

**SPECIAL EDUCATION STRATEGIC SCHOOL PROFILE 2004-05**

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**Table 1: OVERALL DISTRICT DESCRIPTION**

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Total Number of Students for Whom the District is Fiscally Responsible<br>(Excluding Pre-K and Adult Education)   | 5,084          |
| Number of Students with Special Education Disabilities for Whom the District is Fiscally Responsible<br>(Excluding Pre-K and Adult Education; Including Private Pay*) | 638            |
| District Special Education Prevalence Rate (% of Total Students with Disabilities)  | 12.5%          |
| Number of Students with Disabilities Placed Out-of-District **  | 63             |
| Number of Private Pay* Students with Disabilities   | 0              |
| K-12 Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Teachers  | 316.3          |
| K-12 FTE Special Education Teachers   | 34.0           |
| K-12 FTE Administrators   | 23.0           |
| Regional Education Service Center (RESC)  | Ed. Connection |
| Educational Reference Group (ERG)****   | F              |
| Total District Expenditures***  | \$48,133,831   |
| Special Education Expenditures***   | \$10,414,691   |
| Special Education Students Who Are:   |                |
| Limited English Proficient  | 2.4%           |
| Free/Reduced-Price Meal Eligible  | 38.1%          |

\*Private Pay = Private/Parochial students, not placed or referred by public agencies, whose basic education is paid through private resources and who receive special education and related services at public expense under a service plan.

\*\*Excludes Endowed and Incorporated Academies and private/parochial students placed out-of-district by parents.

\*\*\*Expenditures are unaudited figures from the full 2002-03 fiscal year.

\*\*\*\*ERG is a classification of districts whose students' families are similar in education, income, and occupation, and have similar enrollment.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION PREVALENCE**

Prevalence is a special education rate of occurrence statistic. It indicates the percent of students in a district (ERG or state) who are students with disabilities, receiving special education and related services. This number is calculated by dividing the number of K-12 students with disabilities for whom a district is fiscally responsible by the total number of K-12 students for whom the district is fiscally responsible (excludes preschool and adult education students). Statewide, the special education prevalence rate has been dropping for several years, although Connecticut's prevalence rate is still slightly higher than the national average.

**Table 2: Special Education Prevalence Trends**

|                      | <b>93-94</b> | <b>99-00</b> | <b>00-01</b> | <b>01-02</b> | <b>02-03</b> | <b>03-04</b> | <b>04-05</b> |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| School District Rate | 11.6%        | 14.6%        | 13.9%        | 14.2%        | 14.1%        | 14.0%        | 12.5%        |
| ERG Median Rate      | 13.6%        | 13.4%        | 13.0%        | 12.7%        | 11.8%        | 11.7%        | 11.5%        |
| Statewide Rate       | 13.4%        | 12.8%        | 12.5%        | 12.3%        | 12.2%        | 12.1%        | 11.9%        |

## SPECIAL EDUCATION PREVALENCE, continued

### Table 3: Special Education Prevalence by Disability

| Special Education Disability | K-12 Count of Students<br>with Disabilities |            | Prevalence<br>Rate |              | Comparison<br>ERG | State<br>Prevalence |
|------------------------------|---|------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|
|                              | 03-04                                       | 04-05      | 03-04              | 04-05        | Prevalence Rate   | Rate                |
| Learning Disability          | 306   | 266        | 6.0%               | 5.2%         | 4.0%              | 4.6%                |
| Intellectual Disability      | 36  | 36         | 0.7%               | 0.7%         | 0.6%              | 0.6%                |
| Emotional Disturbance        | 96  | 82         | 1.9%               | 1.6%         | 1.3%              | 1.2%                |
| Speech Impairment            | 112   | 104        | 2.2%               | 2.0%         | 2.6%              | 2.5%                |
| Other Health Impairment      | 105   | 79         | 2.0%               | 1.6%         | 1.9%              | 1.8%                |
| Other Disability*            | 64  | 49         | 1.2%               | 1.0%         | 0.9%              | 0.8%                |
| Autism                       |   | 22         |                    | 0.4%         | 0.4%              | 0.4%                |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>719</b>                                  | <b>638</b> | <b>14.0%</b>       | <b>12.5%</b> | <b>11.5%</b>      | <b>11.9%</b>        |

CT identification rates for Emotional Disturbance (ED) and Other Health Impairments (OHI) are significantly higher than national averages, ranking among the top 15 states for ED and the top 5 for OHI. CT is in the bottom 15 for identification of students with Intellectual Disabilities.

| *2004-05 Count of Specific Disabilities within "Other" Category |   |                        |    |  |    |
|---|---|------------------------|----|--|----|
| Visual Impairment   | 1 | Hearing Impairment     | 8  | Developmental Delay**  | 17 |
| Orthopedic Impairment   | 0 | Traumatic Brain Injury | 2  | **CT statute limits the identification of students as Developmental Delay to children ages three through five. |    |
| Deaf-Blindness  | 0 | Multiple Disabilities  | 21 |  |    |

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) requires states to monitor the disproportionate identification of students with disabilities by race/ethnicity. CT public school districts monitor this issue through the comparison of race/ethnicity proportions within disability subgroups to the expected proportions found within the all district student data. Large variation in proportions may indicate potential problems, although small student subgroup counts impact data interpretation and unique district circumstances can alter the racial/ethnic makeup of disability subgroups.



### Table 4: Count and Percent of Students (K-12) by Racial/Ethnic Group within Disability Subgroups

|   | Amer. Indian/<br>Alaskan Native |      | Asian/ Pacific<br>Islander |      | Black/African<br>American |       | Hispanic or<br>Latino |       | White |       | Disability<br>Totals |               |
|---|---------------------------------|------|----------------------------|------|---------------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|----------------------|---------------|
|   | Count                           | %    | Count                      | %    | Count                     | %     | Count                 | %     | Count | %     | Count                | %             |
| Learning Disability                       | 0                               | 0.0% | 2                          | 0.8% | 19                        | 7.1%  | 18                    | 6.8%  | 227   | 85.3% | <b>266</b>           | <b>41.7%</b>  |
| Intellectual Disability                   | 0                               | 0.0% | 1                          | 2.8% | 5                         | 13.9% | 2                     | 5.6%  | 28    | 77.8% | <b>36</b>            | <b>5.6%</b>   |
| Emotional Disturbance                     | 0                               | 0.0% | 2                          | 2.4% | 8                         | 9.8%  | 2                     | 2.4%  | 70    | 85.4% | <b>82</b>            | <b>12.9%</b>  |
| Speech/Language Impairment                | 0                               | 0.0% | 0                          | 0.0% | 8                         | 7.7%  | 10                    | 9.6%  | 86    | 82.7% | <b>104</b>           | <b>16.3%</b>  |
| Other Health Impairments                  | 0                               | 2.5% | 2                          | 2.5% | 5                         | 6.3%  | 2                     | 2.5%  | 70    | 88.6% | <b>79</b>            | <b>12.4%</b>  |
| Other Disability                          | 0                               | 0.0% | 2                          | 4.1% | 4                         | 8.2%  | 6                     | 12.2% | 37    | 75.5% | <b>49</b>            | <b>7.7%</b>   |
| Autism                                    | 0                               | 0.0% | 1                          | 4.5% | 2                         | 9.1%  | 0                     | 0.0%  | 19    | 86.4% | <b>22</b>            | <b>3.4%</b>   |
| District Total Students with Disabilities | 0                               | 0.0% | 10                         | 1.6% | 51                        | 8.0%  | 40                    | 6.3%  | 537   | 84.2% | <b>638</b>           | <b>100.0%</b> |
| <i>Comparison Statistics</i>              |                                 |      |                            |      |                           |       |                       |       |       |       |                      |               |
| All District Students                     | 15                              | 0.3% | 138                        | 2.7% | 282                       | 5.5%  | 436                   | 8.6%  | 4,213 | 82.9% | 5,084                | 100.0%        |

## PERCENTAGE OF TIME WITH NON-DISABLED PEERS (TWNDP)

Time spent with non-disabled peers (TWNDP) is an important indicator of student access to the general curriculum as well as demonstration of compliance with the IDEA requirement that students with disabilities are educated with their non-disabled peers to the maximum extent appropriate. Two ways to look at TWNDP are to examine the data for all students with disabilities for whom the district is fiscally responsible and then to review the data for students with disabilities whose education is provided in-district. The data reported in the next two tables reports on the three federal TWNDP categories. 0-40.0% is considered the most isolated setting. 40.1-79.0% is typically a pull-out or resource room type of setting. 79.1-100% is considered a general education placement. In the third table on this page, TWNDP data is examined with a more detailed breakout across 10 TWNDP groups.



**Table 5: TWNDP: All K-12 Students with Disabilities**

| <i>Federal Categories</i> | <i>Learning Disability Number</i> | <i>Intellectual Disability Number</i> | <i>Emotional Disturbance Number</i> | <i>Speech Impairment Number</i> | <i>Other Health Impaired Number</i> | <i>Other Disability Number</i> | <i>Autism Number</i> | <i>Total District Number</i> | <i>District Total Percent</i> | <i>ERG Total Percent</i> | <i>State Total Percent</i> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 79.1 to 100%              | 186                               | 5                                     | 31                                  | 64                              | 45                                  | 21                             | 7                    | 359                          | 56.3%                         | 63.1%                    | 61.2%                      |
| 40.1 to 79.0%             | 64                                | 22                                    | 17                                  | 31                              | 22                                  | 9                              | 8                    | 173                          | 27.1%                         | 22.8%                    | 22.6%                      |
| 0.0 to 40.0%              | 16                                | 9                                     | 34                                  | 9                               | 12                                  | 19                             | 7                    | 106                          | 16.6%                         | 14.1%                    | 16.2%                      |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>266</b>                        | <b>36</b>                             | <b>82</b>                           | <b>104</b>                      | <b>79</b>                           | <b>49</b>                      | <b>22</b>            | <b>638</b>                   | <b>100.0%</b>                 | <b>100.0%</b>            | <b>100.0%</b>              |
| Mean TWNDP                | 82.3%                             | 56.2%                                 | 53.4%                               | 78.3%                           | 71.5%                               | 56.7%                          | 56.2%                | 72.3%                        |                               | 74.5%                    | 72.8%                      |

**Table 6: TWNDP: In-District\* k-12 Students with Disabilities Only**

| <i>Federal Categories</i> | <i>Learning Disability Number</i> | <i>Intellectual Disability Number</i> | <i>Emotional Disturbance Number</i> | <i>Speech Impairment Number</i> | <i>Other Health Impaired Number</i> | <i>Other Disability Number</i> | <i>Autism Number</i> | <i>Total District Number</i> | <i>District Total Percent</i> | <i>ERG Total Percent</i> | <i>State Total Percent</i> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 79.1 to 100%              | 183                               | 5                                     | 27                                  | 63                              | 40                                  | 21                             | 6                    | 345                          | 60.0%                         | 66.5%                    | 64.5%                      |
| 40.1 to 79.0%             | 64                                | 21                                    | 13                                  | 30                              | 20                                  | 9                              | 8                    | 165                          | 28.7%                         | 24.5%                    | 24.3%                      |
| 0 to 40.0%                | 13                                | 6                                     | 19                                  | 8                               | 7                                   | 8                              | 4                    | 65                           | 11.3%                         | 9.0%                     | 11.1%                      |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>260</b>                        | <b>32</b>                             | <b>59</b>                           | <b>101</b>                      | <b>67</b>                           | <b>38</b>                      | <b>18</b>            | <b>575</b>                   | <b>100.0%</b>                 | <b>100.0%</b>            | <b>100.0%</b>              |
| Mean TWNDP                | 83.2%                             | 61.0%                                 | 62.8%                               | 78.9%                           | 75.6%                               | 71.1%                          | 61.6%                | 76.8%                        |                               | 78.7%                    | 77.0%                      |

\*Excludes both private pay and out-of-district students with disabilities.

**Table 7: Ten TWNDP Categories: All K-12 Students with Disabilities**

|              | <i>Learning Disability Number</i> | <i>Intellectual Disability Number</i> | <i>Emotional Disturbance Number</i> | <i>Speech Impairment Number</i> | <i>Other Health Impaired Number</i> | <i>Other Disability Number</i> | <i>Autism Number</i> | <i>Total District Number</i> | <i>District Total Percent</i> | <i>ERG Total Percent</i> | <i>State Total Percent</i> |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 0 - 10.0%    | 10                                | 3                                     | 20                                  | 1                               | 9                                   | 7                              | 3                    | 53                           | 8.3%                          | 7.7%                     | 8.4%                       |
| 10.1 - 20%   | 0                                 | 0                                     | 3                                   | 0                               | 1                                   | 6                              | 0                    | 10                           | 1.6%                          | 1.5%                     | 2.7%                       |
| 20.1 - 30%   | 0                                 | 1                                     | 8                                   | 1                               | 1                                   | 5                              | 1                    | 17                           | 2.7%                          | 1.9%                     | 2.0%                       |
| 30.1 - 40%   | 6                                 | 5                                     | 3                                   | 7                               | 1                                   | 1                              | 3                    | 26                           | 4.1%                          | 3.0%                     | 3.1%                       |
| 40.1 - 50%   | 6                                 | 4                                     | 1                                   | 8                               | 4                                   | 2                              | 1                    | 26                           | 4.1%                          | 3.8%                     | 3.8%                       |
| 50.1 - 60%   | 6                                 | 0                                     | 3                                   | 2                               | 3                                   | 3                              | 3                    | 20                           | 3.1%                          | 5.0%                     | 4.7%                       |
| 60.1 - 70%   | 19                                | 11                                    | 8                                   | 11                              | 7                                   | 3                              | 4                    | 63                           | 9.9%                          | 6.5%                     | 6.4%                       |
| 70.1 - 80%   | 38                                | 7                                     | 5                                   | 14                              | 10                                  | 1                              | 2                    | 77                           | 12.1%                         | 8.9%                     | 8.9%                       |
| 80.1 - 90%   | 50                                | 3                                     | 9                                   | 14                              | 13                                  | 3                              | 1                    | 93                           | 14.6%                         | 23.1%                    | 22.5%                      |
| 90.1 - 100%  | 131                               | 2                                     | 22                                  | 46                              | 30                                  | 18                             | 4                    | 253                          | 39.7%                         | 38.6%                    | 37.5%                      |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>266</b>                        | <b>36</b>                             | <b>82</b>                           | <b>104</b>                      | <b>79</b>                           | <b>49</b>                      | <b>22</b>            | <b>638</b>                   | <b>100.0%</b>                 | <b>100.0%</b>            | <b>100.0%</b>              |

## EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENT

In 2002-03, CT was identified by OSEP as a state with significant concerns in the area of placement of students into private and public separate school facilities, ranking 9th from the bottom among states. CT placed 4.5% of all students with disabilities (ages 6-21) into separate school facilities. This is more than 50% greater than the national average of 2.9%. Out placement reduces a student's chance of interacting with their non-disabled peers and accessing the general curriculum.

**Table 8: Students Placed Out-of-District**

| Placing Agency               | Learning Disability | Intellectual Disability | Emotional Disturbance | Speech Impairment | Other Health Impairment | Other Disability | Autism | District Total | District Percent | ERG Total Percent | State Total Percent |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Placed Out By District       | 0                   | 0                       | 9                     | 0                 | 4                       | 10               | 2      | 25             | 39.7%            | 59.9%             | 60.5%               |
| Placed Out By Other Parties* | 6                   | 4                       | 14                    | 3                 | 8                       | 1                | 2      | 38             | 60.3%            | 40.1%             | 39.5%               |
| Total Placed Out             | 6                   | 4                       | 23                    | 3                 | 12                      | 11               | 4      | 63             | 100.0%           | 100.0%            | 100.0%              |

\*Other parties includes DCF, other state agencies, juvenile and superior courts, as well as physicians and others.

**Table 9: Educational Placement of Students with Disabilities (count and percent by 6 Federal Categories)**

| Education Placement          | Learning Disability | Intellectual Disability | Emotional Disturbance | Speech Impairment | Other Health Impairment | Other Disability | Autism | District Total | Total Percent | ERG Percent | State Percent |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------|----------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| Public School                | 263                 | 35                      | 68                    | 102               | 73                      | 38               | 20     | 599            | 93.9%         | 94.1%       | 94.1%         |
| Public Separate Facility     | 0                   | 0                       | 0                     | 0                 | 0                       | 2                | 0      | 2              | 0.3%          | 1.6%        | 1.6%          |
| Private Separate Facility    | 1                   | 0                       | 7                     | 0                 | 4                       | 8                | 2      | 22             | 3.4%          | 3.1%        | 2.8%          |
| Public Residential Facility  | 0                   | 0                       | 0                     | 0                 | 0                       | 0                | 0      | 0              | 0.0%          | 0.1%        | 0.1%          |
| Private Residential Facility | 2                   | 1                       | 7                     | 2                 | 2                       | 1                | 0      | 15             | 2.4%          | 1.1%        | 1.4%          |
| Hospital/Homebound           | 0                   | 0                       | 0                     | 0                 | 0                       | 0                | 0      | 0              | 0.0%          | 0.1%        | 0.2%          |
| Total                        | 266                 | 36                      | 82                    | 104               | 79                      | 49               | 22     | 638            | 100.0%        | 100.0%      | 100.0%        |

Public School includes all students attending CT public school districts including Endowed/Incorporated Academies, Charter and Magnet Schools. Public Separate Facility includes students attending RESC's (non-magnet schools). Private Separate Facility includes students attending Private Special Education Facilities and Other Agencies. Public Residential Facility includes students attending RESC's who reside in group homes/shelters or attend out-of-state public residential facilities. Private Residential Facility includes students who reside and are educated at Private Special Education Facilities, students who reside in group homes/shelters, and students who attend out-of state private residential facilities. Hospital/Homebound includes students who live and are educated in permanent family residences, or students who receive their education in a home/hospital setting, both in- and out-of-state.

**Table 10: Home School\* Attendance by Students with Disabilities**

|          | Learning Disability | Intellectual Disability | Emotional Disturbance | Speech Impairment | Other Health Impairment | Other Disability | Autism | District Total |
|----------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------|----------------|
| District | 97.4%               | 88.9%                   | 73.2%                 | 98.1%             | 91.1%                   | 75.5%            | 81.8%  | 90.9%          |
| ERG      | 92.9%               | 80.1%                   | 61.0%                 | 94.7%             | 88.7%                   | 66.4%            | 71.0%  | 85.7%          |
| State    | 92.6%               | 77.1%                   | 61.2%                 | 93.8%             | 88.9%                   | 66.0%            | 67.1%  | 85.6%          |

Students attending magnet and charter school programs as a result of school choice options (identical to those of their nondisabled peers) are considered to be attending their home school, unlike students placed into programs as a result of PPT programming decisions.

\*Home School is defined as where the student would otherwise attend school if not disabled.



## OUTCOMES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES



**Table 11: Extracurricular Participation by Students with Disabilities**

|                     | Learning Disability | Intellectual Disability | Emotional Disturbance | Speech Impairment | Other Health Impairment | Other Disability | Autism | Total SWD |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------|-----------|
| District            | 77.1%               | 88.9%                   | 65.9%                 | 87.5%             | 75.9%                   | 63.3%            | 68.2%  | 76.5%     |
| ERG Participation   | 44.0%               | 42.4%                   | 29.6%                 | 32.7%             | 41.6%                   | 28.6%            | 28.4%  | 37.7%     |
| State Participation | 36.9%               | 33.4%                   | 23.2%                 | 27.5%             | 36.9%                   | 22.2%            | 22.6%  | 31.8%     |



## OUTCOMES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, continued

**Table 12: Students with Disabilities (Ages 14-21) Reported in Dec. 2004,  
As Exiting Special Education During the 03-04 School Year**

| <i>Reason for Exiting</i>                  | <i>Learning Disability Number</i> | <i>Intellectual Disability Number</i> | <i>Emotional Disturbance Number</i> | <i>Speech Impairment Number</i> | <i>Other Health Impaired</i> | <i>Other Disability Number</i> | <i>Autism</i> | <i>District Total Number</i> | <i>District Total Percent</i> |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Graduated with Diploma                     | 12                                | 3                                     | 9                                   | 2                               | 3                            | 0                              | 0             | 29                           | 26.4%                         |
| Grad. with Certificate of Completion / IEP | 0                                 | 0                                     | 0                                   | 0                               | 0                            | 0                              | 0             | 0                            | 0.0%                          |
| Dropped Out                                | 6                                 | 0                                     | 9                                   | 1                               | 1                            | 0                              | 0             | 17                           | 15.5%                         |
| Returned to Regular Education              | 19                                | 0                                     | 7                                   | 2                               | 6                            | 0                              | 0             | 34                           | 30.9%                         |
| Reached Maximum Age, Moved or Deceased     | 11                                | 2                                     | 10                                  | 4                               | 1                            | 1                              | 1             | 30                           | 27.3%                         |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>48</b>                         | <b>5</b>                              | <b>35</b>                           | <b>9</b>                        | <b>11</b>                    | <b>1</b>                       | <b>1</b>      | <b>110</b>                   | <b>100.0%</b>                 |



| <i>Special Education Graduation Rate</i> |              | <i>All Student Graduation Rate</i> |              |
|--|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| <i>District</i>                          | <i>State</i> | <i>District</i>                    | <i>State</i> |
| 65.9%                                    | 63.2%        | 85.2%                              | 89.8%        |

| <i>Special Education Drop Out Rate</i> |              | <i>All Student Drop Out Rate</i> |              |
|--|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| <i>District</i>                        | <i>State</i> | <i>District</i>                  | <i>State</i> |
| 7.1%                                   | 6.5%         | 3.4%                             | 1.8%         |

Graduation, drop out and suspension/expulsion are all indicators of student access to the general curriculum.

*Percent of Students by Racial/Ethnic Group included in the Graduation Rates above.*

|                          | <i>American Indian</i> | <i>Asian American</i> | <i>Black</i> | <i>White</i> | <i>Hispanic</i> |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <i>All Students</i>      | 0.0%                   | 6.3%                  | 2.2%         | 86.1%        | 5.4%            |
| <i>Special Education</i> | 3.4%                   | 3.4%                  | 10.3%        | 72.4%        | 10.3%           |

*Percent of Students by Racial/Ethnic Group included in the Drop Out Rates above.*

|                          | <i>American Indian</i> | <i>Asian American</i> | <i>Black</i> | <i>White</i> | <i>Hispanic</i> |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <i>All Students</i>      | 2.0%                   | 0.0%                  | 8.2%         | 83.7%        | 6.1%            |
| <i>Special Education</i> | 0.0%                   | 0.0%                  | 5.9%         | 82.4%        | 11.8%           |

*All Students*  
*Special Education*

**Table 13a: Unique Student Suspension and Expulsion Data (2003-04 School Year Data; PreK-12)**

|                 | <i>General Education Students Suspended/Expelled</i> |                      |                  |                | <i>Special Education Students Suspended/Expelled</i> |                      |                  |                | <i>Statewide Special Education Students Suspended/Expelled</i> |                      |                  |                |
|-----------------|--|----------------------|------------------|----------------|--|----------------------|------------------|----------------|--|----------------------|------------------|----------------|
|                 | <i>In School</i>                                     | <i>Out of School</i> | <i>Expulsion</i> | <i>Overall</i> | <i>In School</i>                                     | <i>Out of School</i> | <i>Expulsion</i> | <i>Overall</i> | <i>In School</i>   | <i>Out of School</i> | <i>Expulsion</i> | <i>Overall</i> |
| Student Counts  | 17   | 83                   | 4                | 104            | 12   | 52                   | 0                | 64             | 907  | 4,889                | 126              | 5922           |
| Suspension Rate | 0.4%   | 1.8%                 | 0.1%             | 2.3%           | 1.8%   | 7.7%                 | 0.0%             | 9.5%           | 1.2%   | 6.6%                 | 0.2%             | 7.9%           |

**Table 13b: Suspension and Expulsion of Students for Greater than 10 Days (PreK-12)  
(Rate of Suspensions and Proportion by Race/Ethnicity) [2003-04 School Year Data]**

|  | <i># and Rate of Suspension/Expulsion for 10+ days</i> |      |   | <i>Amer. Indian/Alaskan Native</i> | <i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i> | <i>Black</i> | <i>White</i> | <i>Hispanic</i> | <i>Other</i> |
|--|--|------|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <i>General Education</i>                           | 8  | 0.2% | ➔ | 0.0%                               | 0.0%                          | 12.5%        | 62.5%        | 25.0%           | 0.0%         |
| <i>Special Education</i>                           | 12   | 1.9% | ➔ | 0.0%                               | 0.0%                          | 8.3%         | 91.7%        | 0.0%            | 0.0%         |
| <i>All Students</i>                                | 20   | 0.4% | ➔ | 0.0%                               | 0.0%                          | 10.0%        | 80.0%        | 10.0%           | 0.0%         |
| <i>Racial Proportion for All District Students</i> |  |      |   | 0.3%                               | 2.7%                          | 5.5%         | 82.9%        | 8.6%            | NA           |



## DISTRICT RESOURCES



**Table 14: Certified Staff: Special Education Teachers and Pupil Services Staff**

|  | <i>Full-Time Equivalent<br/>(FTE) Number of Staff</i> |            |                             | <i>Full-Time Equivalent<br/>(FTE) Number of Staff</i> |            |
|--|---|------------|-----------------------------|---|------------|
|  | K-12  | Pre-K Only |                             | K-12  | Pre-K Only |
| <b>Special Education Instructional Staff</b> |   |            | <b>Pupil Services Staff</b> |   |            |
| General Special Education Teacher            | 33.1  | 3.0        | Speech-Language Pathologist | 6.0   | 1.0        |
| Partially Sighted                            | 0.0   | 0.0        | Psychological Examiner      | 0.0   | 0.0        |
| Deafness                                     | 0.9   | 0.0        | School Psychologist         | 6.0   | 0.0        |
| Blindness                                    | 0.0   | 0.0        | School Social Worker        | 6.0   | 0.0        |
|  |   |            | School Nurse-Teacher        | 1.0   | 0.0        |
|  |   |            | School Counselor            | 8.0   | 0.0        |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>34.0</b>   | <b>3.0</b> | <b>Total</b>                | <b>27.0</b>   | <b>1.0</b> |

**Table 15: Staffing Ratios: Index of Staff (K-12) Per 1,000 Student Population (K-12)**



|  | <i>District</i> | <i>ERG</i> | <i>State</i> |
|--|-----------------|------------|--------------|
| Special Education Teachers                             | 6.7             | 8.1        | 8.6          |
| Speech Pathologists                                    | 1.2             | 1.6        | 1.5          |
| School Nurses (non-certified staff)                    | 1.6             | 2.2        | 1.9          |
| School Nurse-Teachers                                  | 0.2             | 0.0        | 0.0          |
| School Psychologists                                   | 1.2             | 1.4        | 1.5          |
| School Social Workers                                  | 1.2             | 1.4        | 1.2          |
| School Counselors                                      | 1.6             | 2.3        | 2.3          |
| School Psychologists and Social Workers and Counselors | 3.9             | 5.1        | 5.0          |
| Special Education Aides                                | 16.0            | 14.5       | 12.9         |



**Table 16: Special Education Expenditures 2003-04 (Unaudited)**



|                                  | <i>District, State and<br/>Federal Dollars</i> | <i>District<br/>Percent</i> | <i>ERG<br/>Percent</i> | <i>State<br/>Percent</i> |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Certified Personnel              | \$3,567,273                                    | 34.3%                       | 42.3%                  | 41.6%                    |
| Noncertified Personnel           | \$1,736,881                                    | 16.7%                       | 13.9%                  | 13.8%                    |
| Employee Benefits                | \$1,691,984                                    | 16.2%                       | 11.7%                  | 12.0%                    |
| Purchased Services               | \$414,696                                      | 4.0%                        | 4.0%                   | 4.8%                     |
| Tuition to Other Schools         | \$2,311,178                                    | 22.2%                       | 18.7%                  | 19.0%                    |
| Instructional Supplies           | \$61,347                                       | 0.6%                        | 0.8%                   | 0.7%                     |
| Property Services                | \$25,874                                       | 0.2%                        | 0.1%                   | 0.3%                     |
| Special Education Transportation | \$572,497                                      | 5.5%                        | 8.0%                   | 7.4%                     |
| Equipment                        | \$19,056                                       | 0.2%                        | 0.3%                   | 0.2%                     |
| Other Expenditures               | \$13,905                                       | 0.1%                        | 0.2%                   | 0.2%                     |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>\$10,414,691</b>                            | <b>100.0%</b>               | <b>100.0%</b>          | <b>100.0%</b>            |

Connecticut continues to receive increasing amounts of IDEA funds to help address resource issues within the state. Additionally, utilization of other State supported opportunities for high quality professional development at minimal cost, is another method to maximize resources (i.e., SERC, CPAC, etc.).

**Table 17: Percentage of Expenditures for Special Education 2003-04 (Unaudited)**



|  | <i>District</i> | <i>ERG</i> | <i>State</i> |
|--|-----------------|------------|--------------|
| School District Expenditures for Special Education | 21.6%           | 19.7%      | 19.9%        |





**Table 18: Preschool Student Data**



| <i>Number of Pre-K Students with Disabilities for Whom the District is Fiscally Responsible:</i> |                 |              | <b>55</b>                                      |          |                                     |
|--|-----------------|--------------|--|----------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Age</b>   |                 |              | <b>Education Setting</b>                       |          |                                     |
| 3 year-olds:   | 27              |              | Regular/Early Childhood:                       | 34.5%    |                                     |
| 4 year-olds:   | 24              |              | Early Childhood Special Ed.:                   | 14.5%    |                                     |
| 5 year-olds:   | 4               |              | Reverse Mainstream:                            | 7.3%     |                                     |
| 6 year-olds:   | 0               |              | Home/Hospital:                                 | 0.0%     |                                     |
| 7 year-olds:   | 0               |              | Part-Time:                                     | 7.3%     |                                     |
|  |                 |              | Residential Facility:                          | 0.0%     |                                     |
|  |                 |              | Separate School:                               | 0.0%     |                                     |
|  |                 |              | Itinerant Services:                            | 36.4%    |                                     |
| <b>Gender</b>  |                 |              | <b>Students Placed Out of District</b>         |          |                                     |
| Males:   | 80.0%           |              | In District:                                   | 98.2%    |                                     |
| Females:   | 20.0%           |              | Out:   | 1.8%     |                                     |
|  |                 |              | Parochial/Private:                             | 0.0%     |                                     |
| <b>FAPE at Three*</b>  |                 |              | <b>Percent of Time with Non-Disabled Peers</b> |          |                                     |
|  | <i>District</i> | <i>State</i> |  | All PreK | Without Itinerant Services Students |
| Count:   | 10              | 1084         | 79.1-100%:                                     | 38.2%    | 60.0%                               |
| Yes:   | 80.0%           | 85.4%        | 40.1-79.0%:                                    | 25.5%    | 40.0%                               |
|  |                 |              | 0-40.0%:                                       | 36.4%    | 0.0%                                |
|  |                 |              | Mean:  | 49.3%    | 77.5%                               |

\*FAPE: Students who exited the Department of Mental Retardation's Birth to Three program at age 3, were referred to special education, had a transition conference convened at least 90 days before the child's third birthday, and received a Free Appropriate Public Education by age three.

**District Description of Activities and Efforts around Special Education Program Improvement**

1. Torrington Public Schools are in a process of reviewing all out of district placements to assure that all students are in the LRE. We are also working closely with DCF to have them attempt placements within district schools before placing students in day placements, and then telling the district.
2. We are placing supports within regular mainstream classes, so that special needs students will receive content curriculum from the expert in that area, while being supported in their areas of need.
3. Torrington is developing an alternative delivery system at the secondary level that will support students who are unable to access learning in the usual manner and who need flexible disciplinary actions.
4. We are developing a broader base of electives and work-study options for students in the at risk category.
5. We are developing options during the summer and after regular school hours that will assist students with homework, give needed additional content explanations, offer study skills, and chances for make up work/tutoring.
6. Expanding options for regular education students to learn strategies to assist in accessing learning in regular classes in a pre-referral mode.
7. Encourage special education teachers to be part of a curriculum area committee, and offer strategy courses to regular education teachers.
8. Offer professional development to all staff and administrators in the new regulations of IDEIA, the mandates of 504, confidentiality, Due Process Procedures, and how to deal professionally with parents.
9. Provide opportunities for staff to visit exemplary programs

## PARTICIPATION IN AND PERFORMANCE ON STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS

**Table 19: Percentage of Students Performing at Proficient or Above on Statewide Assessments  
[Fall, 2004 CMT: Grades 4, 6 and 8] [Spring, 2005 CAPT: Grade 10]**

|                    | <i>Mathematics</i>                |                           | <i>Reading</i>                    |                           | <i>Writing</i>                    |                           | <i>Science</i>                    |                           |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                    | <i>Students with Disabilities</i> | <i>All Other Students</i> | <i>Students with Disabilities</i> | <i>All Other Students</i> | <i>Students with Disabilities</i> | <i>All Other Students</i> | <i>Students with Disabilities</i> | <i>All Other Students</i> |
| Grade 4: District  | 37.0%                             | 82.4%                     | 28.9%                             | 72.2%                     | 50.0%                             | 87.1%                     |                                   |                           |
| Grade 4: ERG       | 47.1%                             | 84.7%                     | 25.1%                             | 73.4%                     | 43.5%                             | 87.2%                     | <i>Not Applicable</i>             |                           |
| Grade 4: CT        | 45.6%                             | 83.1%                     | 28.1%                             | 71.7%                     | 42.5%                             | 86.0%                     |                                   |                           |
| Grade 6: District  | 43.1%                             | 92.0%                     | 29.8%                             | 81.8%                     | 38.9%                             | 91.4%                     |                                   |                           |
| Grade 6: ERG       | 44.3%                             | 87.7%                     | 31.2%                             | 80.3%                     | 45.3%                             | 90.1%                     | <i>Not Applicable</i>             |                           |
| Grade 6: CT        | 39.4%                             | 85.7%                     | 27.8%                             | 78.4%                     | 41.7%                             | 87.7%                     |                                   |                           |
| Grade 8: District  | 29.8%                             | 85.1%                     | 28.3%                             | 82.2%                     | 31.8%                             | 79.4%                     |                                   |                           |
| Grade 8: ERG       | 36.2%                             | 84.2%                     | 34.9%                             | 83.3%                     | 41.6%                             | 87.0%                     | <i>Not Applicable</i>             |                           |
| Grade 8: CT        | 33.5%                             | 81.5%                     | 31.8%                             | 81.1%                     | 38.8%                             | 86.1%                     |                                   |                           |
| Grade 10: District | 22.7%                             | 80.7%                     | 14.3%                             | 78.3%                     | 11.1%                             | 78.4%                     | 36.1%                             | 87.2%                     |
| Grade 10: ERG      | 31.1%                             | 81.2%                     | 31.1%                             | 0.8%                      | 35.9%                             | 88.4%                     | 46.6%                             | 89.1%                     |
| Grade 10: CT       | 36.8%                             | 80.9%                     | 42.2%                             | 0.8%                      | 45.1%                             | 87.7%                     | 51.5%                             | 87.0%                     |

**Table 20. Participation in the 4th Grade CMT by Students with Disabilities [Fall, 2004]**

| <b>Students with Disabilities</b> |                          | <i>Student Count</i> | <i>District Percent</i> | <i>ERG Total Percent</i> | <i>State Total Percent</i> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Math</i>                       | Taking Standard CMT      | 46                   | 92.0%                   | 91.7%                    | 92.4%                      |
|                                   | With an Invalid CMT Test | 1                    | 2.0%                    | 0.7%                     | 0.7%                       |
|                                   | Absent                   | 1                    | 2.0%                    | 0.2%                     | 0.5%                       |
|                                   | Taking Skills Checklist  | 2                    | 4.0%                    | 7.3%                     | 6.1%                       |
|                                   | Exempt from CMT          | 0                    |                         | 0.2%                     | 0.2%                       |
|                                   | <b>Total</b>             | 50                   | <b>100%</b>             | <b>100%</b>              | <b>100%</b>                |
| <i>Reading</i>                    | Taking Standard CMT      | 45                   | 90.0%                   | 90.7%                    | 90.9%                      |
|                                   | With an Invalid CMT Test | 2                    | 4.0%                    | 1.6%                     | 1.9%                       |
|                                   | Absent                   | 1                    | 2.0%                    | 0.2%                     | 0.8%                       |
|                                   | Taking Skills Checklist  | 2                    | 4.0%                    | 7.3%                     | 6.1%                       |
|                                   | Exempt from CMT          | 0                    |                         | 0.2%                     | 0.2%                       |
|                                   | <b>Total</b>             | 50                   | <b>100%</b>             | <b>100%</b>              | <b>100%</b>                |
| <i>Writing</i>                    | Taking Standard CMT      | 42                   | 84.0%                   | 86.8%                    | 87.3%                      |
|                                   | With an Invalid CMT Test | 5                    | 10.0%                   | 5.0%                     | 5.3%                       |
|                                   | Absent                   | 1                    | 2.0%                    | 0.7%                     | 1.0%                       |
|                                   | Taking Skills Checklist  | 2                    | 4.0%                    | 7.3%                     | 6.1%                       |
|                                   | Exempt from CMT          | 0                    |                         | 0.2%                     | 0.2%                       |
|                                   | <b>Total</b>             | 50                   | <b>100%</b>             | <b>100%</b>              | <b>100%</b>                |

**Table 21. Participation in the 6th Grade CMT by Students with Disabilities [Fall, 2004]**

| <b>Students with Disabilities</b> |                          | <i>Student<br/>Count</i> | <i>District<br/>Percent</i> | <i>ERG Total<br/>Percent</i> | <i>State Total<br/>Percent</i> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Math</i>                       | Taking Standard CMT      | 58                       | 98.3%                       | 91.0%                        | 92.0%                          |
|                                   | With an Invalid CMT Test | 0                        |                             | 0.9%                         | 0.9%                           |
|                                   | Absent                   | 0                        |                             | 1.3%                         | 1.4%                           |
|                                   | Taking Skills Checklist  | 1                        | 1.7%                        | 6.7%                         | 5.6%                           |
|                                   | Exempt from CMT          | 0                        |                             | 0.0%                         | 0.1%                           |
|                                   | <b>Total</b>             | <b>59</b>                | <b>100%</b>                 | <b>100%</b>                  | <b>100%</b>                    |
| <i>Reading</i>                    | Taking Standard CMT      | 57                       | 96.6%                       | 91.7%                        | 91.8%                          |
|                                   | With an Invalid CMT Test | 1                        | 1.7%                        | 0.4%                         | 1.2%                           |
|                                   | Absent                   | 0                        |                             | 1.2%                         | 1.3%                           |
|                                   | Taking Skills Checklist  | 1                        | 1.7%                        | 6.7%                         | 5.6%                           |
|                                   | Exempt from CMT          | 0                        |                             | 0.0%                         | 0.1%                           |
|                                   | <b>Total</b>             | <b>59</b>                | <b>100%</b>                 | <b>100%</b>                  | <b>100%</b>                    |
| <i>Writing</i>                    | Taking Standard CMT      | 54                       | 91.5%                       | 90.5%                        | 89.6%                          |
|                                   | With an Invalid CMT Test | 4                        | 6.8%                        | 1.7%                         | 3.0%                           |
|                                   | Absent                   | 0                        |                             | 1.1%                         | 1.7%                           |
|                                   | Taking Skills Checklist  | 1                        | 1.7%                        | 6.7%                         | 5.6%                           |
|                                   | Exempt from CMT          | 0                        |                             | 0.0%                         | 0.1%                           |
|                                   | <b>Total</b>             | <b>59</b>                | <b>100%</b>                 | <b>100%</b>                  | <b>100%</b>                    |

**Table 22. Participation in the 8th Grade CMT by Students with Disabilities [Fall, 2004]**

| <b>Students with Disabilities</b> |                          | <i>Student<br/>Count</i> | <i>District<br/>Percent</i> | <i>ERG Total<br/>Percent</i> | <i>State Total<br/>Percent</i> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Math</i>                       | Taking Standard CMT      | 47                       | 81.0%                       | 91.4%                        | 90.2%                          |
|                                   | With an Invalid CMT Test | 3                        | 5.2%                        | 0.9%                         | 1.4%                           |
|                                   | Absent                   | 2                        | 3.4%                        | 1.5%                         | 2.1%                           |
|                                   | Taking Skills Checklist  | 6                        | 10.3%                       | 6.1%                         | 6.2%                           |
|                                   | Exempt from CMT          | 0                        |                             | 0.1%                         | 0.1%                           |
|                                   | <b>Total</b>             | <b>58</b>                | <b>100%</b>                 | <b>100%</b>                  | <b>100%</b>                    |
| <i>Reading</i>                    | Taking Standard CMT      | 46                       | 79.3%                       | 90.7%                        | 90.6%                          |
|                                   | With an Invalid CMT Test | 0                        |                             | 0.4%                         | 1.2%                           |
|                                   | Absent                   | 6                        | 10.3%                       | 2.7%                         | 1.9%                           |
|                                   | Taking Skills Checklist  | 6                        | 10.3%                       | 6.1%                         | 6.2%                           |
|                                   | Exempt from CMT          | 0                        |                             | 0.1%                         | 0.1%                           |
|                                   | <b>Total</b>             | <b>58</b>                | <b>100%</b>                 | <b>100%</b>                  | <b>100%</b>                    |
| <i>Writing</i>                    | Taking Standard CMT      | 44                       | 75.9%                       | 89.4%                        | 88.3%                          |
|                                   | With an Invalid CMT Test | 0                        |                             | 1.8%                         | 2.5%                           |
|                                   | Absent                   | 8                        | 13.8%                       | 2.7%                         | 2.9%                           |
|                                   | Taking Skills Checklist  | 6                        | 10.3%                       | 6.1%                         | 6.2%                           |
|                                   | Exempt from CMT          | 0                        |                             | 0.1%                         | 0.1%                           |
|                                   | <b>Total</b>             | <b>58</b>                | <b>100%</b>                 | <b>100%</b>                  | <b>100%</b>                    |

**Table 23. Participation in the 10th Grade CAPT by Students with Disabilities  
[Spring, 2005]**

| <b>Students with Disabilities</b> |                           | <i>District<br/>Number</i> | <i>District<br/>Percent</i> | <i>ERG Total<br/>Percent</i> | <i>State Total<br/>Percent</i> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Math</i>                       | Taking Standard CAPT      | 44                         | 77.2%                       | 82.4%                        | 79.3%                          |
|                                   | With an Invalid CAPT Test | 6                          | 10.5%                       | 6.2%                         | 7.0%                           |
|                                   | Taking Skills Checklist   | 3                          | 5.3%                        | 6.6%                         | 6.5%                           |
|                                   | Absent                    | 4                          | 7.0%                        | 4.7%                         | 7.0%                           |
|                                   | Exempt from CAPT          | 0                          |                             | 0.0%                         | 0.1%                           |
|                                   | <b>Total (Grade 10)</b>   | <b>57</b>                  | <b>100%</b>                 | <b>100%</b>                  | <b>100%</b>                    |
| <i>Reading</i>                    | Taking Standard CAPT      | 42                         | 73.7%                       | 82.2%                        | 80.4%                          |
|                                   | With an Invalid CAPT Test | 10                         | 17.5%                       | 6.9%                         | 6.0%                           |
|                                   | Taking Skills Checklist   | 3                          | 5.3%                        | 6.6%                         | 6.5%                           |
|                                   | Absent                    | 2                          | 3.5%                        | 4.3%                         | 6.9%                           |
|                                   | Exempt from CAPT          | 0                          |                             | 0.0%                         | 0.1%                           |
|                                   | <b>Total (Grade 10)</b>   | <b>57</b>                  | <b>100%</b>                 | <b>100%</b>                  | <b>100%</b>                    |
| <i>Writing</i>                    | Taking Standard CAPT      | 36                         | 63.2%                       | 78.0%                        | 79.2%                          |
|                                   | With an Invalid CAPT Test | 13                         | 22.8%                       | 9.0%                         | 6.4%                           |
|                                   | Taking Skills Checklist   | 3                          | 5.3%                        | 6.6%                         | 6.5%                           |
|                                   | Absent                    | 5                          | 8.8%                        | 6.3%                         | 7.8%                           |
|                                   | Exempt from CAPT          | 0                          |                             | 0.0%                         | 0.1%                           |
|                                   | <b>Total (Grade 10)</b>   | <b>57</b>                  | <b>100%</b>                 | <b>100%</b>                  | <b>100%</b>                    |
| <i>Science</i>                    | Taking Standard CAPT      | 36                         | 63.2%                       | 82.0%                        | 81.7%                          |
|                                   | With an Invalid CAPT Test | 12                         | 21.1%                       | 6.9%                         | 4.8%                           |
|                                   | Taking Skills Checklist   | 3                          | 5.3%                        | 6.6%                         | 6.5%                           |
|                                   | Absent                    | 6                          | 10.5%                       | 4.4%                         | 6.9%                           |
|                                   | Exempt from CAPT          | 0                          |                             | 0.0%                         | 0.1%                           |
|                                   | <b>Total (Grade 10)</b>   | <b>57</b>                  | <b>100%</b>                 | <b>100%</b>                  | <b>100%</b>                    |