

DISTRICT PROFILE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2019–20



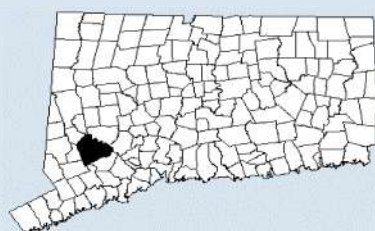
Newtown School District

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District Information

Grade Range	PK-12
Number of Schools/Programs	9
Enrollment	4,188
Per Pupil Expenditures ¹	\$18,488
Total Expenditures ¹	\$80,294,660

¹ Expenditure data reflect the 2018-19 school year.



Community Information

[AdvanceCT Town Profiles](#) provide summary demographic and economic information for Connecticut's municipalities

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Unless otherwise noted, all data are for 2019-20 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 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, 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, 2019 Enrollment²

	District		State
	Count	Percent of Total (%)	Percent of Total (%)
Female	*	*	48.4
Male	2,141	51.1	51.6
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	0.3
Asian	133	3.2	5.2
Black or African American	*	*	12.7
Hispanic or Latino of any race	334	8.0	26.9
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0	0.1
Two or More Races	73	1.7	3.8
White	3,577	85.4	51.1
English Learners	17	0.4	8.3
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	583	13.9	43.3
Students with Disabilities ³	596	14.2	16.0

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

² This table represents students in grades PK-12 reported by the district in the Public School Information System (i.e., PSIS Reporting District).

³ 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 ⁴		Suspension/Expulsion ⁵	
	Count	Rate (%)	Count	Rate (%)
Female	115	5.7	13	0.6
Male	120	5.8	56	2.6
Black or African American	*	*	*	*
Hispanic or Latino of any race	15	4.3	8	2.2
White	209	6.0	58	1.6
English Learners	*	*	*	*
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	56	9.8	28	4.2
Students with Disabilities	71	12.8	28	4.2
District	235	5.7	69	1.6
State		12.2		4.9

Number of students in 2018-19 qualified as truant under state statute: 27

Number of school-based arrests: 0

NOTE: In the 2019-20 school year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person classes were cancelled in mid-March; all districts switched to fully remote instruction for the remainder of the school year. Chronic absenteeism calculations are based only on in-person school days.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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	289.6
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	41.5
Special Education	
Teachers and Instructors	42.1
Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants	93.6
Administrators, Coordinators and Department Chairs	
District Central Office	8.0
School Level	23.7
Library/Media	
Specialists (Certified)	8.0
Support Staff	5.1
Instructional Specialists Who Support Teachers	21.1
Counselors, Social Workers and School Psychologists	35.8
School Nurses	12.6
Other Staff Providing Non-Instructional Services/Support	254.3

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.

Educators by Race/Ethnicity

	District		State
	Count	Percent of Total (%)	Percent of Total (%)
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	0.2	0.1
Asian	4	0.9	1.2
Black or African American	1	0.2	4.0
Hispanic or Latino of any race	7	1.6	4.1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0	0.1
Two or More Races	0	0.0	0.1
White	424	97.0	90.4

Classroom Teacher Attendance: 2018-19

	District	State
Average Number of FTE Days Absent Due to Illness or Personal Time	11.0	10.4

Instruction and Resources

11th and 12th Graders Enrolled in College-and-Career-Readiness Courses during High School²

	11th		12th	
	Count	Rate (%)	Count	Rate (%)
Black or African American	*	*	*	*
Hispanic or Latino of any race	17	85.0	27	93.1
White	327	95.6	348	94.6
English Learners	*	*	*	*
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	49	96.1	47	85.5
Students with Disabilities	26	81.3	24	57.1
District	368	95.1	408	94.2
State		75.8		84.8

² College-and-Career-Readiness Courses include Advanced Placement®(AP), International Baccalaureate®(IB), Career and Technical Education(CTE), workplace experience and dual enrollment courses.

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

	Count	Rate (%)
Autism	46	51.1
Emotional Disturbance	33	60.0
Intellectual Disability	*	*
Learning Disability	163	84.5
Other Health Impairment	95	87.2
Other Disabilities	*	*
Speech/Language Impairment	55	94.8
District	397	73.8
State		67.8

³ 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 Disability¹

	District		State
	Count	Rate (%)	Rate (%)
Autism	94	2.3	2.0
Emotional Disturbance	55	1.3	1.1
Intellectual Disability	20	0.5	0.5
Learning Disability	193	4.7	5.7
Other Health Impairment	110	2.7	3.3
Other Disabilities	24	0.6	1.1
Speech/Language Impairment	70	1.7	1.8
All Disabilities	566	13.7	15.6

¹ 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 District²

	District		State
	Count	Rate (%)	Rate (%)
Public Schools in Other Districts	18	3.2	8.2
Private Schools or Other Settings	21	3.7	5.0

² 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 Expenditures³: 2018-19

	Total (\$)	Per Pupil	
		District (\$)	State (\$)
Instruction	\$44,769,262	\$10,308	\$10,923
Support services - students	\$8,733,378	\$2,039	\$1,277
Support services - instruction	\$2,240,342	\$523	\$682
Support services - general administration	\$1,306,149	\$305	\$467
Support services - school based administration	\$4,206,159	\$982	\$1,021
Central and other support services	\$2,048,413	\$478	\$679
Operation and maintenance of plant	\$11,105,154	\$2,593	\$1,718
Student transportation services	\$4,659,455	\$1,079	\$1,288
Food services	\$42,222	\$10	\$12
Enterprise operations	\$1,184,126	\$276	\$163
Minor school construction	.	.	\$59
Total	\$80,294,660	\$18,488	\$17,629

³ Expenditures may be supported by local tax revenues, state grants, federal grants, municipal in-kind services, tuition and other sources.

Special Education Expenditures: 2018-19

	District		State
	Total (\$)	Percent of Total (%)	Percent of Total (%)
Teacher Salaries	\$5,205,049	29.4	28.5
Instructional Aide Salaries	\$1,799,097	10.2	10.1
Other Salaries	\$2,132,884	12.0	11.1
Employee Benefits	\$2,052,816	11.6	13.0
Purchased Services Other Than Transportation	\$429,152	2.4	5.7
Special Education Tuition	\$4,337,221	24.5	22.5
Supplies	\$125,206	0.7	0.6
Property Services	\$32,996	0.2	0.3
Purchased Services For Transportation	\$1,561,689	8.8	8.0
Equipment	\$23,404	0.1	0.2
All Other Expenditures	\$961	0.0	0.1
Total	\$17,700,476	100.0	100.0
Percent of Total Expenditures Used for Special Education		22.0	24.6

Expenditures by Revenue Source⁴:

2018-19

	Percent of Total (%) Excluding School Construction
Local	89.4
State	7.8
Federal	1.5
Tuition & Other	1.3

⁴ 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).

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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., 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.

NOTE: Due to widespread school closures related to the novel Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), Connecticut's request for a waiver of statewide assessment, accountability and reporting requirements in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) for the 2019-2020 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/Student-Assessment/Main-Assessment/CT-Covid19-WaiverResponse.pdf>

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP): Percent At or Above Proficient¹

	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

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, [click here](#).

Physical Fitness Tests: Students Reaching Health Standard

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Cohort Graduation: Four-Year¹

	2018-19	
	Cohort Count ²	Rate (%)
Black or African American	*	*
Hispanic or Latino of any race	14	*
English Learners	N/A	N/A
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	77	92.2
Students with Disabilities	39	74.4
District	409	96.6
State		88.5

¹ The four-year cohort graduation rate represents the percentage of first-time 9th graders who earn a standard high school diploma within four years.

² Cohort count includes all students in the cohort as of the end of the 2018-19 school year.

11th and 12th Graders Meeting Benchmark on at Least One College Readiness Exam

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College Entrance and Persistence

	Class of 2019	Class of 2018
	Entrance ³ Rate (%)	Persistence ⁴ Rate (%)
Female	84.0	*
Male	*	94.6
Black or African American	*	*
Hispanic or Latino of any race	*	*
White	80.3	96.6
English Learners	80.3	*
Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals	63.6	*
Students with Disabilities	54.1	88.5
District	81.1	95.6
State	71.5	87.5

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

NOTE: Due to widespread school closures related to the novel Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), Connecticut's request for a waiver of statewide assessment, accountability and reporting requirements in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) for the 2019-2020 school year was approved. Therefore, a modified table is shown below. All indicators that were not calculated for the 2019-20 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:

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Indicator		Index/Rate	Target	State Average Index/Rate
Progress Toward English Proficiency	Literacy	.	100%	60.4%
	Oral	.	100%	57.6%
Chronic Absenteeism	All Students	5.7%	<=5%	12.2%
	High Needs Students	9.7%	<=5%	18.0%
Preparation for CCR	% Taking Courses	94.6%	75%	80.4%
On-track to High School Graduation		97.8%	94%	88.4%
4-year Graduation All Students (2019 Cohort)		96.6%	94%	88.5%
6-year Graduation - High Needs Students (2017 Cohort)		85.9%	94%	84.5%
Postsecondary Entrance (Class of 2019)		81.1%	75%	71.5%
Arts Access		34.3%	60%	51.8%

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	94.0%	85.9%	8.1%	10.9%	N

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.

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.

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.

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Supporting Resources:

[Two-page FAQ](#)

[Detailed Presentation](#)

[Using Accountability Results to Guide Improvement](#)

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Narratives

School District Improvement Plans and Parental Outreach Activities

Efforts to Reduce Racial, Ethnic and Economic Isolation

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Equitable Allocation of Resources among District Schools