

DISTRICT PROFILE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2013–14

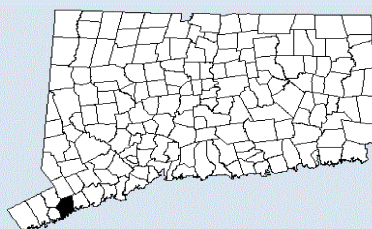


Side By Side Charter School District

203-857-0306

District Information

Grade Range	PK-8
Number of Schools	1
Enrollment	235
Per Pupil Expenditures ¹	\$11,739
Total Expenditures ¹	\$2,735,206

¹Expenditure data reflect the 2012-13 year.

Community Information

[CERC Town Profiles](#) 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

	Count	District Percent of Total (%)	State Percent of Total (%)
Female	113	48.1	48.3
Male	122	51.9	51.6
American Indian	0	0.0	0.2
Asian	18	7.7	4.6
Black or African American	62	26.4	12.9
Hispanic or Latino	97	41.3	21.2
Pacific Islander	*	*	0.0
White	42	17.9	58.4
Two or More Races	*	*	2.3
English Language Learners	16	6.8	5.7
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	116	49.4	37.3
Students with Disabilities ¹	13	5.5	12.8

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	6	6.5	*	*
Male	6	5.8	*	*
Black or African American	*	*	*	*
Hispanic or Latino	*	*	*	*
White	*	*	*	*
English Language Learners	0	*	0	*
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	6	6.4	8	6.8
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	*
District	12	6.2	13	5.5
State		10.8		7.4

Number of students in 2012-13 qualified as truant under state statute: 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	14.0
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	14.5
Special Education	
Teachers and Instructors	1.0
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	0.0
Administrators, Coordinators and Department Chairs	
District Central Office	0.0
School Level	2.2
Library/Media	
Specialists (Certified)	0.0
Support Staff	0.0
Instructional Specialists Who Support Teachers	0.0
Counselors, Social Workers and School Psychologists	1.0
School Nurses	1.0
Other Staff Providing Non-Instructional Services/Support	12.5

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 (%)
Asian	0	0	1.0
Black or African American	0	0	3.5
Hispanic	1	5.0	3.6
Native American	0	0	0.1
White	19	95.0	91.7

Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers²

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

²Core 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	4.9	9.3

Instruction and Resources

Students with Disabilities Who Spend 79.1 to 100 Percent of Time with Nondisabled Peers⁴

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

⁴Ages 6-21

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Students with Disabilities by Primary Disability¹

	District		State
	Count	Rate (%)	Rate (%)
Autism	0	0	1.4
Emotional Disturbance	0	0	1.0
Intellectual Disability	0	0	0.4
Learning Disability	0	0	4.2
Other Health Impairment	0	0	2.5
Other Disabilities	0	0	1.0
Speech/Language Impairment	0	0	1.9
All Disabilities	0	0	12.4

¹Grades K-12

Students with Disabilities Placed Outside of the District²

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

²Grades K-12

Overall Expenditures:³ 2012-13

	Total (\$)	Per Pupil	
		District (\$)	State (\$)
Instructional Staff and Services	1,574,948	6,759	8,769
Instructional Supplies and Equipment	40,674	175	275
Improvement of Instruction and Educational Media Services	13,210	57	487
Student Support Services	382,213	1,640	965
Administration and Support Services	455,394	1,954	1,600
Plant Operation and Maintenance	268,767	1,154	1,472
Transportation	0	.	786
Costs of Students Tuitioned Out	.	N/A	N/A
Other	0	0	178
Total	2,735,206	11,739	14,642

Additional Expenditures

Land, Buildings, and Debt Service	0	0	1,434
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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: 2012-13

	District		State
	Total (\$)	Percent of Total (%)	Percent of Total (%)
Certified Personnel	0	0.0	35.6
Noncertified Personnel	0	0.0	14.5
Purchased Services	0	0.0	5.0
Tuition to Other Schools	0	0.0	21.4
Special Ed. Transportation	0	0.0	8.5
Other Expenditures	0	0.0	14.9
Total Expenditures	0	0.0	100.0

PK-12 Expenditures Used for Special Education	.	21.9
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Expenditures by Revenue Source:⁴ 2012-13

	Percent of Total (%)	
	Including School Construction	Excluding School Construction
Local	0.0	0.0
State	90.5	90.5
Federal	2.9	2.9
Tuition & Other	6.7	6.7

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

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 www.ctreports.com. 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 data are displayed for 2013-14, the district implemented the Smarter Balanced Field Test.
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	Count	DPI	Target	Achieved	
Black or African American	53.7	56.5	61.5	57.9	.	.	.	.
Hispanic or Latino	67.6	66.4	73.9	70.4	.	.	.	.
English Language Learners	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	54.3	56.8	64.9	61.4	.	.	.	.
Students with Disabilities	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
High Needs	52.0	56.2	63.6	58.9	.	.	.	.
District	64.6	66.1	71.8	68.1	.	.	.	.

2013 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP): Percent At or Above Proficient¹

READING	Grade 4	Grade 8	Grade 12
Connecticut	43%	45%	50%
National Public	34%	34%	36%
MATH	Grade 4	Grade 8	Grade 12
Connecticut	45%	37%	32%
National Public	41%	34%	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 CMT/CAPT and NAEP. Instead, NAEP results are meant to complement CMT/CAPT results.

Physical Fitness Tests: Students Reaching Health Standard²

	Percent of Students by			All Tested Grades	
	4	6	8	Count	Rate (%)
Sit & Reach	91.7	95.2	90.5	66	92.4
Curl Up	87.5	90.5	100.0	66	92.4
Push Up	66.7	81.0	85.7	66	77.3
Mile Run/PACER	75.0	71.4	76.2	66	74.2
All Tests - District	58.3	66.7	66.7	66	63.6
All Tests - State	50.2	50.7	50.3		51.1

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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Narratives

School District Improvement Plans and Parental Outreach Activities

As part of our school improvement plans, school leadership and stakeholders are in the process of implementing a new school planning cycle. The school planning cycle is designed to address and counteract deficiencies identified in recent data trends, plan for enhanced student outcomes over the next 5 years, and provide a supportive environment for teachers that clearly articulates the relationship between the new teacher evaluation system (SEED), the implementation of the Common Core State Standards and the administration of the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium standardized assessment.

The second element is based on survey data and input from teachers during faculty meetings indicating parents come to school for fun events but are often less comfortable participating in events around student learning. One effort to marry the goals of increasing reading scores is to plan a series of interactive forums for parents and students that engage them in new curriculum practices such as close reading activities, offer opportunities for ongoing discussions about student outcomes, and improve the camaraderie and rapport of school community members and stakeholders.

As part of Side By Side's efforts to communicate and engage in practices that reflect high expectations for all students, Side By Side's Special Education team is engaged with collaborative practices with general education teachers that work toward creating opportunities for our special needs population to be successful in accessing and achieving the rigors of the CCSS and their accompanying curricula. A major component of these efforts is professional development for all teachers including our Special Education teacher around the common core instructional shifts, and in particular, ways to build scaffolds to complex, grade level texts and content standards for struggling students that are reading below grade level.

In addition to a community based Monthly Newsletter that is sent to all families, we are able to provide more frequently updated information via our Website and through social network devices such as Facebook, Twitter, and our "Director's Blog.". All Side by Side teachers are required to develop and maintain a class "web-page." This page includes daily classroom news, homework and classwork assignments, curricular updates, as well as resourceful links for parents to use at home. Recently, Side By Side has engaged in efforts to enhance their engagement with parents around supporting their children's learning at home. These new efforts, along with longstanding efforts to help parents participate in their children's learning include, summer reading packages, parent monitored student reading logs, math game kits that are curriculum embedded and common core aligned, ipad and android app recommendations, and an open door policy during the school day and outside school hours. Additionally, classroom specific parent learning nights offer opportunities for parents to learn what occurring in the classroom, to see student work, and learn about instructional strategies and learning activities they can engage in with their children at home. School wide parent forums on teaching and learning also support this process.

Efforts to Reduce Racial, Ethnic and Economic Isolation

Side by Side Charter School is an urban/suburban, regional, public charter school. As a "school of choice," our students come from many communities, all very different from each other. The very nature of Side by Side lends itself to a respect for diversity and an understanding of many cultures. At Side by Side, the curriculum is structured to reflect and enhance the diversity of our students and to promote each individual's unique gifts and talents. In accordance with our charter, our student body will consistently represent the ethnic, racial and socioeconomic diversity of the residing towns of our students. Currently, 14% of our students came from towns outside of Norwalk (our host district). Our student population is approximately 73% minority. In addition to the curricular opportunities that lend themselves to racial and socioeconomic diversity, there are a variety of extra-curricular activities/programs that the school offers and/or mandates as well. For example, monthly R.I.S.E. –Themed All-School Meetings, addressing Respect, Independence, Social Justice, and Empathy; Scholarship resources for students to attend summer programs such as Horizons, Westport Arts Center, Earthplace, etc., after-school, "Extended Day" program- offerings integrate community building and cultural education. A highlight here is the long trip to Nature's Classroom, for 6th and 7th graders where they engage in hands- on, experiential community building activities to promote tolerance. We hold ESL classes for adults through our Family Resource Center, which takes place on Saturday mornings, and we provide in-house Spanish-English translation for our Child Study

Team meetings and parent workshops. A new highly celebrated event is our International Night, where families come together to share meals, potluck style, from their favorite cultural recipes.

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Equitable Allocation of Resources among District Schools

N/A- Public Charter School LEA; Side by Side Charter School is the only school within the district.