

Connecticut State Department of Education

SCHOOL PROFILE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2024-25



Darien High School Darien School District

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School Information

Grade Range	9-12
Enrollment	1,382
Per Pupil Expenditures	\$21,065
Total Expenditures	\$29,448,952

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 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. 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	School Count	School Percent (%)	District Percent (%)
Female	691	50.0	*
Male	*	*	51.2
Non-Binary	*	*	*
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*
Asian	81	5.9	6.6
Black or African American	15	1.1	0.8
Hispanic or Latino of any race	121	8.8	7.5
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*
Two or More Races	48	3.5	5.1
White	1,114	80.6	79.8
English Learners/Multilingual Learners	7	0.5	1.4
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	54	3.9	2.3
Students with Disabilities	302	21.9	20.8

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	*	*	14	2.0
Male	44	6.3	28	4.0
Non-Binary	*	*	0	*
Black or African American	*	*	0	*
Hispanic or Latino of any race	12	9.5	*	*
White	60	5.4	35	3.1
English Learners/Multilingual Learners	*	*	0	*
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	6	11.1	*	*
Students with Disabilities	43	14.1	14	4.3
All Students - School	79	5.7	42	3.0
All Students - District		4.6		1.3

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: 0

Number of school-based arrests: Fewer than 6

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Educators

Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Staff

Role	FTE
General Education Teachers and Instructors	108.6
General Education Paraprofessionals	2.0
Special Education Teachers and Instructors	20.4
Special Education Paraprofessionals	16.0
School Level Administrators	9.0
Library/Media Specialists (Certified)	2.0
Library/Media Support Staff	1.0
Instructional Specialists Who Support Teachers	2.5
Counselors, Social Workers and School Psychologists	15.0
School Nurses	4.0
Other Staff Providing Non-Instructional Services/Support	40.3

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

Race/Ethnicity	School Count	School Percent (%)	District Percent (%)
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.0	0.0
Asian	4	2.5	1.8
Black or African American	3	1.9	2.2
Hispanic or Latino of any race	5	3.1	2.0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0	0.0
Two or More Races	0	0.0	0.4
White	150	92.6	93.6

Classroom Teacher Attendance, 2023-24

Level	Average Number of FTE Days Absent Due to Illness or Personal Time
School	9.7
District	10.5

New! Educator Attrition: 2023-24

Educator Type	School Attrition Count	School Attrition Rate (%)	District Attrition Rate (%)
All Educators	7	4.5	7.5
Teachers	5	4	6.3

Teacher Attrition Rate is defined as the percent of certified teachers who were teaching in 2022-23 but were not teaching in 2023-24.

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

Note: Certified educators/teachers may be assigned at the district level and/or to more than one school in a district. In addition, certified educators/teachers may leave a school but stay within the district. Therefore, the sum of school-level attrition totals may not match the district-level attrition total.

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Instruction and Resources

School-Level Expenditures: 2023-24

Expenditure	Total (\$)	Per Pupil (\$)
Instruction	\$18,075,992	\$12,930
Support Services - Students	\$3,476,898	\$2,487
Improvement of Instruction	\$227,940	\$163
Library and Media Services	\$298,338	\$213
Support Services - Instruction	\$7,705	\$6
Support Services - School-Based Administration	\$2,289,826	\$1,638
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	\$2,378,141	\$1,701
Transportation Other Than to/From Home	\$326,244	\$233
Enterprise Operations	\$2,367,869	\$1,694
Total	\$29,448,952	\$21,065

Total per pupil expenditures (PPE) including share of district central expenditures is \$26,379.

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

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

Disability	Count	Rate (%)
Autism	*	*
Emotional Disability	25	89.3
Intellectual Disability	0	0.0
Learning Disability	81	77.1
Other Health Impairment	115	87.1
Other Disabilities	0	0.0
Speech/Language Impairment	*	*
All Disabilities - School	236	78.4
All Disabilities - District		78.3

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

Student Group	11th Count	11th Rate (%)	12th Count	12th Rate (%)
Black or African American	*	*	*	*
Hispanic or Latino of any race	27	100.0	36	97.3
White	295	99.0	281	99.3
English Learners/Multilingual Learners	*	*	*	*
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	14	*	16	*
Students with Disabilities	82	96.5	86	96.6
All Students - School	361	99.2	349	98.9
All Students - District		99.2		98.3

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

School Schedule

Category	Value
Days of Instruction	180
Hours of Instruction Per Year: Grades 1-12 and Full-Day Kindergarten	999
Hours of Instruction Per Year: Half/Extended Day Kindergarten	N/A
School Start Time	07:40 AM
School End Time	02:20 PM

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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.

Student Group	ELA Count	ELA SPI	Math Count	Math SPI	Science Count	Science SPI
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	18	*	18	*	17	*
Black or African American	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hispanic or Latino of any race	27	62.2	27	60.3	26	59.0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A
Two or More Races	14	*	14	*	13	*
White	289	76.0	289	73.5	290	76.7
English Learners/Multilingual Learners	*	*	*	*	*	*
Non-English Learners/Non-Multilingual Learners	*	*	*	*	*	*
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	11	*	11	*	12	*
Not Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	343	76.3	343	74.2	340	76.8
Students with Disabilities	75	62.7	75	56.5	76	56.0
Students without Disabilities	279	79.3	279	78.3	276	82.3
High Needs	83	62.9	83	57.0	85	58.0
Non-High Needs	271	79.8	271	78.8	267	82.5
School	354	75.8	354	73.7	352	76.6

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	N/A	N/A	N/A	85.3	333	85.3
Curl Up	N/A	N/A	N/A	97.9	333	97.9
Push Up	N/A	N/A	N/A	93.3	330	93.3
Mile Run/PACER	N/A	N/A	N/A	83.2	328	83.2
All Tests - School	N/A	N/A	N/A	70.2	326	70.2
All Tests - District	72.6	85.5	66.2	70.2		73.6

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	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino of any race	26	92.3
White	273	97.8
English Learners/Multilingual Learners	N/A	N/A
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	13	*
Students with Disabilities	87	90.8
All Students - School	327	97.2
All Students - District		97.0

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	300	85.7
Male	300	82.0
Non-Binary	0	*
Black or African American	*	*
Hispanic or Latino of any race	42	65.6
White	497	85.5
English Learners/ Multilingual Learners	*	*
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	18	60.0
Students with Disabilities	71	40.8
All Students - School	600	83.7
All Students - District		82.6

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

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

Sources:

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College Entrance and Persistence

Student Group	Class of 2024 Entrance Rate (%)	Class of 2023 Persistence Rate (%)
Female	94.8	98.7
Male	86.5	96.0
Non-Binary	N/A	N/A
Black or African American	N/A	*
Hispanic or Latino of any race	87.5	100.0
White	91.2	96.9
English Learners/ Multilingual Learners	N/A	N/A
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	*	*
Students with Disabilities	88.8	96.9
All Students - School	91.0	97.4
All Students - District	91.0	97.4

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	75.8	75	150.0	150	100.0	64.7
ELA Performance Index	High Needs Students	62.9	75	125.8	150	83.9	54.9
Math Performance Index	All Students	73.7	75	147.4	150	98.2	61.1
Math Performance Index	High Needs Students	57.0	75	114.0	150	76.0	50.6
Science Performance Index	All Students	76.6	75	100.0	100	100.0	62.6
Science Performance Index	High Needs Students	58.0	75	77.4	100	77.4	52.1
ELA Academic Growth	All Students	.	100%	.	.	.	60.6%
ELA Academic Growth	High Needs Students	.	100%	.	.	.	55.7%
Math Academic Growth	All Students	.	100%	.	.	.	62.3%
Math Academic Growth	High Needs Students	.	100%	.	.	.	55.9%
Progress Toward English Proficiency	Literacy	.	100%	.	.	.	58.7%
Progress Toward English Proficiency	Oral	.	100%	.	.	.	55.7%
Chronic Absenteeism	All Students	5.7%	<=5%	48.6	50	97.2	17.2%
Chronic Absenteeism	High Needs Students	13.5%	<=5%	32.9	50	65.9	24.8%
% Taking CCR Courses	All Students	99.0%	75%	50.0	50	100.0	92.4%
% Meeting CCR Benchmark	All Students	83.7%	75%	50.0	50	100.0	47.2%
On-track to High School Graduation	All Students	96.7%	94%	50.0	50	100.0	85.9%
4-year Graduation Rate (2024 Cohort)	All Students	97.2%	94%	100.0	100	100.0	88.9%
6-year Graduation Rate (2022 Cohort)	High Needs Students	98.9%	94%	100.0	100	100.0	87.3%
Postsecondary Entrance (Class of 2024)	All Students	91.0%	75%	100.0	100	100.0	67.0%
Physical Fitness % Meeting Health Standard	All Students	70.2%	75%	46.8	50	93.7	49.0%
Arts Access	All Students	56.1%	60%	46.8	50	93.5	55.1%
Accountability Index				1339.7	1450	92.4	

Physical Fitness Estimated Participation Rate - School: 95.9% | 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	75.0	62.9	12.1	17.1	N
Math Performance Index Gap	75.0	57.0	18.0	18.6	N
Science Performance Index Gap	75.0	58.0	17.0	18.3	N
Graduation Rate Gap	94.0%	98.9%	0.0%	6.5%	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	97.8
ELA	High Needs Students	95.4
Math	All Students	97.8
Math	High Needs Students	95.4
Science	All Students	97.2
Science	High Needs Students	92.5

Minimum participation standard is 95%.

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