# Connecticut State Department of Education

# SCHOOL PROFILE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020–21



# **School Information**

Grade Range 9-12
Enrollment 1,441
Per Pupil Expenditures¹ \$15,040
Total Expenditures¹ \$22,799,931

### **Community Information**

AdvanceCT Town Profiles provide summary demographic and economic information for Connecticut's municipalities at https://www.advancect.org/site-selection/town-profiles

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Unless otherwise noted, all data are for 2020-21 and include all grades offered by the school.

In most tables, data are displayed only for the three major race/ethnicity categories. For additional race/ethnicity categories, please visit https://edsight.ct.gov

For district totals, please see the district profile.

\* When an asterisk is displayed, data have been suppressed to safeguard student confidentiality, or to ensure that statistics based on a very small sample size are not interpreted as equally representative as those based on a sufficiently larger sample size.

N/A is displayed when a category is not applicable for a district or school.

# **Students**

October 1, 2020 Enrollment				
		School	District	
	Count	Percent of Total (%)	Percent of Total (%)	
Female	720	50.0	*	
Male	*	*	50.4	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.0	*	
Asian	54	3.7	2.9	
Black or African American	23	1.6	1.6	
Hispanic or Latino of any race	110	7.6	9.3	
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0	*	
Two or More Races	24	1.7	1.8	
White	1,230	85.4	84.4	
English Learners	*	*	0.5	
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	201	13.9	14.3	
Students with Disabilities <sup>2</sup>	168	11.7	14.6	

NOTE: To protect student privacy, gender counts are suppressed (\*) when fewer than 6 students enrolled in the school identify as non-binary.

# Chronic Absenteeism and Suspension/Expulsion

	Chronic Absenteeism³		Suspension	/Expulsion⁴
	Count	Rate (%)	Count	Rate (%)
Female	55	7.7	14	1.9
Male	45	6.3	18	2.5
Black or African American	*	*	0	0.0
Hispanic or Latino of any race	8	7.0	*	*
White	90	7.4	25	2.0
English Learners	0	*	*	*
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	28	15.6	14	6.3
Students with Disabilities	25	15.0	16	9.1
School	100	7.0	32	2.2
District		5.6		1.7

Number of students in 2019-20 qualified as truant under state statute: 26

#### Number of school-based arrests: 0

NOTE: In the 2020-21 school year, students attended school in-person to varying degrees; some learned fully/mostly remotely for the entire school year. Chronic absenteeism calculations are based only on in-person school days.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Expenditure data reflect the 2019-20 school year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Students in this category are students with an individualized education program (IEP) only. This category does not include students with Section 504 plans or services plans.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A student is chronically absent if they miss 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>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This column displays the 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	103.1
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	3.7
Special Education	
Teachers and Instructors	12.9
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	13.0
Administrators, Coordinators and Department Chairs	
School Level	8.7
Library/Media	
Specialists (Certified)	1.8
Support Staff	1.0
Instructional Specialists Who Support Teachers	1.0
Counselors, Social Workers and School Psychologists	14.0
School Nurses	3.0
Other Staff Providing Non-Instructional Services/Support	50.6
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## **Educators by Race/Ethnicity**

	School		District
	Count	Percent of Total (%)	Percent of Total (%)
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	0.7	0.2
Asian	1	0.7	0.9
Black or African American	0	0.0	0.2
Hispanic or Latino of any race	5	3.4	2.1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0	0.0
Two or More Races	0	0.0	0.0
White	138	95.2	96.6

# Classroom Teacher Attendance, 2019-20

	School	District
Average # of FTE Days Absent Due to Illness or	6.2	6.0
Personal Time		

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

# **Instruction and Resources**

# School-Level Expenditures<sup>2</sup>: 2019-20

	Total (\$)	Per Pupil (\$)
Instruction	\$13,552,031	\$8,939
Support Services - Students	\$2,549,029	\$1,681
Improvement of Instruction	\$495,028	\$327
Library and Media Services	\$359,222	\$237
Support Services - Instruction		
Support Services - School-Based	\$1,273,138	\$840
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	\$3,408,524	\$2,248
Transportation Other Than to/From	\$127,298	\$84
Enterprise Operations	\$1,035,662	\$683
Total	\$22,799,931	\$15,040

Students with Disabilities Who Spend 79.1 to 100 Percent of Time with Nondisabled Peers<sup>3</sup>

	Count	Rate (%)
Autism	13	*
Emotional Disturbance	12	48.0
Intellectual Disability	0	0.0
Learning Disability	71	94.7
Other Health Impairment	39	95.1
Other Disabilities	*	*
Speech/Language Impairment	*	*
School	139	82.7
District		74.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This table includes students ages 6-21 with an IEP or services plan.

# 11th and 12th Graders Enrolled in College-and-Career-Readiness Courses during High School 4

	11th		12th	
	Count	Rate (%)	Count	Rate (%)
Black or African American	*	*	*	*
Hispanic or Latino of any race	27	90.0	19	90.5
White	294	97.7	328	98.2
English Learners	*	*	*	*
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	42	93.3	39	95.1
Students with Disabilities	41	95.3	25	83.3
School	343	96.6	372	97.6
District		96.4		94.5

## School Schedule

Days of Instruction	179
Hours of Instruction Per Year	
Grades 1-12 and Full-Day Kindergarten	908
Half/Extended Day Kindergarten	N/A

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 2}$  Expenditures may be supported by local tax revenues, state grants, federal grants, municipal in-kind services, tuition and other sources.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> College-and-Career-Readiness Courses include Advanced Placement®(AP), International Baccalaureate®(IB), Career and Technical Education(CTE), workplace experience and dual enrollment courses.

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# **Performance and Accountability**

### School Performance Index (SPI)

A School Performance Index (SPI) is the average performance of students in a subject area (i.e., ELA, Mathematics or Science) on the state summative assessments. The SPI ranges from 0-100. An SPI is reported for all students tested in a school and for students in each individual student group. Connecticut's ultimate target for an SPI is 75.

NOTE: As a result of ongoing challenges related to the novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), Connecticut's request for a waiver from implementing district/school accountability for the 2020-21 school year was approved. Therefore, no table is shown here. For additional information, please view Connecticut's waiver response at: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Digest/2020-21/CommissionerMemoAccountabilityWaiver.pdf

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

	NAEP 2019		NAEP 2013
READING	Grade 4	Grade 8	Grade 12
Connecticut	40	41	50
National Public	34	32	36
MATH	Grade 4	Grade 8	Grade 12
Connecticut	45	39	32
National Public	40	33	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 performance on NAEP by student group, at

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Student-Assessment/NAEP/report-card\_NAEP-2019.pdf

## Physical Fitness Tests: Students Reaching Health Standard

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

	2019-20		
	Cohort Count <sup>2</sup> Rate (%		
Black or African American	7	*	
Hispanic or Latino of any race	29	96.6	
English Learners	*	*	
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	71	98.6	
Students with Disabilities	30	96.7	
School	420	99.0	
District		97.4	

<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.

# 11th and 12th Graders Meeting Benchmark on at Least One College Readiness Exam<sup>3</sup>

	Participation <sup>4</sup>	Meeting Benchmark		
	Rate (%)	Count	Rate (%)	
Female	*	*	*	
Male	96.1	239	62.6	
Black or African American	*	*	*	
Hispanic or Latino	96.1	21	41.2	
White	96.2	411	64.7	
English Language Learners	*	0	*	
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	96.5	36	41.9	
Students with Disabilities	80.8	*	*	
School	96.3	471	64.0	
District	94.3		62.4	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>College readiness exams and benchmark scores are as follows:

- SAT® meets benchmark 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

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## **College Entrance and Persistence**

	Class of 2020	Class of 2019
	Entrance <sup>3</sup>	Persistence <sup>4</sup>
	Rate (%)	Rate (%)
Female	92.6	94.6
Male	*	*
Black or African American	*	*
Hispanic or Latino of any race	64.3	*
White	83.0	93.3
English Learners	*	N/A
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	63.9	77.6
Students with Disabilities	45.2	*
School	82.6	92.7
District	81.2	92.8

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</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 2019-20 school year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</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 percentage. Sources:

<sup>\*</sup> The data are suppressed to ensure confidentiality.

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

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### **Next Generation Accountability Results**

Connecticut's Next Generation Accountability System is a broad set of 12 indicators that help tell the story of how well a district/school is preparing its students for success in college, careers, and life. It moves beyond test scores and graduation rates to provide a more holistic, multifactor perspective of district and school performance.

NOTE: As a result of ongoing challenges related to the novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), Connecticut's request for a waiver from implementing district/school accountability for the 2020-21 school year was approved. Therefore, a modified table is shown below. All indicators that were not calculated for the 2020-21 school year (including overall Accountability Index) have been excluded and columns that referenced points have also been removed to avoid confusion. For additional information, please view Connecticut's waiver response at: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Digest/2020-21/CommissionerMemoAccountabilityWaiver.pdf

Indicator		Index/Rate Target		State Average Index/Rate
Chronic Absenteeism	All Students	7.0%	<=5%	19.0%
	High Needs Students	High Needs Students 14.4%		30.2%
Preparation for CCR	% Taking Courses	97.1%	75%	80.6%
	% Passing Exams 64.0%		75%	36.0%
On-track to High School Graduation		97.9%	94%	84.5%
4-year Graduation All Students (2020 Cohort)		99.0%	94%	88.8%
6-year Graduation - High Needs Students (2018 Cohort)		93.1%	94%	85.2%
Postsecondary Entrance (Class of 2020)		82.6%	75%	67.4%
Arts Access		31.1%	60%	50.7%

NOTE: A dot (.) appears in the table above when there are fewer than 20 students in the student group or the indicator is not applicable based on grades served.

Gap Indicators	Non-High Needs Rate <sup>1</sup>	High Needs Rate	Size of Gap	State Gap Mean +1 Stdev <sup>2</sup>	Is Gap an Outlier?2
Graduation Rate Gap	94.0%	93.1%	0.9%	5.7%	N

<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.

NOTE: A dot (.) appears in the table above when there are fewer than 20 students in at least one of the student groups used to calculate the gap measure or the indicator is not applicable based on grades served.

#### **Supporting Resources:**

 $\label{two-page-FAQ} \textbf{Two-page-FAQ\_at-http://edsight.ct.gov/related reports/nextgenFAQ\_revised Dec 2018.pdf} \\$ 

Detailed Presentation at https://edsight.ct.gov/relatedreports/Next%20Generation%20Accountability%20System\_Detailed%20Presentation\_Jan\_2020.pdf

Using Accountability Results to Guide Improvement at https://edsight.ct.gov/relatedreports/Using\_Accountability\_Results\_to\_Guide\_Improvement.pdf

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