

**STRATEGIC SCHOOL PROFILE 2011-12****Odyssey Community School District**

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Location: 579 West Middle Turnpike  
Manchester,  
Connecticut

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**COMMUNITY DATA**

County: Hartford  
 Town Population in 2000: N/A  
 1990-2000 Population Growth: N/A  
 Number of Public Schools: 1

Per Capita Income in 2000: N/A  
 Percent of Adults without a High School Diploma in 2000\*: N/A  
 Percent of Adults Who Were Not Fluent in English in 2000\*: N/A  
 District Enrollment as % of Estimated. Student Population: N/A

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\*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): N/A

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**STUDENT ENROLLMENT**

Enrollment on October 1, 2011      314  
 5-Year Enrollment Change      80.5%

**DISTRICT GRADE RANGE**

Grade Range      K - 8

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**INDICATORS OF EDUCATIONAL NEED**

Need Indicator	Number in District	Percent		
		District	DRG	State
Students Eligible for Free/Reduced-Price Meals	119	37.9	N/A	35.2
K-12 Students Who Are Not Fluent in English	0	0.0	N/A	5.6
Students Identified as Gifted and/or Talented	0	0.0	N/A	4.0
PK-12 Students Receiving Special Education Services in District	35	11.1	N/A	11.5
Kindergarten Students who Attended Preschool, Nursery School or Headstart	33	84.6	N/A	79.8
Homeless	0	0.0	N/A	0.3
Juniors and Seniors Working 16 or More Hours Per Week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

## SCHOOL DISTRICT DIVERSITY

Student Race/Ethnicity		
Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent
American Indian	3	1.0
Asian American	22	7.0
Black	59	18.8
Hispanic	54	17.2
Pacific Islander	1	0.3
White	144	45.9
Two or more races	31	9.9
Total Minority	170	54.1

**Percent of Minority Professional Staff:** 3.3%

**Non-English Home Language:**

4.5% 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.

Odyssey Community School continues to attract a diverse student population, with 53% reporting minority race/ethnicity and approximately 41% reporting eligibility for free or reduced lunch. Students interact with peers who come from as many as ten towns ranging from rural communities to inner city residents. Students participate in interdisciplinary curricular units and events that celebrate diversity and the human experience, including Black and Hispanic History, Women's History, the Civil Rights Movement and the Holocaust. Each trimester every student participates in All School Exploration (ASE). These interdisciplinary, multi-grade units include study of a particular culture. This year our multi-cultural ASE unit focused on Asia. Invited guests spoke about Asian cultures followed by a lunch for all of our students provided by parents. Students studied a different aspect of Asian culture each week and they presented a culminating project which included crafting a traditional Asian dragon and holding a Chinese New Year parade. Students have the opportunity to interact in small groups to deal with stereotypes of diversity and tolerance as well as build skills to deal with threatening or bullying behaviors. The entire school is immersed in the context of our CIRCLE values of Courage, Integrity, Respect, Curiosity, Leadership and Excellence. Several field trips augment the in-school learning, and students in need of financial aid are provided with that assistance in a private and supportive way. In addition to the above, Odyssey strives to maintain an open and welcoming atmosphere for all of our parents, and we actively work to set high expectations for all students. An additional exciting school outcome is related to the achievement gap that exists state-wide between white students and students of color as measured by the CMT. The cohort of black students that left Odyssey in Grade 8 this year started in Grade 4 scoring 28.6% proficient in math and 14.3% proficient in reading; they left in Grade 8 with 100% proficient in math and 100% proficient in reading. This is a 71.4 point increase in math and an 85.7 point increase in reading for Odyssey's black students.

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## STUDENT PERFORMANCE

**Connecticut Mastery Test, Fourth Generation, % 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	<p>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.</p> <p>For more detailed CMT results, go to <a href="http://www.ctreports.com">www.ctreports.com</a>.</p> <p>To see the NCLB Report Card for this school, go to <a href="http://www.sde.ct.gov">www.sde.ct.gov</a> and click on "No Child Left Behind."</p>
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	63.2	64.1	29.4	
Writing	70.0	65.3	42.5	
Mathematics	65.8	68.0	28.1	
Grade 5 Reading	72.7	67.6	44.0	
Writing	54.1	68.1	11.3	
Mathematics	70.6	71.6	29.8	
Science	48.6	63.9	12.5	
Grade 6 Reading	77.1	74.1	38.0	
Writing	63.2	67.4	30.1	
Mathematics	75.0	69.3	45.2	
Grade 7 Reading	79.4	79.8	28.9	
Writing	48.6	65.6	11.2	
Mathematics	50.0	68.1	13.1	
Grade 8 Reading	81.8	76.8	42.1	
Writing	67.6	68.3	33.1	
Mathematics	70.6	67.2	38.4	
Science	59.5	61.9	27.5	

**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 scorable 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	<p>For more detailed CAPT results, go to <a href="http://www.ctreports.com">www.ctreports.com</a>.</p> <p>To see the NCLB Report Card for this school, go to <a href="http://www.sde.ct.gov">www.sde.ct.gov</a> and click on "No Child Left Behind."</p>
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	

**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
	17.1	50.6	5.2

SAT® I: Reasoning Test Class of 2011		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, Adjusted Cohort Rate 2011	N/A	N/A	N/A
2010-11 Annual Dropout Rate for Grade 9 through 12	N/A	N/A	N/A

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 School Staff	
General Education	
Teachers and Instructors	22.35
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	5.53
Special Education	
Teachers and Instructors	4.00
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	2.50
Library/Media Specialists and/or Assistants	0.00
Staff Devoted to Adult Education	0.00
Administrators, Coordinators, and Department Chairs	
District Central Office	0.00
School Level	2.00
Instructional Specialists Who Support Teachers (e.g., subject area specialists)	0.00
Counselors, Social Workers, and School Psychologists	0.00
School Nurses	1.00
Other Staff Providing Non-Instructional Services and Support	5.00

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	3.0	N/A	13.9
% with Master's Degree or Above	39.3	N/A	79.6

Average Class Size	District	DRG	State
Grade K	19.5	N/A	18.5
Grade 2	20.0	N/A	19.7
Grade 5	20.0	N/A	21.6
Grade 7	15.6	N/A	20.3
High School	N/A	N/A	N/A

Hours of Instruction Per Year*	Dist	DRG	State
Elementary School	N/A	N/A	N/A
Middle School	1,040	N/A	1,024
High School	N/A	N/A	N/A

\*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	4.6	N/A	2.2
High School	N/A	N/A	N/A

\*Excludes schools with no grades above kindergarten.

### DISTRICT EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES, 2010-11

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	\$1,111	\$6,136	\$8,513	N/A	\$8,469
Instructional Supplies and Equipment	\$41	\$225	\$323	N/A	\$271
Improvement of Instruction and Educational Media Services	\$19	\$107	\$407	N/A	\$482
Student Support Services	\$37	\$203	\$919	N/A	\$901
Administration and Support Services	\$425	\$2,351	\$1,700	N/A	\$1,490
Plant Operation and Maintenance	\$230	\$1,269	\$1,281	N/A	\$1,463
Transportation	\$0	N/A	\$678	N/A	\$724
Costs for Students Tuitioned Out	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	\$0	\$0	\$102	N/A	\$165
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,863</b>	<b>\$10,290</b>	<b>\$14,710</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$14,140</b>
<b>Additional Expenditures</b>					
Land, Buildings, and Debt Service	\$45	\$250	\$1,866	N/A	\$1,331

Special Education Expenditures	District Total	Percent of PK-12 Expenditures Used for Special Education		
		District	DRG	State
	N/A	N/A	N/A	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	0.0	86.5	2.3	11.2
Excluding School Construction	0.0	88.6	2.4	9.1

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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.

Odyssey is a single-school district.

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**SPECIAL EDUCATION**


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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

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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	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</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 2010-11 with a Standard Diploma	N/A	N/A
2010-11 Annual Dropout Rate for Students Aged 14 to 21	N/A	5.1

## 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	41.7	36.0	72.9	70.4
	Writing	10.7	21.5	60.6	66.3
	Mathematics	35.3	31.8	65.0	68.4
	Science	30.0	23.0	54.1	62.9
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](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.”

### Participation in State Assessments of Students with Disabilities Attending District Schools

CMT	% Without Accommodations	N/A
	% With Accommodations	N/A
CAPT	% Without Accommodations	N/A
	% With Accommodations	N/A
% Assessed Using Skills Checklist		4.8

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

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**SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND ACTIVITIES**

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The following narrative was submitted by this district.

Odyssey School successfully expanded to include grades kindergarten through third. We were able to include the addition of two classes of kindergarten and first and an additional single class of second and third with the intention of adding another second and third grade class the following year. Along with new teachers we hired several paraprofessionals to ensure that kindergarten and first grade classes have full time paraprofessionals in the class and second through fourth grade classes share paraprofessionals. The elementary classes all follow the Responsive Classroom model. All elementary teachers participated in the Responsive Classroom training. This year Odyssey participated in the State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG). Through this grant Odyssey receives training to comply with the Scientific Research Based Intervention (SRBI) initiative in literacy and behavior. Odyssey will be working with this grant for three years to be fully considered an SRBI school. This year Odyssey also hired a full time Literacy Coach. The Literacy Coach's role is to gather data on students using Fountas and Pinnell and AimsWeb assessments and organize tutoring for students in need of assistance in literacy. She also works with the language arts teachers to ensure best practices. This year Odyssey introduced a new music program. A full time music teacher was hired and a new music curriculum was created. Odyssey School also expanded its technology this year by hiring a certified technology teacher and creating a video lab consisting of seven new MAC computers all equipped with professional editing software as well as purchasing three professional video cameras. We also switched our Internet Service Provider to Connecticut Education Network (CEN). This is a high speed fiber optic connection provided at no cost by the State. The internet content is filtered through the CEN firewall. This implementation provided the ability to add more devices and increase our wireless access due to increased bandwidth. We also upgraded our wireless network by adding three POE CISCO wireless access points (WAP) at strategic points in the building. This was the first phase of a network and wireless access upgrade that will continue in 2012-2013.

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