

STRATEGIC SCHOOL PROFILE 2007-08**Milford School District**

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COMMUNITY DATA

County: New Haven	Per Capita Income in 2000: \$28,882
Town Population in 2000: 52,305	Percent of Adults without a High School Diploma in 2000*: 12.2%
1990-2000 Population Growth: 4.7%	Percent of Adults Who Were Not Fluent in English in 2000*: 1.4%
Number of Public Schools: 15	District Enrollment as % of Estimated. Student Population: 88.5%

*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): 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.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Enrollment on October 1, 2007 7,381
5-Year Enrollment Change -1.3%

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	1,053	14.3	10.5	28.7
K-12 Students Who Are Not Fluent in English	183	2.5	2.4	5.4
Students Identified as Gifted and/or Talented*	307	4.2	4.5	4.0
PK-12 Students Receiving Special Education Services in District	936	12.7	10.9	11.4
Kindergarten Students who Attended Preschool, Nursery School or Headstart	454	86.1	84.1	79.2
Homeless	12	0.2	0.1	0.2
Juniors and Seniors Working 16 or More Hours Per Week	244	23.5	22.2	20.2

*72.0% of the identified gifted and/or talented students received services.

SCHOOL DISTRICT DIVERSITY

Student Race/Ethnicity		
Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent
American Indian	16	0.2
Asian American	511	6.9
Black	322	4.4
Hispanic	422	5.7
White	6,110	82.8
Total Minority	1,271	17.2

Percent of Minority Professional Staff: 1.8%

Open Choice: 22 students 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: 6.9% 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 51.

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.

Our goal in the Milford School District is to teach all children to have respect for themselves and to respect the rights and dignity of all people. The children are engaged in many multicultural projects and activities to provide them with a better understanding of others, such as:

Holidays and traditions of other cultures are discussed in each grade.

PTA sponsored musical performances to give children an appreciation of the contributions from many cultures.

Students study artists and crafts of diverse cultures in their art classes.

Students learn about the contributions of many Black Americans during Black History Month.

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	62.4	52.0	54.0
Writing	75.8	63.4	64.4
Mathematics	65.6	60.0	48.5
Grade 4 Reading	63.5	55.9	51.9
Writing	71.7	62.9	54.1
Mathematics	68.9	60.3	54.1
Grade 5 Reading	70.2	62.2	45.7
Writing	71.6	64.5	48.8
Mathematics	72.2	65.9	50.6
Science	55.2	54.9	29.6
Grade 6 Reading	70.4	66.3	39.3
Writing	70.5	61.9	58.3
Mathematics	75.2	66.4	53.6
Grade 7 Reading	75.3	71.1	39.4
Writing	61.5	62.0	35.5
Mathematics	66.5	63.0	40.0
Grade 8 Reading	71.5	64.8	48.4
Writing	65.9	63.4	41.5
Mathematics	60.8	60.8	33.3
Science	68.7	58.6	42.8

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	43.2	45.5	38.5
Writing Across the Disciplines	61.7	57.9	40.8
Mathematics	49.1	50.1	34.6
Science	50.3	46.3	46.2

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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
	31.0	36.1	28.9

SAT [®] I: Reasoning Test Class of 2007		District	State	% of Districts in State with Equal or Lower Scores
% of Graduates Tested		78.5	77.6	
Average Score	Mathematics	492	504	31.5
	Critical Reading	509	502	55.4
	Writing	507	503	49.2

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 2007	93.0	92.6	29.2
Cumulative Four-Year Dropout Rate for Class of 2007	6.7	6.2	23.3
2006-07 Annual Dropout Rate for Grade 9 through 12	1.7	1.7	29.6

Activities of Graduates	District	State
% Pursuing Higher Education (Degree and Non-Degree Programs)	80.9	83.4
% Employed (Civilian Employment and in Armed Services)	13.1	12.3

RESOURCES AND EXPENDITURES

DISTRICT STAFF

Full-Time Equivalent Count of District Staff	
General Education	
Teachers and Instructors	503.41
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	32.00
Special Education	
Teachers and Instructors	89.70
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	174.40
Library/Media Specialists and Assistants	23.30
Staff Devoted to Adult Education	0.00
Administrators, Coordinators, and Department Chairs	
District Central Office	9.80
School Level	23.70
Instructional Specialists Who Support Teachers (e.g., subject area specialists)	15.70
Counselors, Social Workers, and School Psychologists	39.10
School Nurses	18.00
Other Staff Providing Non-Instructional Services and Support	328.65

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	13.0	14.1	13.6
% with Master's Degree or Above	80.3	74.9	75.6

Average Class Size	District	DRG	State
Grade K	17.5	17.4	18.1
Grade 2	16.2	19.1	19.3
Grade 5	19.9	20.6	20.9
Grade 7	20.2	21.0	20.5
High School	20.0	20.2	18.6

Hours of Instruction Per Year*	Dist	DRG	State
Elementary School	1,016	987	987
Middle School	1,043	1,023	1,017
High School	943	1,001	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*	2.6	3.7	3.4
Middle School	2.5	3.0	2.7
High School	2.2	3.1	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	PK-12 Districts	DRG	State
Instructional Staff and Services	\$61,752	\$8,229	\$7,153	\$6,689	\$7,159
Instructional Supplies and Equipment	\$3,027	\$403	\$262	\$257	\$266
Improvement of Instruction and Educational Media Services	\$1,919	\$256	\$443	\$364	\$429
Student Support Services	\$2,950	\$393	\$764	\$705	\$761
Administration and Support Services	\$8,256	\$1,100	\$1,256	\$1,201	\$1,271
Plant Operation and Maintenance	\$9,799	\$1,306	\$1,329	\$1,202	\$1,322
Transportation	\$2,897	\$360	\$605	\$552	\$601
Costs for Students Tuitioned Out	\$2,478	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	\$797	\$106	\$147	\$139	\$145
Total	\$93,875	\$12,354	\$12,203	\$11,370	\$12,151
Additional Expenditures					
Land, Buildings, and Debt Service	\$5,274	\$703	\$1,875	\$1,149	\$1,882

Special Education Expenditures	
Total Expenditures	\$19,410,984
Percent of Total PK-12 Expenditures Used for Special Education	20.7%

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	85.1	12.5	2.4	0.1
Excluding School Construction	85.9	11.5	2.5	0.1

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.

Recognizing the importance and the need for ongoing improvement in reading, mathematics and writing, the district has constructed assessments in reading comprehension, integrated mathematical applications and writing for grades 3-8. Common assessments are also present in most middle school and high school courses. Teachers use the results of these periodic evaluations to focus instruction and improve student learning. A grade 2-10 reading acceleration program, Reading for Success, uses the principles of small group instruction, frequent evaluation and program adjustment to improve the reading progress of students. In addition, all teachers are required to complete courses or demonstrate competence in differentiated instruction and the use of reading strategies in the content areas.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Number of K-12 Students with Disabilities for Whom the District is Financially Responsible	932
Of All K-12 Students for Whom the District is Financially Responsible, the Percent with Disabilities	12.7%

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	58	0.8	0.8	0.7
Learning Disability	176	2.4	3.3	4.0
Intellectual Disability	23	0.3	0.4	0.5
Emotional Disturbance	111	1.5	0.9	1.0
Speech Impairment	293	4.0	2.5	2.4
Other Health Impairment*	219	3.0	2.2	2.1
Other Disabilities**	52	0.7	0.8	0.9
Total	932	12.7	10.9	11.5

*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	77.1	77.2
2006-07 Annual Dropout Rate for Students Aged 14 to 21	4.5	2.8

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	24.6	20.4	68.9	62.1
	Writing	21.6	19.3	69.5	63.0
	Mathematics	29.1	22.6	68.2	62.7
	Science	23.4	22.2	61.9	56.8
CAPT	Reading Across the Disciplines	5.6	11.4	43.2	45.5
	Writing Across the Disciplines	13.6	16.3	61.7	57.9
	Mathematics	16.4	14.7	49.1	50.1
	Science	19.4	14.4	50.3	46.3

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	24.1
	% With Accommodations	75.9
CAPT	% Without Accommodations	44.7
	% With Accommodations	55.3
% Assessed Using Skills Checklist		9.3

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	0	0.0
Private Schools or Other Settings	69	7.4

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	753	80.8	73.4	71.6
40.1 to 79.0 Percent of Time	89	9.5	16.6	16.6
0.0 to 40.0 Percent of Time	90	9.7	10.0	11.8

SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND ACTIVITIES

The following narrative was submitted by this district.

In 2007-08, the percentage of Milford students in grades 3-8 at or above goal in reading was substantially above the state. In writing and mathematics Milford students scored the same or better than the percentage of students at or above goal in the state.

In reading, 63% of grade 3 students scored at levels 4 and 5 vs. 52% in the state. In grade 6, 70% scored at levels 4 and 5 vs. 66% in the state. In grade 8, 72% of Milford students scored at levels 4 and 5 vs. 65% in the state.

In writing, 76% of grade 3 students scored at levels 4 and 5 vs. 64% in the state. In grade 6, 71% of Milford students scored at levels 4 and 5 vs. 62% in the state. In grade 8, 66% of Milford students scored at levels 4 and 5 vs. 64% in the state.

In mathematics, 66% of grade 3 students scored at levels 4 and 5 vs. 60% in the state. In grade 6, 75% of Milford students scored at levels 4 and 5 vs. 67% in the state and in grade 8, 61% of Milford students scored the same as the state.

The percentage of students at or above proficiency on CAPT Writing is the highest at 90.2 %. There was also a substantial increase in the percentage of students at the proficiency level in reading from 81% to 85%.
