### Connecticut State Department of Education

# DISTRICT PROFILE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2015–16



### Path Academy District

860-761-7341

#### **District Information**

| Grade Range                         | 9-12        |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Number of Schools/Programs          | 1           |
| Enrollment                          | 143         |
| Per Pupil Expenditures <sup>1</sup> | \$14,850    |
| Total Expenditures <sup>1</sup>     | \$1,989,908 |

<sup>1</sup>Expenditure data reflect the 2014-15 year.



### **Community Information**

<u>CERC Town Profiles</u> provide summary demographic and economic information for Connecticut's municipalities

### **Related Reports/Publications**

CT Reports (CMT/CAPT)

District and School Performance Reports

Special Education Annual Performance Reports

SAT®, AP®, PSAT® Report by High School (Class of 2016)

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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<br>(%) | Percent of Total<br>(%) |
| Female                                   | 67    | 46.9                    | 48.3                    |
| Male                                     | 76    | 53.1                    | 51.6                    |
| American Indian or Alaska Native         | *     | *                       | 0.2                     |
| Asian                                    | 0     | 0.0                     | 4.9                     |
| Black or African American                | *     | *                       | 12.8                    |
| Hispanic or Latino                       | 102   | 71.3                    | 23.0                    |
| Pacific Islander                         | 0     | 0.0                     | 0.0                     |
| Two or More Races                        | 0     | 0.0                     | 2.7                     |
| White                                    | 32    | 22.4                    | 55.9                    |
| English Learners                         | 44    | 30.8                    | 6.4                     |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 129   | 90.2                    | 38.0                    |
| Students with Disabilities <sup>1</sup>  | 33    | 23.1                    | 13.7                    |

<sup>1</sup>Students 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 |                          | Suspe | ension/             |
|--|---------|--------------------------|-------|---------------------|
|  | Absen   | Absenteeism <sup>2</sup> |       | llsion <sup>3</sup> |
|  | Count   | Rate (%)                 | Count | Rate (%)            |
| Female                                   | 58      | 100.0                    | 6     | 9.8                 |
| Male                                     | 72      | 100.0                    | 14    | 19.2                |
| Black or African American                | *       | *                        | *     | *                   |
| Hispanic or Latino                       | 93      | 100.0                    | 14    | 14.6                |
| White                                    | *       | *                        | *     | *                   |
| English Learners                         | 33      | 100.0                    | *     | *                   |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 119     | 100.0                    | 18    | 14.6                |
| Students with Disabilities               | 26      | 100.0                    | *     | *                   |
| District                                 | 130     | 100.0                    | 20    | 14.9                |
| State                                    |         | 9.6                      |       | 7.0                 |

Number of students in 2014-15 qualified as truant under state statute: 48 Number of school-based arrests: 0

<sup>2</sup>A 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.

<sup>3</sup>The count and percentage of students who receive at least one in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension or expulsion.

### **Educators**

### Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)1 Staff

|  | FTE |
|--|-----|
| General Education  |     |
| Teachers and Instructors                                 | 5.0 |
| Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants                | 0.0 |
| Special Education  |     |
| Teachers and Instructors                                 | 1.0 |
| Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants                | 0.0 |
| Administrators, Coordinators and Department Chairs       |     |
| District Central Office                                  | 1.0 |
| School Level   | 0.0 |
| Library/Media  |     |
| Specialists (Certified)                                  | 0.0 |
| Support Staff  | 0.0 |
| Instructional Specialists Who Support Teachers           | 0.0 |
| Counselors, Social Workers and School Psychologists      | 0.0 |
| School Nurses  | 0.0 |
| Other Staff Providing Non-Instructional Services/Support | 0.0 |

<sup>1</sup>In 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**

|                                     | District                   |      | State                   |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|------|-------------------------|
|                                     | Count Percent of Total (%) |      | Percent of Total<br>(%) |
| American Indian or<br>Alaska Native | 1                          | 14.3 | 0.1                     |
| Asian                               | 0                          | 0.0  | 1.0                     |
| Black or African<br>American        | 0                          | 0.0  | 3.5                     |
| Hispanic or Latino                  | 0                          | 0.0  | 3.5                     |
| Pacific Islander                    | 0                          | 0.0  | 0.0                     |
| Two or More Races                   | 0                          | 0.0  | 0.1                     |
| White                               | 6                          | 85.7 | 91.7                    |

### Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers<sup>2</sup>

|                                     | Percent of Total (%) |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| District                            | 100.0                |  |  |
| District Poverty Quartile: High     |                      |  |  |
| State High Poverty Quartile Schools | 97.6                 |  |  |
| State Low Poverty Quartile Schools  | 99.6                 |  |  |

 $<sup>^2\</sup>mbox{Core}$  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 | 5.8      | 9.4   |

### **Instruction and Resources**

# 11th and 12th Graders Enrolled in College-and-Career-Readiness Courses during High School<sup>3</sup>

|  | 11th  |          | 12th  |          |
|--|-------|----------|-------|----------|
|  | Count | Rate (%) | Count | Rate (%) |
| Black or African American                | 0     | 0.0      | 0     | 0.0      |
| Hispanic or Latino                       | *     | *        | *     | *        |
| White                                    | *     | *        | 0     | 0.0      |
| English Learners                         | *     | *        | *     | *        |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 6     | 27.3     | *     | *        |
| Students with Disabilities               | 0     | 0.0      | 0     | 0.0      |
| District                                 | 6     | 25.0     | *     | *        |
| State                                    |       | 61.2     |       | 73.9     |

<sup>3</sup>College-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 Peers<sup>4</sup>

|                            | 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                      |       | 68.8     |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Ages 6-21

### Students with Disabilities by Primary Disability<sup>1</sup>

|                               | Dis   | State    |          |
|-------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
|                               | Count | Rate (%) | Rate (%) |
| Autism                        | 0     | 0.0      | 1.6      |
| Emotional Disturbance         | 0     | 0.0      | 1.0      |
| Intellectual Disability       | 0     | 0.0      | 0.5      |
| Learning Disability           | 0     | 0.0      | 4.6      |
| Other Health Impairment       | 0     | 0.0      | 2.8      |
| Other Disabilities            | 0     | 0.0      | 1.0      |
| Speech/Language<br>Impairment | 0     | 0.0      | 1.9      |
| All Disabilities              | 0     | 0.0      | 13.4     |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Grades K-12

### Overall Expenditures: 2014-15

|   |                 | Per Pupil     |            |
|---|-----------------|---------------|------------|
|   | Total (\$)      | District (\$) | State (\$) |
| Instructional Staff and Services                          | 767,584         | 5,728         | 9,387      |
| Instructional Supplies and Equipment                      | 97,062          | 724           | 318        |
| Improvement of Instruction and Educational Media Services | 138,008         | 1,030         | 541        |
| Student Support Services                                  | 351,744         | 2,625         | 1,048      |
| Administration and Support Services                       | 374,017         | 2,791         | 1,790      |
| Plant Operation and Maintenance                           | 196,984         | 1,470         | 1,608      |
| Transportation  | 1,209           |               | 845        |
| Costs of Students Tuitioned Out                           |                 | N/A           | N/A        |
| Other   | 63,300          | 472           | 194        |
| Total   | 1,989,908       | 14,850        | 15,762     |
| Additiona   | al Expenditures |               |            |
| Land, Buildings, and Debt Service                         | 7,140           | 53            | 1,524      |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Expenditures may be supported by local tax revenues, state grants, federal grants, municipal in-kind services, tuition and other sources.

### **Special Education Expenditures: 2014-15**

|                            | Dist       | State                   |                         |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|                            | Total (\$) | Percent of<br>Total (%) | Percent of<br>Total (%) |
| Certified Personnel        | 0          | 0.0                     | 35.1                    |
| Noncertified Personnel     | 0          | 0.0                     | 14.5                    |
| Purchased Services         | 0          | 0.0                     | 5.5                     |
| Tuition to Other Schools   | 0          | 0.0                     | 21.6                    |
| Special Ed. Transportation | 0          | 0.0                     | 8.3                     |
| Other Expenditures         | 0          | 0.0                     | 15.0                    |
| Total Expenditures         | 0          | 0.0                     | 100.0                   |

## Expenditures by Revenue Source:4 2014-15

|                 | Percent of Total (%) |              |  |  |  |
|-----------------|----------------------|--------------|--|--|--|
|                 | Including Excluding  |              |  |  |  |
|                 | School               | School       |  |  |  |
|                 | Construction         | Construction |  |  |  |
| Local           | 0.0                  | 0.0          |  |  |  |
| State           | 73.8                 | 73.8         |  |  |  |
| Federal         | 7.5                  | 7.5          |  |  |  |
| Tuition & Other | 18.7                 | 18.7         |  |  |  |
|                 |                      |              |  |  |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>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 Correction).

### 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 Langua | English Language Arts(ELA) |       | Math |       | ice |
|--|----------------|----------------------------|-------|------|-------|-----|
|  | Count          | DPI                        | Count | DPI  | Count | DPI |
| American Indian or Alaska Native             | 0              | N/A                        | 0     | N/A  | 0     | N/A |
| Asian  | 0              | N/A                        | 0     | N/A  | 0     | N/A |
| Black or African American                    | 0              | N/A                        | 0     | N/A  | *     | *   |
| Hispanic or Latino                           | *              | *                          | *     | *    | 10    | *   |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander    | 0              | N/A                        | 0     | N/A  | 0     | N/A |
| Two or More Races                            | 0              | N/A                        | 0     | N/A  | 0     | N/A |
| White  | 0              | N/A                        | 0     | N/A  | *     | *   |
| English Learners                             | *              | *                          | *     | *    | *     | *   |
| Non-English Learners                         | *              | *                          | *     | *    | 12    | *   |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals     | *              | *                          | *     | *    | *     | *   |
| Not Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 0              | N/A                        | 0     | N/A  | *     | *   |
| Students with Disabilities                   | 0              | N/A                        | 0     | N/A  | *     | *   |
| Students without Disabilities                | *              | *                          | *     | *    | *     | *   |
| High Needs                                   | *              | *                          | *     | *    | *     | *   |
| Non-High Needs                               | 0              | N/A                        | 0     | N/A  | *     | *   |
| District                                     | *              | *                          | *     | *    | 16    | *   |

# National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP): Percent At or Above Proficient<sup>1</sup>

|                 | NAEP            | NAEP 2013 |          |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|
| READING         | Grade 4 Grade 8 |           | Grade 12 |
| Connecticut     | 43%             | 43%       | 50%      |
| National Public | 35%             | 33%       | 36%      |
| MATH            | Grade 4         | Grade 8   | Grade 12 |
| Connecticut     | 41%             | 36%       | 32%      |
| National Public | 39%             | 32%       | 25%      |

<sup>1</sup>NAEP 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 Standard<sup>2</sup>

|                      | Percent of Students by Grade <sup>3</sup> (%) |      |      |      | All Teste | ed Grades |
|----------------------|---|------|------|------|-----------|-----------|
|                      | 4   | 6    | 8    | 10   | Count     | Rate (%)  |
| Sit & Reach          | N/A   | N/A  | N/A  | N/A  | N/A       | N/A       |
| Curl Up              | N/A   | N/A  | N/A  | N/A  | N/A       | N/A       |
| Push Up              | N/A   | N/A  | N/A  | N/A  | N/A       | N/A       |
| Mile Run/PACER       | N/A   | N/A  | N/A  | N/A  | N/A       | N/A       |
| All Tests - District | N/A   | N/A  | N/A  | N/A  | N/A       | N/A       |
| All Tests - State    | 50.6  | 49.8 | 50.6 | 51.1 |           | 50.5      |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Only students assessed in all four areas are included in this calculation.

Cohort Graduation: Four-Year<sup>1</sup>

|  | 2014-15                   |          |             |                 | 2015-16     |
|--|---------------------------|----------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
|  | Cohort Count <sup>2</sup> | Rate (%) | Target³ (%) | Target Achieved | Target³ (%) |
| Black or African American                | N/A                       | N/A      | N/A         | N/A             | N/A         |
| Hispanic or Latino                       | N/A                       | N/A      | N/A         | N/A             | N/A         |
| English Learners                         | N/A                       | N/A      | N/A         | N/A             | N/A         |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | N/A                       | N/A      | N/A         | N/A             | N/A         |
| Students with Disabilities               | N/A                       | N/A      | N/A         | N/A             | N/A         |
| District                                 | N/A                       | N/A      | N/A         | N/A             | N/A         |
| State <sup>4</sup>                       |                           | 87.2     |             |                 |             |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The 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 <u>available online</u>.

# 11th and 12th Graders Meeting Benchmark on at Least One College Readiness Exam<sup>5</sup>

|   | Participation <sup>6</sup> | Meeting B | enchmark |
|---|----------------------------|-----------|----------|
|   | Rate (%)                   | Count     | Rate (%) |
| Female                                      | 73.9                       | 0         | 0.0      |
| Male  | *                          | 0         | *        |
| Black or African American                   | *                          | 0         | *        |
| Hispanic or Latino                          | 82.1                       | 0         | 0.0      |
| White                                       | *                          | 0         | *        |
| English Learners                            | *                          | 0         | *        |
| Eligible for Free or<br>Reduced-Price Meals | 75.7                       | 0         | 0.0      |
| Students with Disabilities                  | *                          | 0         | *        |
| District                                    | 70.7                       | 0         | 0.0      |
| State                                       | 95.6                       |           | 40.7     |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>College 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

<sup>6</sup>Participation 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:

SAT® and AP® statistics derived from data provided by the College Board.

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#### **College Entrance and Persistence**

|   | Class of 2015         | Class of 2014            |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|
|   | Entrance <sup>7</sup> | Persistence <sup>8</sup> |
|   | Rate (%)              | Rate (%)                 |
| Female                                      | N/A                   | N/A                      |
| Male  | N/A                   | N/A                      |
| Black or African American                   | N/A                   | N/A                      |
| Hispanic or Latino                          | N/A                   | N/A                      |
| White                                       | N/A                   | N/A                      |
| English Learners                            | N/A                   | N/A                      |
| Eligible for Free or<br>Reduced-Price Meals | N/A                   | N/A                      |
| Students with Disabilities                  | N/A                   | N/A                      |
| District                                    | N/A                   | N/A                      |
| State                                       | 71.9                  | 88.3                     |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>College 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.

Source: National Student Clearinghouse

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Cohort count includes all students in the cohort as of the end of the 2014-15 school year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Targets are calculated when there are at least 20 students in a cohort in the base year (i.e., 2010-11).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Targets are not displayed at the state level.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>College 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).

### **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        | N/A        | 75     | 0.0    | 0   | 0.0      | 67.7          |
| ELA Performance muex                                      | High Needs Students | N/A        | 75     | 0.0    | 0   | 0.0      | 56.7          |
| Math Performance Index                                    | All Students        | N/A        | 75     | 0.0    | 0   | 0.0      | 61.4          |
| Math Performance index                                    | High Needs Students | N/A        | 75     | 0.0    | 0   | 0.0      | 49.9          |
| Science Performance Index                                 | All Students        | N/A        | 75     | 0.0    | 0   | 0.0      | 57.5          |
| Science Performance index                                 | High Needs Students | N/A        | 75     | 0.0    | 0   | 0.0      | 47.0          |
| ELA Academic Growth                                       | All Students        | N/A        | 100%   | 0.0    | 0   | 0.0      | 63.8%         |
| ELA ACAGEMIC Growth                                       | High Needs Students | N/A        | 100%   | 0.0    | 0   | 0.0      | 58.3%         |
| Math Academic Growth                                      | All Students        | N/A        | 100%   | 0.0    | 0   | 0.0      | 65.0%         |
| Matif Academic Growth                                     | High Needs Students | N/A        | 100%   | 0.0    | 0   | 0.0      | 57.4%         |
| Chronic Absenteeism                                       | All Students        | 100.0%     | <=5%   | 0.0    | 50  | 0.0      | 9.6%          |
| Cilionic Absenteeisin                                     | High Needs Students | 100.0%     | <=5%   | 0.0    | 50  | 0.0      | 15.6%         |
| Droparation for CCB                                       | % Taking Courses    | 17.1%      | 75%    | 11.4   | 50  | 22.8     | 67.6%         |
| Preparation for CCR                                       | % Passing Exams     | N/A        | 75%    | 0.0    | 50  | 0.0      | 40.7%         |
| On-track to High School Gra                               | duation             | 16.7%      | 94%    | 8.9    | 50  | 17.7     | 85.1%         |
| 4-year Graduation All Stude                               | nts (2015 Cohort)   | N/A        | 94%    | 0.0    | 0   | 0.0      | 87.2%         |
| 6-year Graduation - High Needs Students (2013 Cohort)     |                     | N/A        | 94%    | 0.0    | 0   | 0.0      | 78.6%         |
| Postsecondary Entrance (Class of 2015)                    |                     | N/A        | 75%    | 0.0    | 0   | 0.0      | 71.9%         |
| Physical Fitness (estimated part rate) and (fitness rate) |                     | 0.0%   N/A | 75%    | 0.0    | 50  | 0.0      | 89.2%   50.5% |
| Arts Access   |                     | 15.4%      | 60%    | 12.8   | 50  | 25.6     | 47.5%         |
| Accountability Index                                      |                     |            |        | 33.1   | 350 | 9.4      |               |

| Gap Indicators                | Non-High Needs<br>Rate <sup>1</sup> | High Needs Rate | Size of Gap | State Gap Mean<br>+ 1 Stdev <sup>2</sup> | Is Gap an<br>Outlier? <sup>2</sup> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Achievement Gap Size Outlier? |                                     |                 |             |  |                                    |
| ELA Performance Index Gap     |                                     | N/A             |             |  |                                    |
| Math Performance Index Gap    |                                     | N/A             |             | •  |                                    |
| Science Performance Index Gap |                                     | N/A             |             |  |                                    |
| Graduation Rate Gap           |                                     |                 |             | •  |                                    |

<sup>1</sup> If 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.

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$ If the size of the gap exceeds the state mean gap plus one standard deviation, the gap is an outlier.

| Sul     | oject/Subgroup      | Participation Rate (%) <sup>3</sup> |                                |
|---------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ELA     | All Students        | 26.1                                | <sup>3</sup> Minimum           |
| ELA     | High Needs Students | 26.1                                | participation standard is 95%. |
| Math    | All Students        | 26.1                                |                                |
| IVIALII | High Needs Students | 26.1                                |                                |
| Science | All Students        | 48.9                                |                                |
| Science | High Needs Students | 51.2                                |                                |

## 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: N/A State: 51.4

#### **Supporting Resources**

Two-page FAQ

**Detailed Presentation** 

Using Accountability Results to Guide Improvement: comprehensive documentation and supports

### **Narratives**

### **School District Improvement Plans and Parental Outreach Activities**

Path Academy Windham prides itself on being responsive to all student needs, including the special education students who attend. The school employs 2 full time special education teachers, who utilize an inclusion model with team teaching to ensure students have access to the full complement of course offerings with the support to achieve success. Special education students also have access to the resource room, which offers additional one on one time with each special education teacher. Path Academy Windham is also able to offer small class sizes, which decrease the student to teacher ratio, promoting extra assistance as needed for all subject areas. The school uses a blended learning model, utilizing a number of resources to help students access material at all times of day. This has also improved the ability of all staff to modify and accommodate student learning needs within the curriculum. The staff at Path Academy Windham have also worked hard to increase the number of partnerships the school utilizes with outside providers to ensure that the needs of student are being met both in school and beyond the school day. The school's extended day and year allows students more access to course content with assistance from certified teaching staff, while also providing built in tutoring time each day for added support.

At Path Academy Windham, each student is paired with a Youth Development Specialist (YDS), who meets with students weekly to set goals around academic and behavioral expectations. Because of the school's student population, many students have goals pertaining to school attendance. The student's YDS makes daily attendance outreach phone calls to the homes of all absent students, in an effort to alert the family of the student's absence. After three consecutive absences, the student's YDS conducts a home visit to re-engage both the student and his or her family and discuss the importance of school attendance. Path Academy Windham also has the ability to provide students with flexible schedules to accommodate their various needs. Because of the school's blended learning program, students have access to all academic class content at home and on weekends, in an effort to encourage faster credit accumulation.

All staff participate in two weeks of professional development before school starts each year. The schedule also includes two hours built in to each week to provide continuous professional development for staff as needed. Topics covered in these professional development experiences include motivational interviewing and cultural sensitivity. Youth Development Specialists engage in parental contact at least once per trimester and invite parents to parent/teacher conferences twice per year. Staff at Path Academy Windham also host parent meetings with all interested parties at any needed points throughout the year.

In an effort to engage more families in the planning and improvement of school programs, the school offered a Parent/Teacher Organization opportunity to interested families; however, no families indicated an interest in participating. Parent/teacher conferences are held at the school twice per year and all parents are personally invited by their student's YDS to attend. Open Houses are also held twice per year, and parents are notified of t

### Efforts to Reduce Racial, Ethnic and Economic Isolation

Because of the high number of bilingual students enrolled in our program, Path Academy Windham works hard to utilize specific efforts to recruit and retain bilingual staff to ensure instruction and support can be delivered and supported by all staff.

The school hosted a number of guest speakers and volunteers throughout the school year, all who offer various perspectives to enhance the course content. Path Academy Windham staff also created celebratory events with an emphasis on inclusion and the embrace of various cultural traditions. Additionally, field trips that complemented the course content were designed to expose students to and highlight cultural diversity.

### **Equitable Allocation of Resources among District Schools**

Each year, Path Academy Windham staff works to prepare the budget in advance with review of allocation of funding from previous school year. The budget is then reviewed and discussed by the Board of Directors to ensure equity and appropriate addressing of student needs.