

STRATEGIC SCHOOL PROFILE 2007-08**Regional School District 12**

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This regional school district serves Bridgewater, Roxbury, Washington

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COMMUNITY DATA

County: Litchfield

Per Capita Income in 2000: \$44,020

Town Population in 2000: 7,556

Percent of Adults without a High School Diploma in 2000*: 7.8%

1990-2000 Population Growth: 2.3%

Percent of Adults Who Were Not Fluent in English in 2000*: 0.3%

Number of Public Schools: 5

District Enrollment as % of Estimated Student Population: 91.3%

*To view the Adult Education Program Profiles online, go to www.sde.ct.gov and click on Adult Education, then Reports.

District Reference Group (DRG): C DRG is a classification of districts whose students' families are similar in education, income, occupation, and need, and that have roughly similar enrollment. The Connecticut State Board of Education approved DRG classification for purposes of reporting data other than student performance.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Enrollment on October 1, 2007 1,057
5-Year Enrollment Change -8.2%

DISTRICT GRADE RANGE

Grade Range PK-12

INDICATORS OF EDUCATIONAL NEED

Need Indicator	Number in District	Percent		
		District	DRG	State
Students Eligible for Free/Reduced-Price Meals	34	3.2	4.7	28.7
K-12 Students Who Are Not Fluent in English	7	0.7	0.6	5.4
Students Identified as Gifted and/or Talented	0	0.0	3.8	4.0
PK-12 Students Receiving Special Education Services in District	167	15.8	11.0	11.4
Kindergarten Students who Attended Preschool, Nursery School or Headstart	52	92.9	87.9	79.2
Homeless	0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Juniors and Seniors Working 16 or More Hours Per Week	28	14.1	21.6	20.2

SCHOOL DISTRICT DIVERSITY

Student Race/Ethnicity		
Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent
American Indian	3	0.3
Asian American	15	1.4
Black	12	1.1
Hispanic	28	2.6
White	999	94.5
Total Minority	58	5.5

Percent of Minority Professional Staff: 1.7%

Non-English Home Language: 1.1% of this district's students (excluding prekindergarten students) come from homes where English is not the primary language. The number of non-English home languages is 4.

EFFORTS TO REDUCE RACIAL, ETHNIC, AND ECONOMIC ISOLATION

Below is the description submitted by this school of how it provides educational opportunities for its students to interact with students and teachers from diverse racial, ethnic, and economic backgrounds.

EFFORTS TO REDUCE RACIAL, ETHNIC, AND ECONOMIC ISOLATION

Given the relative isolation of the district in the northwest corner of the state, and inasmuch as the region's population is largely white, the district attempted to provide as many opportunities as possible for teachers and for students to increase their awareness of diversity, to encourage greater sensitivity to differences, and unique experiences to expand cultural awareness.

The individual school reports tell the complete "story," but in summary, the elementary schools (three) and our highschool/middle school participated in pen pal programs with students in Waterbury, inter-district grant programs involving several districts including Danbury and Waterbury having to do with expanded literacy, after school programs in the arts (provided by ASAP, a community-base arts program) that broadened cultural sensitivity through the arts, poetry competitions with students in other districts and around the world, and various courses that promoted cultural and gender awareness among students. Faculty participated in a PD program sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League regarding Sheff v. O'Neill and focusing on tolerance.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Connecticut Mastery Test, Fourth Generation, % Meeting State Goal. The Goal level is more demanding than the Proficient level, but not as high as the Advanced level, reported in the No Child Left Behind Report Cards.

Grade and CMT Subject Area	District	State	% of Districts in State with Equal or Lower Percent Meeting Goal
Grade 3 Reading	70.7	52.0	80.4
Writing	79.3	63.4	74.2
Mathematics	87.9	60.0	98.8
Grade 4 Reading	67.8	55.9	62.0
Writing	72.4	62.9	58.5
Mathematics	80.7	60.3	83.0
Grade 5 Reading	73.7	62.2	58.6
Writing	76.6	64.5	63.0
Mathematics	80.5	65.9	69.1
Science	77.9	54.9	80.9
Grade 6 Reading	66.7	66.3	31.0
Writing	72.8	61.9	64.3
Mathematics	74.1	66.4	50.0
Grade 7 Reading	90.2	71.1	91.0
Writing	63.4	62.0	39.4
Mathematics	77.1	63.0	65.8
Grade 8 Reading	71.0	64.8	45.9
Writing	66.7	63.4	44.7
Mathematics	62.3	60.8	34.6
Science	76.8	58.6	67.3

These results reflect the performance of students with scoreable tests who were enrolled in the district at the time of testing, regardless of the length of time they were enrolled in the district. Results for fewer than 20 students are not presented.

For more detailed CMT results, go to www.ctreports.com.

To see the NCLB Report Card for this school, go to www.sde.ct.gov and click on "No Child Left Behind."

Connecticut Academic Performance Test, Third Generation, % Meeting State Goal. The CAPT is administered to Grade 10 students. The Goal level is more demanding than the state Proficient level, but not as high as the Advanced level, reported in the No Child Left Behind Report Cards. The following results reflect the performance of students with scoreable tests who were enrolled in the school at the time of testing, regardless of the length of time they were enrolled in the school. Results for fewer than 20 students are not presented.

CAPT Subject Area	District	State	% of Districts in State with Equal or Lower Percent Meeting Goal
Reading Across the Disciplines	51.6	45.5	52.3
Writing Across the Disciplines	65.9	57.9	50.0
Mathematics	66.7	50.1	66.2
Science	47.2	46.3	41.5

For more detailed CAPT results, go to www.ctreports.com.

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Physical Fitness. The assessment includes tests for flexibility, abdominal strength and endurance, upper-body strength and aerobic endurance.

Physical Fitness: % of Students Reaching Health Standard on All Four Tests	District	State	% of Districts in State with Equal or Lower Percent Reaching Standard
	56.7	36.1	93.6

SAT® I: Reasoning Test Class of 2007		District	State	% of Districts in State with Equal or Lower Scores
% of Graduates Tested		82.8	77.6	
Average Score	Mathematics	504	504	48.5
	Critical Reading	527	502	71.5
	Writing	521	503	69.2

SAT® I. The lowest possible score on each SAT® I subtest is 200; the highest possible score is 800.

Graduation and Dropout Rates	District	State	% of Districts in State with Equal or Less Desirable Rates
Graduation Rate, Class of 2007	100.0	92.6	100.0
Cumulative Four-Year Dropout Rate for Class of 2007	0.0	6.2	100.0
2006-07 Annual Dropout Rate for Grade 9 through 12	0.0	1.7	100.0

Activities of Graduates	District	State
% Pursuing Higher Education (Degree and Non-Degree Programs)	87.1	83.4
% Employed (Civilian Employment and in Armed Services)	11.8	12.3

RESOURCES AND EXPENDITURES

DISTRICT STAFF

Full-Time Equivalent Count of District Staff	
General Education	
Teachers and Instructors	83.96
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	18.56
Special Education	
Teachers and Instructors	13.10
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	28.18
Library/Media Specialists and Assistants	5.00
Staff Devoted to Adult Education	0.00
Administrators, Coordinators, and Department Chairs	
District Central Office	4.00
School Level	6.17
Instructional Specialists Who Support Teachers (e.g., subject area specialists)	0.00
Counselors, Social Workers, and School Psychologists	6.51
School Nurses	4.00
Other Staff Providing Non-Instructional Services and Support	68.15

In the full-time equivalent (FTE) count, staff members working part-time in the school district are counted as a fraction of full-time. For example, a teacher who works half-time in the district contributes 0.50 to the district's staff count.

Teachers and Instructors	District	DRG	State
Average Years of Experience in Education	15.0	14.3	13.6
% with Master's Degree or Above	79.4	75.5	75.6

Average Class Size	District	DRG	State
Grade K	11.2	17.1	18.1
Grade 2	15.5	18.6	19.3
Grade 5	15.6	20.4	20.9
Grade 7	16.1	19.9	20.5
High School	17.2	17.8	18.6

Hours of Instruction Per Year*	Dist	DRG	State
Elementary School	987	993	987
Middle School	1,021	1,032	1,017
High School	987	1,021	1,006

*State law requires that at least 900 hours of instruction be offered to students in grade 1-12 and full-day kindergarten, and 450 hours to half-day kindergarten students.

Students Per Academic Computer	Dist	DRG	State
Elementary School*	2.1	3.3	3.4
Middle School	2.0	2.2	2.7
High School	1.9	2.2	2.7

*Excludes schools with no grades above kindergarten.

DISTRICT EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES, 2006-07

Expenditures may be supported by local tax revenues, state grants, federal grants, municipal in-kind services, tuition and other sources. DRG and state figures will not be comparable to the district if the school district does not teach both elementary and secondary students.

Expenditures All figures are unaudited.	Total (in 1000s)	Expenditures Per Pupil			
		District	PK-12 Districts	DRG	State
Instructional Staff and Services	\$9,682	\$8,956	\$7,153	\$6,737	\$7,159
Instructional Supplies and Equipment	\$591	\$547	\$262	\$287	\$266
Improvement of Instruction and Educational Media Services	\$784	\$726	\$443	\$395	\$429
Student Support Services	\$1,347	\$1,246	\$764	\$713	\$761
Administration and Support Services	\$1,943	\$1,798	\$1,256	\$1,267	\$1,271
Plant Operation and Maintenance	\$2,135	\$1,975	\$1,329	\$1,295	\$1,322
Transportation	\$1,239	\$1,140	\$605	\$605	\$601
Costs for Students Tuitioned Out	\$470	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	\$353	\$327	\$147	\$130	\$145
Total	\$18,544	\$16,935	\$12,203	\$11,824	\$12,151
Additional Expenditures					
Land, Buildings, and Debt Service	\$564	\$522	\$1,875	\$1,979	\$1,882

Special Education Expenditures	
Total Expenditures	\$3,385,690
Percent of Total PK-12 Expenditures Used for Special Education	18.3%

Revenue Sources, % of Expenditures from Source. 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 Corrections).

District Expenditures	Local Revenue	State Revenue	Federal Revenue	Tuition & Other
Including School Construction	91.7	3.6	2.0	2.7
Excluding School Construction	92.0	3.1	2.0	2.8

EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES AMONG DISTRICT SCHOOLS

Below is the description submitted by this district of how it allocates resources to insure equity and address needs.

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Not unlike most school districts, RSD #12 has a budget development process that consumes administration and teachers throughout most of the fall months. This process essentially allows for each principal and program leader to develop and propose a budget request for the next fiscal year, including requests for materials, supplies and equipment. Personnel funding is handled centrally and is largely controlled by maintaining class sizes that are the same across the levels to insure that no K-8 student is disadvantaged by having overly large classes. Special education costs are related to the requirements of the several PPT's that define program needs, ranging from simple in-class supports to costly out placements.

In the last two fiscal years, the community has supported the initially proposed budget increases and therefore has not required change to initial requests via reductions in the original proposals. Learning opportunities remain at present equitable and reasonably comprehensive among all the schools.

In future years, with declining enrollment, steep escalations in energy costs, and the mounting prices for health insurance, it will become a much greater challenge to preserve a semblance of programs as they are now and to insure equity among levels.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Number of K-12 Students with Disabilities for Whom the District is Financially Responsible	164
Of All K-12 Students for Whom the District is Financially Responsible, the Percent with Disabilities	16.5%

Of All K-12 Students for Whom District is Financially Responsible, Number and Percentage with Disabilities				
Disability	Count	District Percent	DRG Percent	State Percent
Autism	6	0.6	0.8	0.7
Learning Disability	74	7.5	4.1	4.0
Intellectual Disability	6	0.6	0.4	0.5
Emotional Disturbance	7	0.7	0.7	1.0
Speech Impairment	31	3.1	2.2	2.4
Other Health Impairment*	31	3.1	1.9	2.1
Other Disabilities**	9	0.9	0.6	0.9
Total	164	16.5	10.7	11.5

*Includes chronic health problems such as attention deficit disorders and epilepsy

**Includes hearing, visual, and orthopedic impairments, deaf-blindness, multiple disabilities, traumatic brain injury, and developmental delay

Graduation and Dropout Rates of Students with Disabilities for Whom District is Financially Responsible	District	State
% Who Graduated in 2006-07 with a Standard Diploma	100.0	77.2
2006-07 Annual Dropout Rate for Students Aged 14 to 21	0.0	2.8

STATE ASSESSMENTS

Percent of Students with Disabilities Meeting State Goal. The Goal level is more demanding than the Proficient level, but not as high as the Advanced level, reported in the No Child Left Behind Report Cards. These results are for students attending district schools who participated in the standard assessment with or without accommodations for their disabilities. Results for fewer than 20 students are not presented.

- **Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT), Fourth Generation.** The CMT reading, writing and mathematics tests are administered to students in Grades 3 through 8, and the CMT science test to students in Grades 5 and 8.
- **Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT), Third Generation.** The CAPT is administered to Grade 10 students.

State Assessment		Students with Disabilities		All Students	
		District	State	District	State
CMT	Reading	31.9	20.4	73.5	62.1
	Writing	26.0	19.3	71.6	63.0
	Mathematics	39.2	22.6	77.0	62.7
	Science	52.2	22.2	77.4	56.8
CAPT	Reading Across the Disciplines	N/A	N/A	51.6	45.5
	Writing Across the Disciplines	N/A	N/A	65.9	57.9
	Mathematics	N/A	N/A	66.7	50.1
	Science	N/A	N/A	47.2	46.3

For more detailed CMT or CAPT results, go to www.ctreports.com. To see the NCLB Report Card for this school, go to www.sde.ct.gov and click on “No Child Left Behind.”

Participation in State Assessments of Students with Disabilities Attending District Schools		
CMT	% Without Accommodations	76.2
	% With Accommodations	23.8
CAPT	% Without Accommodations	29.4
	% With Accommodations	70.6
% Assessed Using Skills Checklist		0.7

Accommodations for a student’s disability may be made to allow him or her to participate in testing. Students whose disabilities prevent them from taking the test even with accommodations are assessed by means of a list of skills aligned to the same content and grade level standards as the CMT and CAPT.

Federal law requires that students with disabilities be educated with their non-disabled peers as much as is appropriate. Placement in separate educational facilities tends to reduce the chances of students with disabilities interacting with non-disabled peers, and of receiving the same education.

K-12 Students with Disabilities Placed in Educational Settings Other Than This District’s Schools		
Placement	Count	Percent
Public Schools in Other Districts	0	0.0
Private Schools or Other Settings	10	6.1

Number and Percentage of K-12 Students with Disabilities for Whom District is Financially Responsible by the Percentage of Time They Spent with Their Non-Disabled Peers				
Time Spent with Non-Disabled Peers	Count of Students	Percent of Students		
		District	DRG	State
79.1 to 100 Percent of Time	92	56.1	71.7	71.6
40.1 to 79.0 Percent of Time	60	36.6	21.8	16.6
0.0 to 40.0 Percent of Time	12	7.3	6.5	11.8

SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND ACTIVITIES

The following narrative was submitted by this district.

SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND ACTIVITIES

In order to insure that all of the Region's students learn at high levels, the administration undertook a revision of the previous Strategic Plan and arrived at a streamlined version that established direction for improvement for the next three years. The key Goal areas are: Curriculum, Student Needs, Data, and Technology. In each area a Goal Team, working with the Superintendent and the Director of Curriculum, established the near term objects, measurement indicators, and completion timelines. These Goals, and attendant objectives and implementation plans then drove development of School Success Plans at each facility with SMART goals being written by faculty with the intention of knowing with some degree of accuracy where instruction was successful and where it was not. This is new to the district and is being pursued at a more modest pace.

Focuses for improvement are gleaned from close analysis of CMT and CAPT scores, as well as through the use of various interim assessments that allow for the adjustment of instruction to insure the success of all learners. Further, work done over the last few years in the areas of differentiated instruction and Understanding by Design now finds its application under the broader umbrella of measured performance. Clear curricular outcomes and an array of instructional strategies will contribute significantly to the instructional adjustments called for periodic "readings" of which students are gaining what learning.

Each of our buildings is gradually evolving their own professional learning communities which encourage the sharing of data and related information in jointly and collegially developing responsive interventions.
