

Connecticut State Department of Education
**SCHOOL PROFILE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT
 FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020–21**



**Highcrest School
 Wethersfield School District**

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School Information

Grade Range	K-6
Enrollment	463
Per Pupil Expenditures ¹	\$10,998
Total Expenditures ¹	\$5,147,209

¹ Expenditure data reflect the 2019-20 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 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	226	48.8	49.7
Male	237	51.2	50.3
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.0	*
Asian	29	6.3	4.8
Black or African American	8	1.7	3.9
Hispanic or Latino of any race	68	14.7	19.5
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0	*
Two or More Races	20	4.3	3.7
White	338	73.0	67.8
English Learners	52	11.2	9.2
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	87	18.8	24.8
Students with Disabilities ²	49	10.6	14.2

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

² 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.

Chronic Absenteeism and Suspension/Expulsion

	Chronic Absenteeism ³		Suspension/Expulsion ⁴	
	Count	Rate (%)	Count	Rate (%)
Female	*	*	0	0.0
Male	*	*	*	*
Black or African American	0	*	0	*
Hispanic or Latino of any race	*	*	0	0.0
White	7	2.1	*	*
English Learners	9	16.7	0	0.0
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	14	14.7	0	0.0
Students with Disabilities	*	*	*	*
School	15	3.2	*	*
District		6.8		0.9

Number of students in 2019-20 qualified as truant under state statute: 0

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.

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.

⁴ 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	28.0
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	2.4
Special Education	
Teachers and Instructors	2.0
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	10.8
Administrators, Coordinators and Department Chairs	
School Level	1.0
Library/Media	
Specialists (Certified)	0.0
Support Staff	1.0
Instructional Specialists Who Support Teachers	1.5
Counselors, Social Workers and School Psychologists	2.0
School Nurses	1.0
Other Staff Providing Non-Instructional Services/Support	8.8

Educators by Race/Ethnicity

	Count	School Percent of Total (%)	District Percent of Total (%)
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0	0.0	0.6
Black or African American	1	2.9	1.3
Hispanic or Latino of any race	0	0.0	1.6
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0	0.3
Two or More Races	0	0.0	0.0
White	34	97.1	96.2

Classroom Teacher Attendance, 2019-20

	School	District
Average # of FTE Days Absent Due to Illness or Personal Time	6.0	5.5

¹ 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 Expenditures²: 2019-20

	Total (\$)	Per Pupil (\$)
Instruction	\$4,270,487	\$9,125
Support Services - Students	\$486,885	\$1,040
Improvement of Instruction	\$18,825	\$40
Library and Media Services	.	.
Support Services - Instruction	\$113,162	\$242
Support Services - School-Based	\$248,031	\$530
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	\$7,698	\$16
Transportation Other Than to/From	.	.
Enterprise Operations	\$2,122	\$5
Total	\$5,147,209	\$10,998

² Expenditures may be supported by local tax revenues, state grants, federal grants, municipal in-kind services, tuition and other sources.

Students with Disabilities Who Spend 79.1 to 100 Percent of Time with Nondisabled Peers³

	Count	Rate (%)
Autism	*	*
Emotional Disturbance	*	*
Intellectual Disability	*	*
Learning Disability	8	*
Other Health Impairment	9	*
Other Disabilities	N/A	N/A
Speech/Language Impairment	15	*
School	37	94.9
District		78.7

³ This table includes students ages 6-21 with an IEP or services plan.

School Schedule

Days of Instruction	179
Hours of Instruction Per Year	
Grades 1-12 and Full-Day Kindergarten	901
Half/Extended Day Kindergarten	N/A

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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 Proficient¹

	NAEP 2019		NAEP 2013
	Grade 4	Grade 8	Grade 12
READING			
Connecticut	40	41	50
National Public	34	32	36
MATH			
Connecticut	45	39	32
National Public	40	33	25

¹ 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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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.

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Indicator		Index/Rate	Target	State Average Index/Rate
Chronic Absenteeism	All Students	3.2%	<=5%	19.0%
	High Needs Students	9.7%	<=5%	30.2%
Preparation for CCR	% Taking Courses	.	75%	80.6%
	% Passing Exams	N/A	75%	36.0%
On-track to High School Graduation		.	94%	84.5%
4-year Graduation All Students (2020 Cohort)		.	94%	88.8%
6-year Graduation - High Needs Students (2018 Cohort)		.	94%	85.2%
Postsecondary Entrance (Class of 2020)		.	75%	67.4%
Arts Access		.	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 ¹	High Needs Rate	Size of Gap	State Gap Mean +1 Stdev ²	Is Gap an Outlier? ²
Graduation Rate Gap

¹ 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.

² If the size of the gap exceeds the state mean gap plus one standard deviation, the gap is an outlier.

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Supporting Resources:

Two-page FAQ at http://edsight.ct.gov/relatedreports/nextgenFAQ_revisedDec2018.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