

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

Benjamin Franklin

While there are many indicators used by the Weston Public Schools to determine student performance, this section is devoted to standardized test results.

In accordance with state law, the district administers the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) to students in grades 3 through 8 each spring. This test determines the percent of students that score at or above goal. Tested areas include math, science, reading & writing. Summary data for each "area" grade level are presented on the following pages.

Similarly the district administers the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) to students in grade 10 each spring. This test determines the percent of students that reach or exceed goal. Testing areas include math, science, reading and writing. The 2008 CAPT results and comparison data are presented on the following pages for your information. The Weston grade 10 CAPT scores rank among the highest in Connecticut.

Also presented in this section are Weston's Advanced Placement Program (AP) and the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) results. According to the apcentral.collegeboard.com, College Board's® Advanced Placement Program® enables students to pursue college level studies while still in high school. Based on their performance on rigorous AP Exams, students can earn credit, advanced placement, or both, for college. Students are scored on a scale of one to five. Students strive to achieve a score of three or better.

Most colleges require students to take the SATs. According to collegeboard.com, many colleges require SAT for admission because it is a standard way of measuring a student's ability to do college-level work. They state, "the SAT is the best independent, standardized measure of a student's college readiness. It is standardized across all students, schools, and states, providing a common and objective scale for comparison."

Most students take the SAT in the spring of their junior year and again in the fall of their senior year of high school. Weston students consistently score above the state national averages. In fact, in 2008, the student scores continue to be among the highest in Connecticut.

The Weston Public Schools analyze available data on student performance to improve teaching and learning. This continuous process helps to inform decisions on resource allocations and annual budget development.

Below are three tables which denote the percentage of students performing at goal or above. Table A lists the top ten performing Connecticut districts on each of the four tests. Table B shows the results of DRG A districts. Table C shows the percentage of students performing at or above goal on all four tests.

TABLE A

District	Math	District	Science	District	Reading	District	Writing
New Canaan	90.2%	New Canaan	85.8%	Simsbury	88.0%	Ridgefield	92.6%
Ridgefield	88.0%	Weston	83.8%	Westport	87.4%	New Canaan	91.2%
Wilton	87.3%	Wilton	80.8%	Canton	85.5%	Bolton	90.8%
Westport	86.3%	Simsbury	80.7%	Ridgefield	83.9%	Simsbury	90.8%
Region 9	86.3%	Ridgefield	80.1%	Weston	82.9%	Region 9	90.4%
Darien	85.2%	Region 18	78.1%	New Canaan	82.4%	Westport	89.7%
Canton	83.3%	Westport	77.4%	Region 9	80.3%	Weston	88.4%
Region 7	83.2%	Avon	76.1%	Amistad	79.3%	Region 7	88.1%
Weston	82.3%	Region 5	75.8%	Acad.		Region 5	87.8%
Simsbury	82.2%	Fairfield	75.8%	Region 7	78.5%	Wilton	87.4%
		Canton	75.8%	Guilford	78.4%		

TABLE B

DRG A Results

District	Math	Rank	Science	Rank	Reading	Rank	Writing	Rank
Darien	85.2%	6	74.5%	7	75.9%	7	87.2%	7
New Canaan	90.2%	1	85.8%	1	82.4%	4	91.2%	2
Region 9	86.3%	4	74.6%	6	80.3%	5	90.4%	3
Ridgefield	88%	2	80%	4	83.9%	2	92.6%	1
Weston	82.3%	7	83.8%	2	82.9%	3	88.4%	5
Westport	86.3%	4	77.4%	5	87.4%	1	89.7%	4
Wilton	87.3%	3	80.8%	3	76.3%	6	87.4%	6

TABLE C

Students At or Above Goal on the Content Areas

Number of Students	Percent	Number of Tests with Scores At/Above Goal
151	69.58%	All Four
27	12.44%	Only Three
15	6.91%	Only Two
13	5.99%	Only One
11	5.06%	None

DRG A
Goal or Above
2008 CMT Scores

District	Reading Grade 3	Rank	Reading Grade 4	Rank	Reading Grade 5	Rank	Reading Grade 6	Rank	Reading Grade 7	Rank	Reading Grade 8	Rank
Darien	82.2%	2	82.7%	4	91.0%	1	90.7%	3	93.8%	2	88.9%	7
Easton	70.5%	8	87.2%	2	86.8%	5	88.4%	5	91.1%	7	89.1%	6
New Canaan	85.5%	1	88.3%	1	88.2%	2	92.3%	1	92.8%	4	92.1%	2
Redding	78.8%	6	77.7%	8	82.9%	8	82.6%	7	95.8%	1	90.6%	4
Ridgefield	70.4%	7	83.9%	3	86.9%	4	91.2%	2	90.1%	8	87.4%	8
Weston	80.9%	3	81.0%	6	86.0%	6	89.1%	4	93.2%	3	93.8%	1
Westport	79.0%	5	82.5%	5	87.4%	3	90.7%	3	92.0%	5	90.1%	5
Wilton	79.3%	4	75.4%	7	85.1%	7	85.5%	6	91.3%	6	91.7%	3

District	Writing Grade 3	Rank	Writing Grade 4	Rank	Writing Grade 5	Rank	Writing Grade 6	Rank	Writing Grade 7	Rank	Writing Grade 8	Rank
Darien	84.6%	3	86.8%	3	93.0%	1	85.0%	5	92.6%	1	91.9%	4
Easton	82.4%	4	88.0%	2	83.7%	7	85.3%	3	82.1%	8	91.4%	5
New Canaan	87.6%	1	89.6%	1	88.9%	4	80.2%	7	87.5%	5	93.0%	3
Redding	81.5%	5	84.7%	5	82.9%	8	79.6%	8	88.8%	4	81.9%	8
Ridgefield	80.6%	7	88.0%	2	87.6%	6	83.4%	6	86.7%	6	89.6%	6
Weston	81.3%	6	82.9%	7	87.7%	5	86.4%	2	89.3%	3	94.3%	1
Westport	80.8%	8	85.7%	4	92.4%	2	89.4%	1	91.3%	2	93.2%	2
Wilton	85.3%	2	83.6%	6	89.7%	3	85.1%	4	84.9%	7	89.4%	7

District	Math Grade 3	Rank	Math Grade 4	Rank	Math Grade 5	Rank	Math Grade 6	Rank	Math Grade 7	Rank	Math Grade 8	Rank
Darien	87.0%	3	85.0%	7	89.7%	5	91.2%	5	94.1%	2	91.4%	2
Easton	87.9%	2	88.8%	1	91.5%	4	88.4%	6	86.3%	8	91.4%	2
New Canaan	86.9%	4	88.6%	3	86.8%	7	91.9%	4	91.9%	4	89.6%	5
Redding	88.7%	1	87.3%	4	93.2%	1	86.2%	8	93.7%	3	89.9%	4
Ridgefield	81.0%	6	88.7%	2	88.3%	6	92.3%	3	89.3%	7	89.3%	6
Weston	80.9%	7	86.7%	5	91.8%	3	92.9%	2	91.2%	5	85.9%	7
Westport	85.0%	5	85.7%	6	92.0%	2	94.6%	1	95.0%	1	91.3%	3
Wilton	78.4%	8	84.2%	8	88.3%	6	87.2%	7	89.8%	6	91.5%	1

District	Science Grade 5	Rank	Science Grade 8	Rank
Darien	88.3%	2	87.3%	3
Easton	79.8%	8	85.2%	7
New Canaan	92.2%	1	90.8%	1
Redding	82.2%	6	87.0%	5
Ridgefield	83.4%	4	83.7%	8
Weston	83.0%	5	88.0%	2
Westport	80.0%	7	85.6%	6
Wilton	86.0%	3	87.2%	4

COMPARATIVE SAT STATISTICS DRG A 2007 - 2008

DRGA – TOWN	CRITICAL READING 2007	CRITICAL READING 2008	MATH 2007	MATH 2008	WRITING 2007	WRITING 2008	COMBINE D 2007	COMBINE D 2008
DARIEN	577	573	598	588	579	582	1754	1744
EASTON-REDDING REG. 9	556	553	558	561	561	570	1675	1685
NEW CANAAN	581	590	599	614	593	600	1773	1804
RIDGEFIELD	567	571	578	584	568	581	1713	1735
WESTON	594	590	595	598	601	599	1790	1787
WESTPORT	583	586	592	596	582	602	1757	1784
WILTON	596	580	603	597	600	587	1799	1763
STATE	510	509	512	513	511	513	1533	1535

**CLASS OF 2008 – SUMMARY OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING
THROUGHOUT WESTON HIGH SCHOOL TENURE**

Course	# of Students/ Class of 2008	% of Graduates Class of 2008	Section Average					
				5	4	3	2	1
Calculus AB	22	12%	4.7	16	5	1	-	-
Calculus BC	14	8%	4.7	12	-	2	-	-
Physics C-Mech	12	7%	4.7	9	2	1	-	-
Physics E&M	1	.05%	5.0	1	-	-	-	-
Psychology	3	2%	3.0	-	1	1	1	-
Spanish Language	13	7%	3.8	3	6	2	2	-
Statistics	21	10%	4.0	5	12	4	-	-
U.S. History	72	40%	3.8	15	30	22	5	-
Biology	19	10%	4.7	13	6	-	-	-
Chemistry	5	3%	4.2	2	2	1	-	-
Computer Science A	2	1%	4.0	1	-	1	-	-
Economics - Micro	10	5%	2.4	1	1	3	1	4
English Language	46	25%	3.8	8	23	12	3	-
English Literature	64	35%	3.6	7	28	26	3	-
European History	75	41%	3.0	8	14	33	10	10
French Language	8	4%	3.8	3	-	5	-	-
Govt & Pol US	1	.05%	4.0	-	1	-	-	-