

# Connecticut State Department of Education

## DISTRICT PROFILE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2024-25



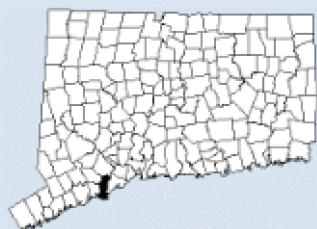
### Stratford School District

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#### District Information

|                            |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Grade Range                | PK-12         |
| Number of Schools/Programs | 23            |
| Enrollment                 | 6,578         |
| Per Pupil Expenditures     | \$20,911      |
| Total Expenditures         | \$147,530,448 |

Expenditure data reflect the 2023-24 school year.



#### 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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#### Notes

Unless otherwise noted, all data are for 2024-25 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 <https://public-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 safeguard student confidentiality. Complete data suppression guidelines are available at <https://tinyurl.com/SuppressionPolicy>

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

#### Students

##### October 1, 2024 Enrollment

| Student Group                             | District Count | District Percent (%) | State Percent (%) |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Female                                    | *              | *                    | 48.4              |
| Male                                      | 3,396          | 51.6                 | 51.5              |
| Non-Binary                                | *              | *                    | 0.1               |
| American Indian or Alaska Native          | 8              | 0.1                  | 0.2               |
| Asian                                     | 140            | 2.1                  | 5.2               |
| Black or African American                 | 1,743          | 26.5                 | 12.4              |
| Hispanic or Latino of any race            | 2,875          | 43.7                 | 32.1              |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 7              | 0.1                  | 0.1               |
| Two or More Races                         | 234            | 3.6                  | 4.8               |
| White                                     | 1,571          | 23.9                 | 45.1              |
| English Learners/Multilingual Learners    | 763            | 11.6                 | 11.3              |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals  | 3,302          | 50.2                 | 44.8              |
| Students with Disabilities                | 1,268          | 19.3                 | 18.5              |

The enrollment table represents students in grades PK-12 reported by the district in the Public School Information System (i.e., PSIS Reporting District).

**Students with disabilities** are students with an individualized education program (IEP) only. This category does not include students with Section 504 plans or services plans.

##### Chronic Absenteeism and Suspension/Expulsion

| Student Group                            | Chronic Count | Chronic Rate (%) | Suspension Count | Suspension Rate (%) |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Female                                   | 540           | 17.3             | *                | *                   |
| Male                                     | *             | *                | 357              | 10.1                |
| Non-Binary                               | *             | *                | *                | *                   |
| Black or African American                | 263           | 15.4             | 231              | 12.7                |
| Hispanic or Latino of any race           | 514           | 18.2             | 246              | 8.1                 |
| White                                    | 223           | 14.9             | 73               | 4.6                 |
| English Learners/Multilingual Learners   | 98            | 12.1             | 54               | 6.4                 |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 738           | 20.7             | 393              | 10.3                |
| Students with Disabilities               | 320           | 26.3             | 183              | 12.5                |
| All Students - District                  | 1,066         | 16.6             | 572              | 8.4                 |
| All Students - State                     |               | 17.2             |                  | 6.8                 |

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.

A student is included in **suspension count/rate** if they received at least one in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.

**Number of students qualified as truant under state statute: 753**  
**Number of school-based arrests: 20**

# District Profile and Performance Report for School Year 2024-25

## Stratford School District

### Educators

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

| Role                                                     | FTE   |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| General Education Teachers and Instructors               | 406.9 |
| General Education Paraprofessionals                      | 116.8 |
| Special Education Teachers and Instructors               | 77.0  |
| Special Education Paraprofessionals                      | 140.0 |
| District Central Office Administrators                   | 13.0  |
| School Level Administrators                              | 34.0  |
| Library/Media Specialists (Certified)                    | 4.0   |
| Library/Media Support Staff                              | 9.2   |
| Instructional Specialists Who Support Teachers           | 35.6  |
| Counselors, Social Workers and School Psychologists      | 54.0  |
| School Nurses                                            | 15.0  |
| Other Staff Providing Non-Instructional Services/Support | 296.4 |

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.

#### Classroom Teacher Attendance: 2023-24

| Level    | Average Number of FTE Days Absent Due to Illness or Personal Time |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| District | 14.2                                                              |
| State    | 13.0                                                              |

#### Educators by Race/Ethnicity

| Race/Ethnicity                            | District Count | District Percent (%) | State Percent (%) |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| American Indian or Alaska Native          | 0              | 0.0                  | 0.1               |
| Asian                                     | 7              | 1.1                  | 1.4               |
| Black or African American                 | 44             | 7.0                  | 4.9               |
| Hispanic or Latino of any race            | 46             | 7.3                  | 5.3               |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 0              | 0.0                  | 0.1               |
| Two or More Races                         | 2              | 0.3                  | 0.3               |
| White                                     | 529            | 84.2                 | 87.9              |

#### New! Educator Attrition: 2023-24

| Educator Type | District Attrition Count | District Attrition Rate (%) | State Attrition Rate (%) |
|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| All Educators | 75                       | 11.6                        | 6.8                      |
| Teachers      | 58                       | 11.6                        | 7.6                      |

**Teacher Attrition Rate** is defined as the percent of certified teachers who were teaching in the district in 2022-23 but were not teaching in the district in 2023-24. **All Educator Attrition Rate** is defined as the percent of certified educators who were staffed in a certified educator position in the district in 2022-23 but were not staffed in a certified educator position in the district in 2023-24.

Note: See Appendix A for exit reasons.

### Instruction and Resources

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

| Student Group                            | 11th Count | 11th Rate (%) | 12th Count | 12th Rate (%) |
|------------------------------------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| Black or African American                | 149        | 96.8          | 180        | 98.9          |
| Hispanic or Latino of any race           | 236        | 95.5          | 228        | 99.1          |
| White                                    | 146        | 99.3          | 173        | 98.9          |
| English Learners/Multilingual Learners   | 28         | 90.3          | 37         | 94.9          |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 307        | 95.9          | 325        | 99.1          |
| Students with Disabilities               | 82         | 95.3          | 134        | 97.1          |
| All Students - District                  | 568        | 96.8          | 611        | 99.0          |
| All Students - State                     |            | 89.2          |            | 95.3          |

**College-and-Career-Readiness Courses** include Advanced Placement®(AP), International Baccalaureate®(IB), Career and Technical Education(CTE), workplace experience and dual credit courses.

#### Students with Disabilities Spending 80% or Greater Time with Nondisabled Peers

| Disability                  | Count | Rate (%) |
|-----------------------------|-------|----------|
| Autism                      | 101   | 41.7     |
| Emotional Disability        | 37    | 51.4     |
| Intellectual Disability     | 10    | 18.5     |
| Learning Disability         | 389   | 86.6     |
| Other Health Impairment     | 147   | 72.8     |
| Other Disabilities          | 15    | 32.6     |
| Speech/Language Impairment  | 82    | 89.1     |
| All Disabilities - District | 781   | 67.5     |
| All Disabilities - State    |       | 68.0     |

This table represents students ages 6-21 for whom the district is fiscally responsible (i.e., Nexus District students with an IEP or services plan).

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### Students with Disabilities by Primary Disability

| Disability                 | District Count | District Rate (%) | State Rate (%) |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Autism                     | 257            | 3.8               | 2.9            |
| Emotional Disability       | 73             | 1.1               | 1.1            |
| Intellectual Disability    | 54             | 0.8               | 0.6            |
| Learning Disability        | 449            | 6.6               | 6.5            |
| Other Health Impairment    | 204            | 3.0               | 3.6            |
| Other Disabilities         | 66             | 1.0               | 1.1            |
| Speech/Language Impairment | 115            | 1.7               | 2.0            |
| All Disabilities           | 1,218          | 18.0              | 17.8           |

This table represents students in grades K-12 for whom the district is fiscally responsible (i.e., Nexus District students with an IEP or services plan).

### Students with Disabilities Placed Outside of the District

| Classroom Setting                 | District Count | District Rate (%) | State Rate (%) |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Public Schools in Other Districts | 67             | 5.5               | 8.2            |
| Private Schools or Other Settings | 49             | 4.0               | 4.5            |

This table represents students in grades K-12 for whom the district is fiscally responsible (i.e., Nexus District students with an IEP or services plan).

### Overall Expenditures: 2023-24

| Expenditure                                    | District Total (\$) | District Per Pupil (\$) | State Per Pupil (\$) |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Instruction                                    | \$92,220,015        | \$13,072                | \$13,471             |
| Support services - students                    | \$13,395,094        | \$2,004                 | \$1,826              |
| Support services - instruction                 | \$3,630,141         | \$543                   | \$972                |
| Support services - general administration      | \$1,409,790         | \$211                   | \$568                |
| Support services - school based administration | \$7,390,471         | \$1,106                 | \$1,274              |
| Central and other support services             | \$4,491,245         | \$672                   | \$761                |
| Operation and maintenance of plant             | \$15,003,526        | \$2,244                 | \$2,125              |
| Student transportation services                | \$7,816,025         | \$2,309                 | \$1,695              |
| Food services                                  | \$699,133           | \$105                   | \$10                 |
| Enterprise operations                          | \$1,475,008         | \$221                   | \$219                |
| Total                                          | \$147,530,448       | \$20,911                | \$22,054             |

Expenditures may be supported by local tax revenues, state grants, federal grants, municipal in-kind services, tuition and other sources.

### Special Education Expenditures: 2023-24

| Expenditure                                  | District Total (\$) | District Percent (%) | State Percent (%) |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Teacher Salaries                             | \$4,506,077         | 11.6                 | 26.4              |
| Instructional Aide Salaries                  | .                   | .                    | 10.1              |
| Other Salaries                               | \$10,878,635        | 28.0                 | 10.5              |
| Employee Benefits                            | \$5,110,730         | 13.1                 | 13.3              |
| Purchased Services Other Than Transportation | \$4,465,599         | 11.5                 | 6.8               |
| Special Education Tuition                    | \$10,431,912        | 26.8                 | 22.8              |
| Supplies                                     | \$197,139           | 0.5                  | 0.6               |
| Property Services                            | \$59,558            | 0.2                  | 0.4               |
| Purchased Services For Transportation        | \$3,210,088         | 8.3                  | 8.7               |
| Equipment                                    | \$36,946            | 0.1                  | 0.2               |
| All Other Expenditures                       | \$340               | 0.0                  | 0.1               |
| Total                                        | \$38,897,023        | 100.0                | 100.0             |

### Percent of Total Expenditures Used for Special Education: 2023-24

| Level    | Percent (%) |
|----------|-------------|
| District | 26.4        |
| State    | 25.7        |

### Expenditures by Revenue Source: 2023-24

| Revenue Source  | Percent of Total (%) Excluding School Construction |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Local           | 69.2                                               |
| State           | 21.6                                               |
| Federal         | 8.1                                                |
| Tuition & Other | 1.1                                                |

Revenue sources do not include state-funded Teachers' Retirement Board contributions, Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS) operations, CSDE-budgeted costs for salaries and leadership activities and other state-funded school districts (e.g., Dept. of Children and Families and Dept. of Correction).

# District Profile and Performance Report for School Year 2024-25

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### Performance and Accountability

#### District Performance Index (DPI)

A District Performance Index (DPI) is the average performance of students in a subject area (i.e., English Language Arts(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.

| Student Group                                  | ELA Count | ELA DPI | Math Count | Math DPI | Science Count | Science DPI |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------|------------|----------|---------------|-------------|
| American Indian or Alaska Native               | *         | *       | *          | *        | *             | *           |
| Asian                                          | 81        | 68.5    | 81         | 66.1     | 38            | 69.0        |
| Black or African American                      | 873       | 54.8    | 871        | 47.4     | 420           | 50.8        |
| Hispanic or Latino of any race                 | 1,438     | 54.5    | 1,436      | 49.5     | 644           | 51.0        |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander      | *         | *       | *          | *        | *             | *           |
| Two or More Races                              | 139       | 62.7    | 140        | 56.5     | 59            | 62.7        |
| White                                          | 799       | 66.3    | 797        | 62.8     | 350           | 65.2        |
| English Learners/Multilingual Learners         | 474       | 48.8    | 473        | 45.9     | 205           | 46.2        |
| Non-English Learners/Non-Multilingual Learners | 2,864     | 59.7    | 2,860      | 54.0     | 1,309         | 56.6        |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals       | 1,805     | 53.7    | 1,800      | 48.7     | 831           | 50.6        |
| Not Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals   | 1,533     | 63.3    | 1,533      | 57.8     | 683           | 60.7        |
| Students with Disabilities                     | 632       | 40.3    | 631        | 34.7     | 269           | 38.3        |
| Students without Disabilities                  | 2,706     | 62.3    | 2,702      | 57.1     | 1,245         | 58.8        |
| High Needs                                     | 2,131     | 52.6    | 2,127      | 47.6     | 966           | 49.5        |
| Non-High Needs                                 | 1,207     | 67.9    | 1,206      | 62.3     | 548           | 65.1        |
| All Students - District                        | 3,338     | 58.1    | 3,333      | 52.9     | 1,514         | 55.2        |

#### National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP): Percent At or Above Proficient

| Year | Subject | Grade | CT  | National Public |
|------|---------|-------|-----|-----------------|
| 2024 | Reading | 4     | 36% | 30%             |
| 2024 | Reading | 8     | 35% | 29%             |
| 2024 | Math    | 4     | 42% | 39%             |
| 2024 | Math    | 8     | 32% | 27%             |

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. Performance on NAEP by student group is available at <https://tinyurl.com/CTNAEP2024>

#### Physical Fitness Tests: Percent of Students Reaching Health Standard

| Test                 | Grade 4 Percent (%) | Grade 6 Percent (%) | Grade 8 Percent (%) | HS Percent (%) | All Tested Grades Count | All Tested Grades Percent (%) |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Sit & Reach          | 83.3                | 80.0                | 77.8                | 75.6           | 2,311                   | 78.4                          |
| Curl Up              | 84.5                | 85.3                | 76.4                | 84.7           | 2,301                   | 83.0                          |
| Push Up              | 69.1                | 71.7                | 56.8                | 64.7           | 2,305                   | 65.2                          |
| Mile Run/PACER       | 75.2                | 79.1                | 52.7                | 40.2           | 2,293                   | 57.4                          |
| All Tests - District | 50.2                | 54.0                | 38.0                | 31.2           | 2,270                   | 41.0                          |
| All Tests - State    | 55.8                | 51.4                | 46.0                | 43.6           |                         | 49.0                          |

The Connecticut Physical Fitness Assessment (CPFA) is administered to students in Grades 4, 6, 8 and High School (HS). 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.

**Note: Only students assessed in all four areas are included in the All Tests calculation**

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### 2023-24 Cohort Graduation: Four-Year

| Student Group                            | Cohort Count | Rate (%) |
|------------------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Black or African American                | 155          | 91.6     |
| Hispanic or Latino of any race           | 232          | 89.7     |
| White                                    | 201          | 91.5     |
| English Learners/Multilingual Learners   | 37           | 83.8     |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 368          | 91.0     |
| Students with Disabilities               | 104          | 66.3     |
| All Students - District                  | 616          | 90.9     |
| All Students - State                     |              | 88.9     |

The four-year cohort graduation rate represents the percentage of first-time 9th graders who earn a standard high school diploma within four years.

**Cohort count** includes all students in the cohort as of the end of the 2023-24 school year.

### 11th and 12th Graders Demonstrating Postsecondary Readiness

| Student Group                            | Count | Rate (%) |
|------------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Female                                   | 268   | 45.9     |
| Male                                     | *     | *        |
| Non-Binary                               | *     | *        |
| Black or African American                | 101   | 30.1     |
| Hispanic or Latino of any race           | 156   | 32.7     |
| White                                    | 154   | 47.8     |
| English Learners/ Multilingual Learners  | 13    | 18.6     |
| Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals | 192   | 29.6     |
| Students with Disabilities               | 20    | 8.9      |
| All Students - District                  | 444   | 36.9     |
| All Students - State                     |       | 47.2     |

Students demonstrate postsecondary readiness through at least one of the following:

- 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
- Earning three or more non-remedial college credits cumulatively during high school.

Sources:

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

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### College Entrance and Persistence

| Student Group                               | Class of 2024<br>Entrance<br>Rate (%) | Class of 2023<br>Persistence<br>Rate (%) |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Female                                      | 77.3                                  | 88.3                                     |
| Male                                        | 55.4                                  | 81.8                                     |
| Non-Binary                                  | *                                     | N/A                                      |
| Black or African American                   | 67.6                                  | 82.0                                     |
| Hispanic or Latino of any race              | 58.0                                  | 82.4                                     |
| White                                       | 74.9                                  | 90.4                                     |
| English Learners/<br>Multilingual Learners  | 39.4                                  | *                                        |
| Eligible for Free or<br>Reduced-Price Meals | 62.3                                  | 84.0                                     |
| Students with Disabilities                  | 46.9                                  | 68.2                                     |
| All Students - District                     | 66.2                                  | 85.6                                     |
| All Students - State                        | 67.0                                  | 88.2                                     |

**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.

**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).

Source: National Student Clearinghouse

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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.

| Indicator                                  | Student Group       | Index/Rate | Target | Points Earned | Max Points  | % Points Earned | State Average Index/Rate |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|--------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| ELA Performance Index                      | All Students        | 58.1       | 75     | 38.7          | 50          | 77.5            | 64.7                     |
| ELA Performance Index                      | High Needs Students | 52.6       | 75     | 35.0          | 50          | 70.1            | 54.9                     |
| Math Performance Index                     | All Students        | 52.9       | 75     | 35.3          | 50          | 70.5            | 61.1                     |
| Math Performance Index                     | High Needs Students | 47.6       | 75     | 31.7          | 50          | 63.4            | 50.6                     |
| Science Performance Index                  | All Students        | 55.2       | 75     | 36.8          | 50          | 73.5            | 62.6                     |
| Science Performance Index                  | High Needs Students | 49.5       | 75     | 33.0          | 50          | 66.0            | 52.1                     |
| ELA Academic Growth                        | All Students        | 58.3%      | 100%   | 58.3          | 100         | 58.3            | 60.6%                    |
| ELA Academic Growth                        | High Needs Students | 54.6%      | 100%   | 54.6          | 100         | 54.6            | 55.7%                    |
| Math Academic Growth                       | All Students        | 52.9%      | 100%   | 52.9          | 100         | 52.9            | 62.3%                    |
| Math Academic Growth                       | High Needs Students | 50.1%      | 100%   | 50.1          | 100         | 50.1            | 55.9%                    |
| Progress Toward English Proficiency        | Literacy            | 59.0%      | 100%   | 29.5          | 50          | 59.0            | 58.7%                    |
| Progress Toward English Proficiency        | Oral                | 57.8%      | 100%   | 28.9          | 50          | 57.8            | 55.7%                    |
| Chronic Absenteeism                        | All Students        | 16.6%      | <=5%   | 26.7          | 50          | 53.5            | 17.2%                    |
| Chronic Absenteeism                        | High Needs Students | 20.1%      | <=5%   | 19.9          | 50          | 39.7            | 24.8%                    |
| % Taking CCR Courses                       | All Students        | 97.9%      | 75%    | 50.0          | 50          | 100.0           | 92.4%                    |
| % Meeting CCR Benchmark                    | All Students        | 36.9%      | 75%    | 24.6          | 50          | 49.2            | 47.2%                    |
| On-track to High School Graduation         | All Students        | 90.0%      | 94%    | 47.9          | 50          | 95.7            | 85.9%                    |
| 4-year Graduation Rate (2024 Cohort)       | All Students        | 90.9%      | 94%    | 96.7          | 100         | 96.7            | 88.9%                    |
| 6-year Graduation Rate (2022 Cohort)       | High Needs Students | 95.3%      | 94%    | 100.0         | 100         | 100.0           | 87.3%                    |
| Postsecondary Entrance (Class of 2024)     | All Students        | 66.2%      | 75%    | 88.3          | 100         | 88.3            | 67.0%                    |
| Physical Fitness % Meeting Health Standard | All Students        | 41.0%      | 75%    | 27.3          | 50          | 54.6            | 49.0%                    |
| Arts Access                                | All Students        | 69.8%      | 60%    | 50.0          | 50          | 100.0           | 55.1%                    |
| <b>Accountability Index</b>                |                     |            |        | <b>1016.2</b> | <b>1450</b> | <b>70.1</b>     |                          |

Physical Fitness Estimated Participation Rate - District: 100.0% | State: 95.6%

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 Indicator                 | Non-High Needs Rate | High Needs Rate | Size of Gap | State Gap Mean +1 Stdev | Is Gap an Outlier? |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| ELA Performance Index Gap     | 67.9                | 52.6            | 15.3        | 16.9                    | N                  |
| Math Performance Index Gap    | 62.3                | 47.6            | 14.7        | 18.4                    | N                  |
| Science Performance Index Gap | 65.1                | 49.5            | 15.5        | 18.2                    | N                  |
| Graduation Rate Gap           | 94.0%               | 95.3%           | 0.0%        | 8.6%                    | N                  |

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.

If the size of the gap exceeds the state mean gap plus one standard deviation, the gap is an outlier.

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. Gap calculations are based on unrounded rates.

| Subject | Student Group       | Participation Rate (%) |
|---------|---------------------|------------------------|
| ELA     | All Students        | 99.0                   |
| ELA     | High Needs Students | 98.7                   |
| Math    | All Students        | 98.9                   |
| Math    | High Needs Students | 98.6                   |
| Science | All Students        | 97.8                   |
| Science | High Needs Students | 97.4                   |

Minimum participation standard is 95%.

### Connecticut's State Identified Measurable Result (SIMR) for Children with Disabilities

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: 43.8**

**State: 50.2**

**Supporting Resources:** <https://public-edsight.ct.gov/Overview/Next-Generation-Accountability-Dashboard#related-links>

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## Stratford School District

### Narratives

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

SPS fosters an inclusive, supportive, & academically rigorous environment where all students feel welcomed & achieve success. Entering our third year as an Alliance District, SPS continues to focus on staff development, student interventions, & community engagement, with targeted grant funding supporting these efforts.

**Special Education**. In collaboration with our Assistant Superintendents and our Director of Staff and Student Services, most SPS students with disabilities are educated in their home schools under the least restrictive environment model. Staff in both general and special education continue to receive joint training in behavior management, strategies for working with students with specific disabilities, and Science of Reading practices. The district also continues to expand training aligned with Multi-Tiered Systems of Support to ensure all students have equitable access to high-quality instruction.

**Truancy Prevention & Attendance**. Each school has a Building Attendance Review Committee (BARC) to track chronic absenteeism, identify at-risk students, & connect families with needed supports. At the district level, the Alliance-funded Community & Family Engagement Specialist continues to provide outreach, with a specific focus on students facing barriers to regular attendance. Our partnerships with Stratford Community Services, health clinics, and local agencies remain critical in addressing truancy and school avoidance. Stratford continues to be a LEAP district.

**Family Engagement**. Building Staff Skills to Partner with Families: Professional development emphasizes culturally responsive practices, restorative approaches, and equity-focused instruction. The district's strategic operating plan prioritizes family partnership as a core component of staff learning.

**Engaging Parents in Planning and Improvement**: SPS continues to involve parents through digital and in-person communications, parent advisory and the Parent SEE program. The "Conversations & Coffee" series with the Superintendent provides informal opportunities for parents, staff, and community members to share input.

**Supporting Learning at Home**: Teachers & administrators communicate with families through Thrillshare and school websites, & we have fully transitioned to ClassDojo for 2025–26. Parent workshops, literacy nights, & digital learning resources provide tools to reinforce classroom learning at home.

**Districtwide Strategic Initiatives**. SPS is in a 1 year SOP while a 5 year plan is developed, supported by continued Barr Foundation grant funding. Focus areas include Portrait of a Graduate, social-emotional learning, high-quality instruction, student success planning, & staff diversification. In addition, Project Uplift/Inspire continues to address challenges related to community violence, school avoidance, and substance abuse.

**Health, Wellness, and Technology Expansion** Last year, SPS added a Supervisor of Health and Wellness and a Director of Instructional Technology, both grant-funded positions, to strengthen student supports. The district is also preparing students for the digital future through updated Technology and AI Handbooks, reinforcing safe, equitable, and responsible use of emerging technologies. Through these combined efforts, SPS continues to strengthen its commitment to student achievement, wellness, & family partnership, ensuring each student is supported.

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

**Efforts to Reduce Racial, Ethnic, and Economic Isolation – 2025–26**. Stratford Public Schools embraces its growing diversity, with approximately 76% of students identifying as students of color and 12% identified as English Learners in 2024–25. The district views this as a strength and remains committed to fostering inclusive learning environments that celebrate cultural identity and reduce racial, ethnic, and economic isolation.

**Programs and Partnerships**. The Alliance-funded Family and Community Engagement Specialist continues to connect families with resources and strengthen home–school relationships, improving student achievement, attendance, and social-emotional growth. SPS leaders actively participate in community-based partnerships, including the Youth and Family Advisory Board, Council for Positive Youth Development, School Readiness Council, and Community Health and Wellness subcommittee of the Juvenile Justice Review Board. Collaborative work with Project Uplift/Inspire addresses school avoidance, community violence, and inequities.

**School-Based Programs**. Schools implement research-based initiatives such as Welcoming Schools, RULER, Restorative Practices, Responsive Classroom, Yale's Model UN, and multicultural career programs to promote belonging and inclusion. The Dual Language program, now in its seventh year, provides bilingual and bicultural learning experiences that enhance academic success and cross-cultural understanding.

**Educator Diversity and Student Access**. Stratford partners with TEACH CT and Cooperative Educational Services (CES) to recruit, hire, and retain diverse staff. Professional learning, book studies, and curriculum audits ensure instruction reflects the lived experiences of students and families. Interdistrict choice and magnet programs expand opportunities for academic rigor, while districtwide 1:1 Chromebook access and digital equity supports ensure all students have equal access to high-quality instruction.

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

Equitable Allocation of Resources Among District Schools – 2025–26.

Stratford Public Schools ensures resources are allocated equitably so every student has access to the supports needed for success. Schools and departments submit annual budget requests through a zero-based budgeting process, requiring justification for all expenditures. Central office staff review these requests to align with Board of Education goals, the district’s Strategic Operating Plan, and individual School Improvement Plans.

The Superintendent and Chief Operating Officer collaborate with principals and supervisors to prioritize needs that support academic, social-emotional, and operational goals. Capital and equipment needs are evaluated through the Plant/Planning Committee, which maintains a five-year capital improvement plan in partnership with town officials.

SPS ensures compliance with state and federal requirements, including equitable use of Alliance, IDEA, and Title funds. Annual reviews of staffing, enrollment, and performance data confirm equitable distribution of resources, with higher-need schools receiving added intervention, specialized programming, and family engagement supports.

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### Appendix A

#### 2023-24 Exit Reasons for Certified Educators

Exit reasons are reported by districts in the Educator Data System (EDS) based on the information provided by exiting educators.

| Exit Reason                                  | District Count | District Percent (%) | State Percent (%) |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Another Profession                           | 0              | 0.0                  | 2.1               |
| Deceased                                     | 1              | 1.6                  | 0.5               |
| District/School Shut Down                    | 0              | 0.0                  | 0.0               |
| Moved Out of State                           | 0              | 0.0                  | 2.2               |
| Personal Reasons                             | 6              | 9.8                  | 6.7               |
| Position Eliminated or Expired               | 9              | 14.8                 | 9.8               |
| Position Filled Permanently                  | 0              | 0.0                  | 0.1               |
| Resigned (no reason given)                   | 22             | 36.1                 | 32.0              |
| Retired                                      | 20             | 32.8                 | 23.7              |
| Teach/Admin in Other CT Dist                 | 2              | 3.3                  | 18.0              |
| Teach/Admin in CT Nonpublic School           | 0              | 0.0                  | 0.1               |
| Teach/Admin Out-of-State (public or private) | 1              | 1.6                  | 1.3               |
| Terminated                                   | 0              | 0.0                  | 1.2               |
| Took Job Related To Education                | 0              | 0.0                  | 2.3               |
| TOTAL                                        | 61             |                      |                   |

Please note that the exit counts above are for educators leaving the district. This differs from the counts in the attrition table where individuals may still be employed in the district but in non-teaching or non-certified educator roles.