

**STRATEGIC SCHOOL PROFILE 2008-09****Lebanon School District**

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**COMMUNITY DATA**

County: New London	Per Capita Income in 2000: \$25,784
Town Population in 2000: 6,907	Percent of Adults without a High School Diploma in 2000*: 12.9%
1990-2000 Population Growth: 14.3%	Percent of Adults Who Were Not Fluent in English in 2000*: 0.2%
Number of Public Schools: 3	District Enrollment as % of Estimated. Student Population: 97.6%

\*To view the Adult Education Program Profiles online, go to [www.sde.ct.gov](http://www.sde.ct.gov) and click on Adult Education, then Reports.

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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.

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**STUDENT ENROLLMENT**

Enrollment on October 1, 2008 1,533  
5-Year Enrollment Change -0.2%

**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	189	12.3	11.1	30.3
K-12 Students Who Are Not Fluent in English	2	0.1	0.6	5.2
Students Identified as Gifted and/or Talented*	57	3.7	3.8	4.0
PK-12 Students Receiving Special Education Services in District	178	11.6	11.1	11.4
Kindergarten Students who Attended Preschool, Nursery School or Headstart	79	89.8	85.5	79.7
Homeless	0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Juniors and Seniors Working 16 or More Hours Per Week	43	20.2	18.7	19.0

\*0.0% of the identified gifted and/or talented students received services.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT DIVERSITY

Student Race/Ethnicity		
Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent
American Indian	11	0.7
Asian American	10	0.7
Black	20	1.3
Hispanic	42	2.7
White	1,450	94.6
Total Minority	83	5.4

**Percent of Minority Professional Staff:** 3.6%

**Non-English Home Language:** 0.7% 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 5.

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### EFFORTS TO REDUCE RACIAL, ETHNIC, AND ECONOMIC ISOLATION

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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.

The Lebanon Public Schools works to incorporate diverse perspectives and cultures into the educational opportunities it offers for its students. At each school teachers and administrators work to enhance students' understanding of peoples and communities different from Lebanon in order to enhance their appreciation of human differences. At Lebanon Elementary and Middle Schools students use the internet to communicate with penpals in other countries. Each school in the district participates in field trips that broaden students' multicultural perspective such as the Pequot Museum, Canada or New York City. Elementary school students participate in inter-district grant sponsored programs allowing them to learn with student of different cultures and backgrounds. Foreign language and Hispanic and French culture are introduced at the middle school. The middle school job shadow program exposes students to careers outside of our community. Lyman Memorial High School supports exchange students from foreign countries. The high school sponsors a "Diversity Club." The high school also holds a biannual career fair. The world language department sponsors special events for the school to experience other world cultures.

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## 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	54.9	54.6	33.3
Writing	58.2	62.5	29.6
Mathematics	65.2	62.8	42.1
Grade 4 Reading	68.4	60.7	53.4
Writing	75.0	64.2	59.4
Mathematics	74.7	63.6	62.2
Grade 5 Reading	76.8	66.0	62.7
Writing	87.5	66.5	93.8
Mathematics	78.1	68.8	59.3
Science	69.8	58.1	50.6
Grade 6 Reading	83.2	68.9	66.9
Writing	80.6	62.2	78.5
Mathematics	70.8	68.8	36.2
Grade 7 Reading	80.4	74.9	49.0
Writing	68.8	62.9	48.4
Mathematics	70.8	66.0	47.8
Grade 8 Reading	74.5	68.4	45.8
Writing	77.8	66.5	58.7
Mathematics	76.2	64.5	54.8
Science	75.9	60.6	63.9

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](http://www.ctreports.com).

To see the NCLB Report Card for this school, go to [www.sde.ct.gov](http://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	41.4	47.4	32.6
Writing Across the Disciplines	52.4	55.0	36.6
Mathematics	55.2	47.8	51.1
Science	45.5	42.8	43.5

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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
	35.3	36.2	46.3

SAT® I: Reasoning Test Class of 2008		District	State	% of Districts in State with Equal or Lower Scores
% of Graduates Tested		65.4	74.5	
Average Score	Mathematics	499	507	36.4
	Critical Reading	526	503	72.1
	Writing	503	506	41.9

**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	97.1	92.1	71.0
Cumulative Four-Year Dropout Rate for Class of 2008	2.9	6.6	64.2
2007-08 Annual Dropout Rate for Grade 9 through 12	1.2	2.5	47.4

Activities of Graduates	District	State
% Pursuing Higher Education (Degree and Non-Degree Programs)	85.0	84.1
% Employed (Civilian Employment and in Armed Services)	15.0	11.0

## RESOURCES AND EXPENDITURES

### DISTRICT STAFF

Full-Time Equivalent Count of District Staff	
General Education	
Teachers and Instructors	103.90
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	0.00
Special Education	
Teachers and Instructors	12.00
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	21.00
Library/Media Specialists and/or Assistants	3.00
Staff Devoted to Adult Education	0.00
Administrators, Coordinators, and Department Chairs	
District Central Office	2.00
School Level	5.50
Instructional Specialists Who Support Teachers (e.g., subject area specialists)	1.00
Counselors, Social Workers, and School Psychologists	6.60
School Nurses	3.00
Other Staff Providing Non-Instructional Services and Support	68.35

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	13.8	14.6	13.6
% with Master's Degree or Above	85.6	77.2	76.1

Average Class Size	District	DRG	State
Grade K	17.6	15.8	18.3
Grade 2	19.6	17.5	19.3
Grade 5	19.4	19.6	21.0
Grade 7	21.6	19.5	20.5
High School	17.7	18.2	19.3

Hours of Instruction Per Year*	Dist	DRG	State
Elementary School	988	993	988
Middle School	1,019	1,010	1,016
High School	1,011	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*	6.2	2.7	3.3
Middle School	3.5	2.1	2.6
High School	3.0	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	\$8,929	\$5,867	\$7,521	\$7,032	\$7,522
Instructional Supplies and Equipment	\$357	\$234	\$267	\$303	\$271
Improvement of Instruction and Educational Media Services	\$441	\$290	\$461	\$409	\$446
Student Support Services	\$1,227	\$806	\$808	\$862	\$806
Administration and Support Services	\$1,835	\$1,206	\$1,351	\$1,365	\$1,369
Plant Operation and Maintenance	\$1,892	\$1,243	\$1,382	\$1,339	\$1,377
Transportation	\$1,076	\$697	\$649	\$671	\$644
Costs for Students Tuitioned Out	\$787	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	\$190	\$125	\$152	\$158	\$151
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,732</b>	<b>\$10,915</b>	<b>\$12,869</b>	<b>\$12,486</b>	<b>\$12,805</b>
<b>Additional Expenditures</b>					
Land, Buildings, and Debt Service	\$1,476	\$970	\$1,791	\$1,677	\$1,759

Special Education Expenditures	District Total	Percent of PK-12 Expenditures Used for Special Education		
		District	DRG	State
	\$3,479,033	20.8	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	45.6	42.3	2.1	10.1
Excluding School Construction	49.7	37.0	2.2	11.0

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**EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES AMONG DISTRICT SCHOOLS**


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Below is the description submitted by this district of how it allocates resources to insure equity and address needs.

Resources are allocated in the Lebanon Public Schools in an equitable manner to attempt to meet the needs of all the students regardless of their learning abilities. Limited budget dollars are targeted toward priorities that are established by the Board of Education and administration each year. Care is taken to distribute resources across each school and their respective grade levels over multiple years. The ratio of students to certified staff is also watched and evenly distributed. With limited funding The Board of Education ensures that the dollars allocated continue to move the district in a positive direction with the main goal of improving student learning.

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**SPECIAL EDUCATION**


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Number of K-12 Students with Disabilities for Whom the District is Financially Responsible	148
Of All K-12 Students for Whom the District is Financially Responsible, the Percent with Disabilities	11.3%

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<b>Of All K-12 Students for Whom District is Financially Responsible, Number and Percentage with Disabilities</b>				
<b>Disability</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>District Percent</b>	<b>DRG Percent</b>	<b>State Percent</b>
Autism	10	0.8	0.8	0.8
Learning Disability	42	3.2	3.7	3.9
Intellectual Disability	13	1.0	0.4	0.5
Emotional Disturbance	8	0.6	0.7	1.0
Speech Impairment	39	3.0	2.9	2.3
Other Health Impairment*	31	2.4	1.8	2.1
Other Disabilities**	5	0.4	0.7	0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>11.6</b>

\*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

<b>Graduation and Dropout Rates of Students with Disabilities for Whom District is Financially Responsible</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>State</b>
% Who Graduated in 2007-08 with a Standard Diploma	N/A	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	23.6	30.2	73.3	65.7
	Writing	24.6	19.5	74.8	64.1
	Mathematics	28.6	30.7	72.7	65.7
	Science	30.4	23.8	73.0	59.4
CAPT	Reading Across the Disciplines	N/A	N/A	41.4	47.4
	Writing Across the Disciplines	N/A	N/A	52.4	55.0
	Mathematics	N/A	N/A	55.2	47.8
	Science	N/A	N/A	45.5	42.8

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Participation in State Assessments of Students with Disabilities Attending District Schools		
CMT	% Without Accommodations	1.5
	% With Accommodations	98.5
CAPT	% Without Accommodations	6.2
	% With Accommodations	93.8
% Assessed Using Skills Checklist		16.3

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	16	10.8

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	99	66.9	75.5	72.7
40.1 to 79.0 Percent of Time	32	21.6	18.1	16.1
0.0 to 40.0 Percent of Time	17	11.5	6.4	11.2

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**SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND ACTIVITIES**

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The following narrative was submitted by this district.

Lebanon Public Schools have participated in the Connecticut State Department of Education Focused Monitoring process. To that end the schools are attending to meeting the individual needs of all students including special education students. Course levels at the high school that may have isolated special education students have also been consolidated. Professional development across the district will embed a focus on instructional strategies and materials to meet the needs of diverse learners. The district is also increasing the use of current data to provide teachers with the tools to have a greater understanding of the students in their classes. This will not only impact transitions from grade to grade but will assist teachers in developing lessons for their classes. Teams of teachers are being provided professional development to learn how to access and target the data that they need. The district also has an active curriculum review process. The science curriculum was revised and adopted. New math texts for the high school were reviewed and approved for this school year. Professional development will facilitate the implementation of the curriculum. Each school will create a "School Development" plan. Parents play a crucial role in the district through their participation the Principal's Advisory Counsel at each school. Input is sought on the operation of the schools at these monthly meetings.

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