2015 Cohort)		90.1%	94%	95.9	100	95.9	87.2%
6-year Graduation - High Needs Students (2013 Cohort)		91.6%	94%	97.4	100	97.4	78.6%
Postsecondary Entrance (Class of 2015)		80.1%	75%	100.0	100	100.0	71.9%
Physical Fitness (estimated part rate) and (fitness rate)		86.5% 48.5%	75%	16.2	50	32.4	89.2% 50.5%
Arts Access		54.6%	60%	45.5	50	91.1	47.5%
Accountability Index				1036.3	1350	76.8	

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	75.0	61.1	13.9	16.5	
Math Performance Index Gap	70.5	55.4	15.1	18.9	
Science Performance Index Gap	65.3	52.3	13.0	17.2	
Graduation Rate Gap	94.0%	91.6%	2.4%	15.3%	N

¹If 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.

Subject/Subgroup		Participation Rate (%) ³
ELA	All Students	98.5
	High Needs Students	98.3
Math	All Students	98.3
	High Needs Students	98.3
Science	All Students	98.1
	High Needs Students	96.9

³Minimum participation standard is 95%.

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: 56.8

State: 51.4

Supporting Resources

[Two-page FAQ](#)

[Detailed Presentation](#)

[Using Accountability Results to Guide Improvement: comprehensive documentation and supports](#)

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Narratives

School District Improvement Plans and Parental Outreach Activities

Efforts to Reduce Racial, Ethnic and Economic Isolation

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Equitable Allocation of Resources among District Schools