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District Overview

Our Schools

- 8 Elementary schools
- 3 Middle schools
- 2 High schools
- Venture Academy
- Success Academy
- CCC Program
- College and Career Readiness Center

Our Students

- 8,588 students
- 79% of students identify as students of color
 - 3% American Indian
 - 2% Asian
 - 16% Black
 - 46% Hispanic/Latino
 - 10% Multiple Ethnicities
 - 22% White
- 77% free/reduced price meals
- 21 % SPED
- 17% Multilingual learners

A photograph of four students in a library. On the left, a young woman with long blonde hair is reading a book. Next to her, a young man with braided hair is also reading. To the right, two more young men are standing, one holding a book and the other holding a tablet. The background shows bookshelves and a person working at a computer. The text is overlaid in a dark blue, bold, italicized font.

Regardless of socioeconomic status or prior learning experiences, all students must be able to access digital resources to expand their world.

We All Learn Differently



Voice and Choice Matter



Flexible Learning Spaces



Anytime, Anywhere Learning

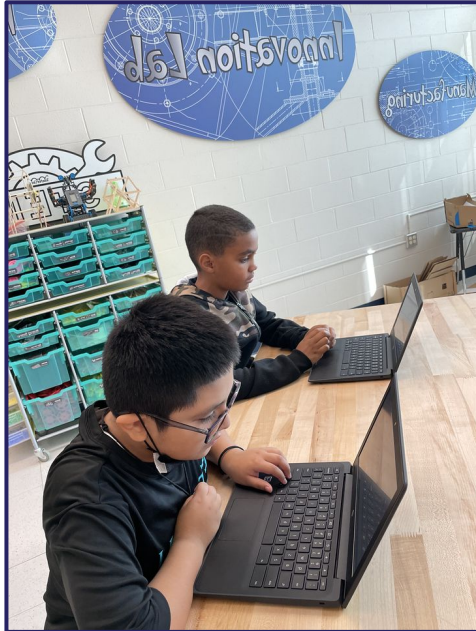


Student Enrollment

School Year	Number of Students
2022 - 2023*	8,588
2021 - 2022*	8,475
2020 - 2021	8,073
2019 - 2020	8,118
2018 - 2019	7,918
2017 - 2018	7,874
2016 - 2017	7,888
2015 - 2016	7,927
2014 - 2015	8,033
2013 - 2014	8,111
2012 - 2013	8,173
2011 - 2012	8,251
2010 - 2011	8,292

*School years include Edison Middle School

Edison STEM Lab



Edison Outdoor Classroom



Edison Fitness Room



Edison Professional Learning Lab



Edison Pavilion

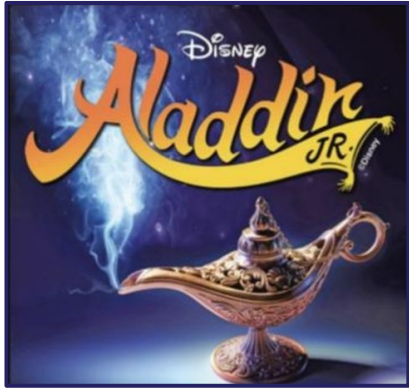


Edison Greenhouse



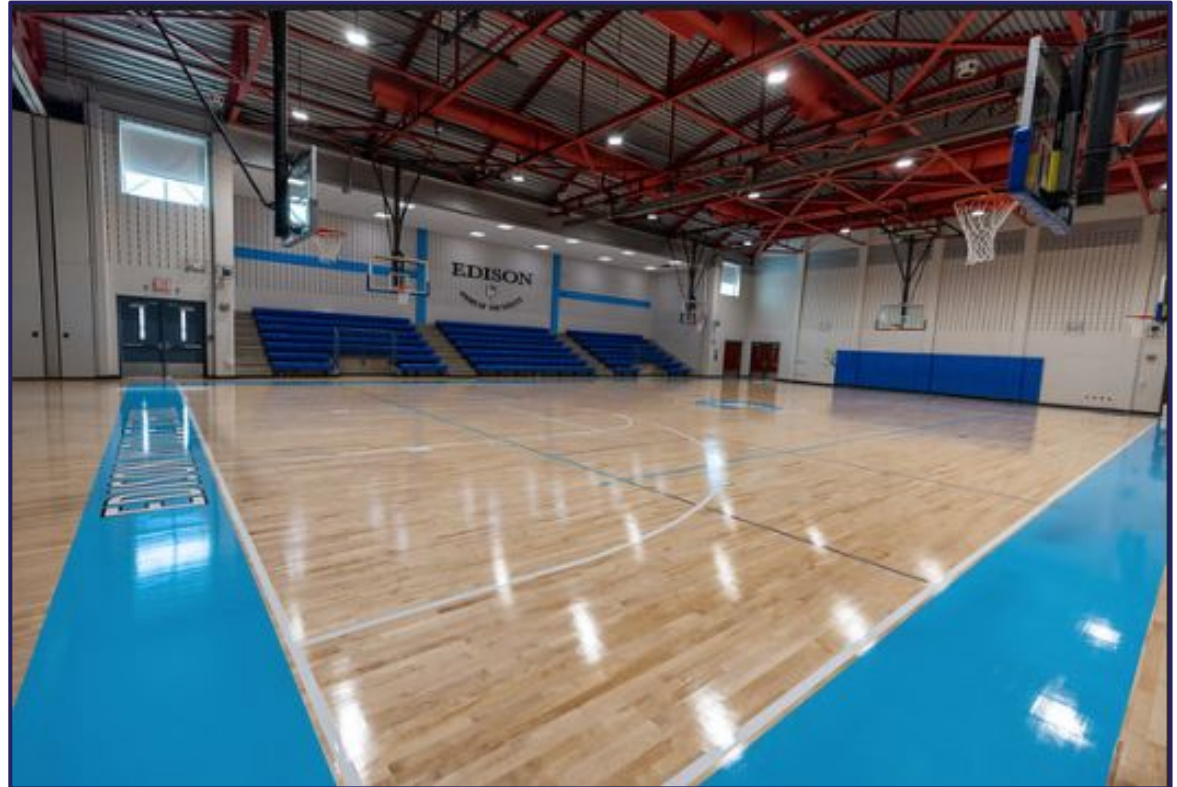
Edison Music Department





Edison Gymnasium Enhancements

- New Flooring
 - Pickleball
 - Basketball
 - Volleyball
- Bleachers
- Baskets
- Padding
- Columns
- Lighting



Edison Middle School Savings

Meriden Costs to Run Edison

- 800 Students x \$8,812.78 = \$7,050,229

ACES Tuition Cost

- 800 students x \$9,185.79* = \$7,348,639

Meriden Estimated Savings: \$298,410

**The State allows magnet schools to charge for special education services in addition to tuition.*

Where All
Students
SOAR



Percent of Minority Students

School Year	%
2022-2023	79.1
2021-2022	77.6
2020-2021	75.8
2019-2020	74.6
2018-2019	72.3
2017-2018	70.5
2016-2017	69.3
2015-2016	68.3
2014-2015	67.6
2013-2014	66.7
2012-2013	65.5
2011-2012	65.1

School Year	%
2010-2011	62.3
2009-2010	61.1
2008-2009	59.8
2007-2008	58.1
2006-2007	56.8
2005-2006	55.6
2004-2005	54.3
2003-2004	52.7
2002-2003	50.6
2001-2002	49.3
2000-2001	46.2
1999-2000	45.9

Bilingual and ESOL Education Program Enrollment

School Year	Bilingual	ESOL	Total
2022-2023	351	1219	1570
2021-2022	275	1167	1442
2020-2021	171	883	1054
2019-2020	306	1121	1427
2018-2019	325	955	1280
2017-2018	319	860	1179
2016-2017	342	831	1173
2015-2016	346	813	1159
2014-2015	382	761	1143
2013-2014	299	710	1009
2012-2013	274	716	990
2011-2012	273	709	982
2010-2011	322	620	942

Free and Reduced Priced Meals

School Year	%
2022-2023	77.4
2021-2022	75.6
2020-2021	77.1
2019-2020	76.6
2018-2019	76.8
2017-2018	73.9
2016-2017	71.1
2015-2016	71.2
2014-2015	69.4
2013-2014	69.9
2012-2013	69.7
2011-2012	67.4

School Year	%
2010-2011	66.8
2009-2010	62.2
2008-2009	59.0
2007-2008	54.1
2006-2007	56.2
2005-2006	47.9
2004-2005	54.0
2003-2004	49.3
2002-2003	47.6
2001-2002	43.9
2000-2001	43.2
1999-2000	42.9

Percent of Students Enrolled in Special Education

School Year	%
2022-2023*	20.8
2021-2022*	20.7
2020-2021	20.9
2019-2020	20.9
2018-2019	20.5
2017-2018	20.0
2016-2017	19.5
2015-2016	18.4
2014-2015	17.2
2013-2014	15.9
2012-2013	15.4
2011-2012	14.2
2010-2011	13.3
2009-2010	14.2

*School years include Edison Middle School

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ID # 26-3215287

Executive Director:
Sheldon H. Wagner, PhD

Chief Administrator:
Lynne Guilmette, MEd

Invoice submitted to:
Meriden Public School District
Pupil Personnel Department
22 Liberty Street
Meriden, CT 06450
Attn: Ms. Patricia Sullivan-Kowalski,
Asst. Superintendent

Billing Questions contact:
Renee Rosenkrantz at
(508) 893-9727
rosenkrantz@bdes.org

March 24, 2023

Invoice # 16872
School Year: 2022-2023

Other Professional Services

	<u>Qty/Price</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3/1/2023-TUIT Monthly Tuition 3/31/2023	1 13,681.00	13,681.00
TUIT Direct & Indirect Occupational Therapy Services	1 1,102.00	1,102.00
TUIT Direct and Indirect Physical Therapy Services	1 542.00	542.00
TUIT Direct & Indirect Speech and Language Therapy Services	1 2,572.00	2,572.00
Subtotal:		[17,897.00]
AMOUNT DUE FOR CURRENT MONTH SERVICES	0.00	\$17,897.00
Previous balance		\$53,691.00
2/27/2023 Payment - Thank You. Check No. 318760		(\$17,897.00)

Outplacement Tuition Cost
 $\$17,897$ a month X 10 months =
\$178,970



BENHAVEN
187 HALF MILE ROAD
NORTH HAVEN, CT 06473
(203)-238-6425

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INVOICE DATE 9/30/2022
INVOICE NO 72014
TERMS ON RECEIPT

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DIRECTOR OF PUPIL PERS SERVICE
DONNA ADDUCI MIK
MERIDEN PUB SCH, ADM OFF
P.O. BOX 848
MERIDEN, CT 06460

SERVICES	UNITS	NUMBER	RATE	TOTAL
546655 TUITION - SEPT	MONTH	1.00	14,783.16	14,783.16



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Outplacement Tuition Cost

$\$14,783.16$ a month x 10 months =
 $\$147,831.60$

Outplaced Students

87 students are
outplaced

At an estimated cost
of \$7.9 million

High Quality In-District Special Education Programs

PRIDE - Preschool students Receiving Individualized Developmentally appropriate Education (PK)

STARS- Students and Teachers Achieving Remarkable Success (K-to age 21, autism and communication disorders)

SOAR - Students of All Abilities Rise (K-to age 21, multiple physical and cognitive needs)

STEP/S-Supported Transitional Educational Program (K-8, significant social emotional needs)

TSC - Transitional Support Classroom (9-12, significant social emotional needs)

Venture Academy - (6-12, significant social emotional needs)

TLC - Transitional Learning Center (14-18, academic and vocational programming)

CCC-Academy - Community Collaborative Classroom- (18-21 years of age, 5th year vocational programming)

CCC-Pathway-Community Collaborative Classroom -(18 - 21 years of age, vocational programming)

Special Education Program Enrollment

School Year	CCC	STARS	STEP(S)	SOAR	PRIDE	Venture	Success
2022-2023	36	102	74	55	117	54	45
2021-2022	29	88	61	47	82	66	25
2020-2021	23	80	73	41	75	59	26
2019-2020	25	66	67	46	88	72	28
2018-2019	19	68	51	51	99	51	38
2017-2018	25	52	39	50	73	46	44
2016-2017	10	42	39	0	0	40	35
2015-2016	11	39	35	0	0	42	0

Positive Parent Feedback

“My son’s teacher has made the entire school year, this year, a positive and exciting experience for my son. She has communicated everything and more with me to make me feel comfortable. Because of her, I know my son is being cared for and encouraged to learn, while also having a great time at school. Thank you, I hope she is recognized for all she’s done with the STARS class. “

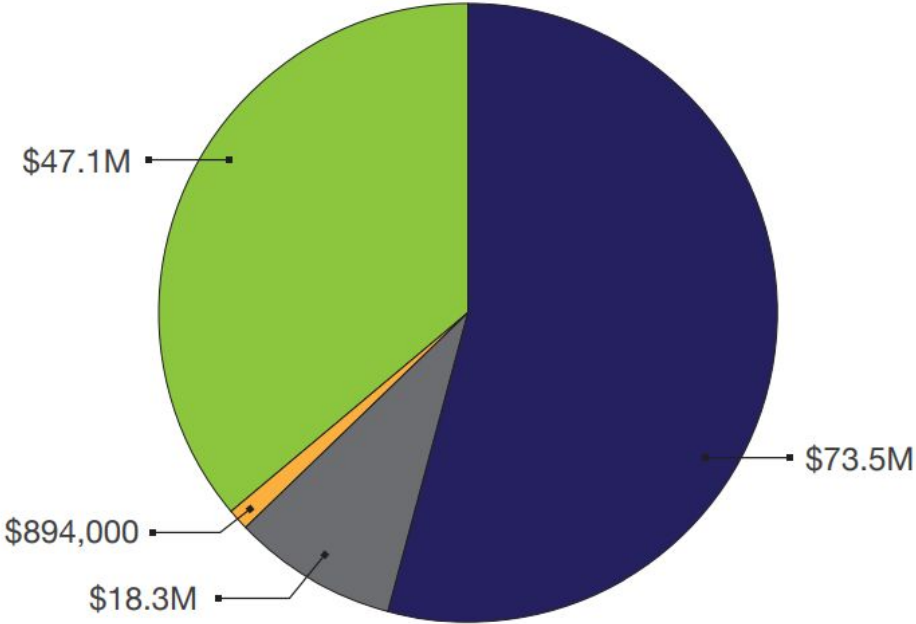
-STARS Parent



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Board of Education Treasurer

Funding Sources

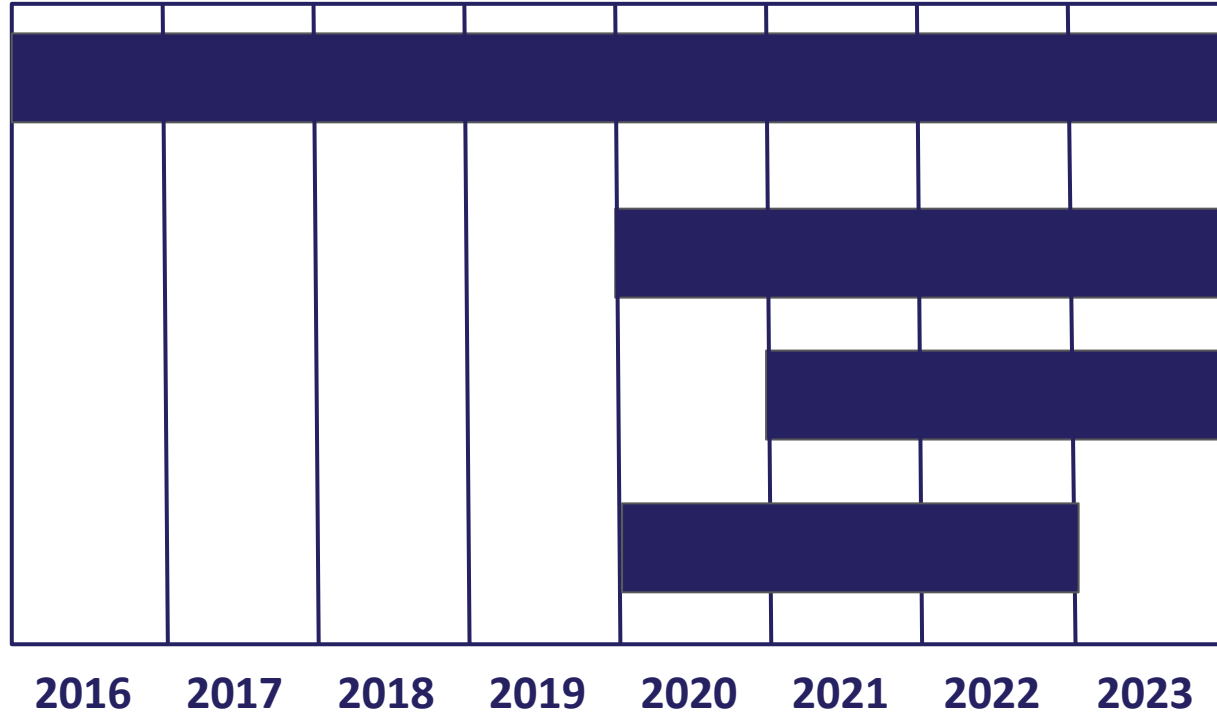


- State Grants
\$73.5 million
- Federal Grants
\$18.3 million
- Foundation Grants
\$ 894,000
- Local Funding
\$47.1 million

Projected as of March 1, 2023



Long-Term Partnerships



ESSER II/ARP Expenses

Classified Staff	ESSER II / ARP
IT Support	1
ABA Specialists	4
Tutors	71
Family-School Liaisons	3
Custodian Assistants	5
Climate Specialists	16
Behavior Technicians	4
Total Classified Staff	104
TOTAL	\$3.2 Million

Certified Staff	ESSER II / ARP
Teachers	40
Administrators	2
Total Certified Staff	42
TOTAL	\$2.9 Million
TOTAL AMOUNT Classified & Certified	\$6.1 Million

ESSER II and ARP

Non Staffing Items	Allocated
Financial Software	\$1,000,000.00
North End Field	\$1,800,000.00
AC in Second Floors five elementary schools	\$1,564,380.00
AC First Floors five elementary schools	\$3,000,000.00
Five Outdoor Classrooms	\$187,777.00
Seven Pavilions	\$885,367.00
Playground Repairs	\$135,099.00
Pulaski Playground	\$153,251.00
AP Lounge at Each High School	\$58,482.00
Multi-Lingual Lounges at each High School	\$66,000.00
8 Elementary Genius Labs	\$493,880.00
High Schools Weight Rooms Upgrades	\$101,000.00
Equity Training	\$215,810.00
Fitness Rooms	\$66,400.00
Summer Camps	\$62,037.00
Summer Camp Supplies	\$36,900.00
Summer Buses	\$221,935.00

COVID Required Additional Furniture	\$109,033.00
COVID Required Masks and Face Shields	\$29,146.66
COVID Required HVAC Filters	\$92,029.45
COVID Required Cleaning OT	\$126,958.00
COVID Required HVAC Opening (Fuss)	\$50,000.00
Concrete Paths for Outside Areas	\$31,600.00
Technology SmartBoards (RnB)	\$515,477.00
Technology Teacher Devices	\$43,465.00
Technology Student Devices	\$134,000.00
Technology Education Software	\$828,752.00
Technology Network Upgrades	\$44,982.12
Additional Busses for COVID	\$195,745.00
Flooring - Tiles and Rugs-Shades-Glass	\$204,310.00
Generator for 22 Liberty Street	\$73,067.00
Upgrade WMS Media Center	\$150,000.00
COVID Teaching Training for Virtual Learning	\$99,832.00
Special Education Services	\$150,000.00
Total	\$12,926,715.23

Summer 2022



16 Programs



Over
2,000
Students

Genius Labs



W e l c o m e s
E n g i n e e r s

STEM Labs



Outdoor Classrooms



Pavilions





Field Renovations

Air Conditioning

- John Barry Elementary School
- Roger Sherman Elementary School
- Ben Franklin Elementary School
- Nathan Hale Elementary School
- Casimir Pulaski Elementary School



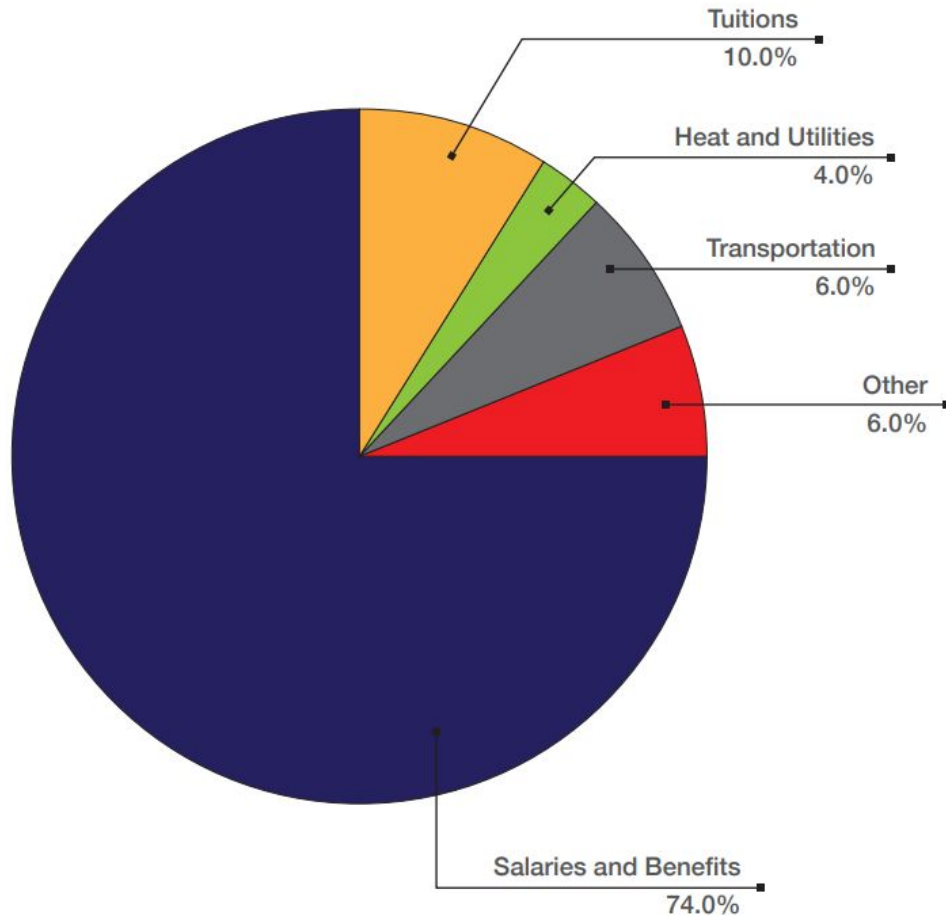


AP Lounges



Multilingual Lounges





Where Our Money is Spent

In-Kind Services

Staff	Services	Partial Staff
Crossing Guards School Nurses School Resource Officers	Unemployment Classified Pensions Financial System Health Insurance Workers' Compensation	MIS Finance Safety and Risk Purchasing Health

Ranking	District	NCEP 2021-22
1	SHARON	53,217
2	CANAAN	35,612
3	DISTRICT NO. 12	35,235
4	DISTRICT NO. 1	32,022
5	CORNWALL	31,316
6	NORFOLK	30,452
7	KENT	30,015
8	WESTBROOK	29,626
9	HAMPTON	28,172
10	SALISBURY	27,843
11	NORTH CANAAN	27,336
12	REDDING	27,299
13	SCOTLAND	26,913
14	UNION	26,791
15	DISTRICT NO. 6	26,691
16	DISTRICT NO. 11	26,404
17	DISTRICT NO. 9	26,336
18	GREENWICH	26,308
19	CHAPLIN	25,806
20	OLD SAYBROOK	25,762
21	DISTRICT NO. 13	25,622
22	COLEBROOK	25,564
23	SHERMAN	25,335
24	ESSEX	25,055
25	BLOOMFIELD	24,540
26	DEEP RIVER	24,489
27	DISTRICT NO. 14	24,394
28	DISTRICT NO. 7	24,360
29	WESTON	24,334
30	WESTPORT	24,150
31	EASTFORD	24,032
32	HARTLAND	23,916
33	HARTFORD	23,789
34	EAST WINDSOR	23,729
35	BARKHAMSTED	23,370
36	DISTRICT NO. 4	23,313
37	CHESTER	23,289
38	BOZRAH	23,181
39	DARIEN	23,180
40	WINDSOR LOCKS	23,087
41	DISTRICT NO. 18	22,995
42	WILTON	22,985
43	MANSFIELD	22,756
44	MADISON	22,731
45	MILFORD	22,596
46	WILLINGTON	22,595
47	ANDOVER	22,563
48	LITCHFIELD	22,413
49	EAST HADDAM	22,381
50	DISTRICT NO. 17	22,350
51	BRANFORD	22,182
52	NEW CANAAN	22,170
53	LEBANON	22,124
54	ASHFORD	22,069
55	NEW HARTFORD	22,002

Ranking	District	NCEP 2021-22
56	RIDGEBFIELD	21,979
57	WINCHESTER	21,947
58	EASTON	21,940
59	HAMDEN	21,817
60	VOLUNTOWN	21,755
61	MIDDLETOWN	21,713
62	THOMPSON	21,713
63	CLINTON	21,698
64	EAST GRANBY	21,642
65	FAIRFIELD	21,584
66	STAFFORD	21,529
67	DERBY	21,389
68	FRANKLIN	21,297
69	NEW FAIRFIELD	21,278
70	STONINGTON	21,216
71	WINDHAM	21,169
72	NORWALK	21,160
73	NORWICH	21,138
74	DISTRICT NO. 8	21,107
75	WATERFORD	20,988
76	WALLINGFORD	20,898
77	NEW HAVEN	20,839
78	DISTRICT NO. 15	20,798
79	WINDSOR	20,713
80	STAMFORD	20,667
81	TORRINGTON	20,604
82	DISTRICT NO. 19	20,572
83	HEBRON	20,385
84	BERLIN	20,322
85	PUTNAM	20,295
86	NEW LONDON	20,247
87	EAST LYME	20,224
88	DISTRICT NO. 5	20,222
89	PRESTON	20,057
90	BOLTON	20,051
91	NEWTOWN	20,035
92	WEST HARTFORD	19,910
93	NEWINGTON	19,896
94	GUILFORD	19,795
95	COLUMBIA	19,767
96	MANCHESTER	19,755
97	MARLBOROUGH	19,672
98	GLASTONBURY	19,659
99	NORTH BRANFORD	19,638
100	BETHANY	19,582
101	CANTON	19,575
102	PLAINVILLE	19,324
103	AVON	19,225
104	WOODBRIIDGE	19,208
105	PORTLAND	19,205
106	SALEM	19,163
107	EAST HAMPTON	19,146
108	ORANGE	19,145
109	NORTH HAVEN	19,132
110	SIMSBURY	19,124
111	WATERTOWN	19,123

Ranking	District	NCEP 2021-22
112	KILLINGLY	19,056
113	SOMERS	18,950
114	CANTERBURY	18,929
115	GRANBY	18,897
116	SUFFIELD	18,895
117	CHESHIRE	18,854
118	FARMINGTON	18,849
119	COLCHESTER	18,846
120	MONTVILLE	18,829
121	BRIDGEPORT	18,757
122	SPRAGUE	18,697
123	ROCKY HILL	18,690
124	STRATFORD	18,650
125	DISTRICT NO. 16	18,620
126	PLAINFIELD	18,598
127	OXFORD	18,595
128	EAST HAVEN	18,517
129	LISBON	18,456
130	ANSONIA	18,390
131	BRISTOL	18,359
132	POMFRET	18,347
133	GROTON	18,316
134	STERLING	18,288
135	TOLLAND	18,268
136	BROOKFIELD	18,208
137	CROMWELL	18,136
138	PLYMOUTH	18,117
139	VERNON	17,958
140	COVENTRY	17,937
141	ENFIELD	17,875
142	WETHERSFIELD	17,864
143	MONROE	17,837
144	DISTRICT NO. 10	17,716
145	TRUMBULL	17,594
146	SEYMOUR	17,582
147	GRISWOLD	17,561
148	NEW BRITAIN	17,523
149	BETHEL	17,507
150	NORTH STONINGTON	17,439
151	THOMASTON	17,419
152	SHELTON	17,385
153	WEST HAVEN	17,266
154	SOUTHINGTON	17,102
155	BROOKLYN	17,099
156	NEW MILFORD	16,975
157	NAUGATUCK	16,841
158	WATERBURY	16,783
159	LEDYARD	16,679
160	WOODSTOCK	16,525
161	SOUTH WINDSOR	16,423
162	ELLINGTON	16,156
163	EAST HARTFORD	16,137
164	WOLCOTT	15,694
165	MERIDEN	15,680
166	DANBURY	15,451

2021-2022 Net Current Expenditures Per Pupil (NCEP)

Rank	District	NCEP
161	SOUTH WINDSOR	\$16,423
162	ELLINGTON	\$16,156
163	EAST HARTFORD	\$16,137
164	WOLCOTT	\$15,694
165	MERIDEN	\$15,680
166	DANBURY	\$15,451

2021-2022
 Net Current Expenditures Per Pupil
 (NCEP)

Rank	District	NCEP 2021-2022	Increase in Yearly Budget
59	HAMDEN	\$21,917	\$53,563,356
61	MIDDLETOWN	\$21,713	\$51,811,404
153	WEST HAVEN	\$17,266	\$13,620,568
163	EAST HARTFORD	\$16,137	\$3,924,716
165	MERIDEN	\$15,680	0

Meriden Enrollment Projections

School Year	PRIDE (PreK)	Elementary	Middle School	High School	Total Enrollment
2018-2019	118	3,954	1,577	2,269	7,918
2019-2020	118	3,939	1,656	2,405	8,118
2020-2021	107	3,793	1,747	2,426	8,073
2021-2022	104	3,809	2,028*	2,534	8,475
2022-2023	142	3,768	2,067*	2,611	8,588
2023-2024	137	3,730	2,040	2,720	8,627
2024-2025	137	3,703	2,012	2,730	8,582
2025-2026	141	3,604	2,023	2,669	8,437
2026-2027	138	3,573	2,009	2,596	8,316
2027-2028	138	3,535	2,008	2,497	8,178

*School years include Edison Middle School



Mark D. Benigni, Ed.D.

Superintendent

Two Years of Lost Learning: Not the Case in All Schools . . .

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COVID-19 has challenged all of us to think differently about life and learning. School systems across our nation were forced to quickly implement safety measures to support in-person learning while launching remote learning options. The 3 W's, wash your hands, wear your mask, and watch your distance were in the forefront and seemed to replace the 3 Rs for at least a period of time and transition.



While the narrative has been that we lost two years of schooling and remote learning was a complete failure, our internal data systems in the Meriden Public Schools show that this was not the case. While it was certainly challenging for the younger grades, it provided optimism, opportunities, and a level of success for students grades 7 to 12.

SBA: Percent of Students At/Above SBA Level 3
Achievement Only
School Year 2015-16 to 2021-22 with 1-Year and 5-Year Average Change
by Grade Level
ELA

Grade	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	5-Year Average	2022	Change from 2021	Change 5-year Average
3	40	42	45	52	38	43	37	-1	-6
4	41	41	49	52	40	45	47	+7	+2
5	44	39	48	56	44	46	50	+6	+4
6	38	36	41	43	41	40	42	+1	+2
7	38	36	39	41	42	39	43	+1	+4
8	38	29	36	36	38	35	37	-1	+2

ELA Achievement

Districts Our Students Outperformed

ACES	East Hartford	Naugatuck	Stamford
Ansonia	East Haven	New Britain	Sterling
Bloomfield	Enfield	New Haven	Stratford
Bozrah	Griswold	New London	Torrington
Bridgeport	Hampton	Norwalk	Waterbury
CREC	Hartford	Norwich	West Haven
Danbury	LEARN	Putnam	Windham
Derby	Manchester	Sprague	Windsor

SBA: Percent of Students At/Above SBA Level 3
Achievement Only
School Year 2015-16 to 2021-22 with 1-Year and 5-Year Average
Change by Grade Level
Math

Grade	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	5-Year Average	2022	Change from 2021	Change 5-year Average
3	37	41	43	50	37	42	38	+1	-4
4	29	35	45	46	29	37	37	+8	-0-
5	24	23	34	42	26	30	35	+9	+5
6	18	25	27	31	27	26	29	+2	+3
7	24	28	32	32	29	29	29	-0-	-0-
8	15	21	20	23	22	20	19	-3	-1

Math Achievement Districts Our Students Outperformed

ACES	Derby	Middletown	Sterling
Ansonia	East Hartford	New Britain	Stratford
Bloomfield	East Haven	New Haven	Torrington
Bridgeport	Hartford	New London	Union
Canterbury	Killingly	Norwalk	Waterbury
CES	LEARN	Norwich	West Haven
CREC	Manchester	Plainfield	Windham
Danbury		Sprague	

SBA: Percent Target Achieved

Spring 2019 and Spring 2022 with Change by Grade Level

ELA			
Grade	2019	2022	PTA Change
3 to 4	72.1	71.5	-0.6
4 to 5	66.6	73.3	+6.7
5 to 6	53.4	55.4	+2.0
6 to 7	58.8	51.3	-7.5
7 to 8	44.9	48.3	+3.4

SBA: Percent Target Achieved

Spring 2019 and Spring 2022 with Change by School across all Grades

School	ELA		
	2019	2022	Change from 2019
John Barry	60.9	64.6	+3.7
Benjamin Franklin	78.4	75.3	-3.1
Nathan Hale	79.1	75.2	-3.9
Hanover	67	79	+12.0
Thomas Hooker	71.7	80.2	+8.5
Casimir Pulaski	69.6	65.5	-4.1
Israel Putnam	67.7	78	+10.3
Roger Sherman	62	70.2	+8.2
Edison		64.3	
Lincoln	56.3	45.4	-10.9
Washington	48.5	53.6	+5.1

Districts Our Students Outperformed on SBA English Language Arts

Andover	Brooklyn	Derby	Hebron	New London	Region 18	Shelton	Union
Ansonia	Canaan	East Haddam	Kent	New Milford	Region 10	Sherman	Voluntown
ACES	Canton	East Hampton	Ledyard	Newington	Region 14	Somers	Wallingford
Ashford	CREC	East Haven	Litchfield	Norfolk	Region 5	Southington	Waterbury
Berlin	Chaplin	East Lyme	Manchester	Norwalk	Region 4	Sprague	Watertown
Bethel	Cheshire	EASTCONN	Middletown	Norwich	Region 8	Stafford	West Haven
Bloomfield	Clinton	Eastford	Milford	Oxford	Region 11	Stamford	Wethersfield
Bolton	Colchester	Enfield	Montville	Plainfield	Region 13	Sterling	Willington
Bozrah	Columbia	Franklin	Naugatuck	Plainville	Region 15	Stonington	Winchester
Branford	Cromwell	Griswold	New Britain	Plymouth	Region 16	Stratford	Windham
Bridgeport	Danbury	Hampton	New Hartford	Portland	Salem	Thompson	Wolcott
Brookfield	Deep River	Hartford	New Haven	Putnam	Seymour	Tolland	

SBA: Percent Target Achieved

Spring 2019 and Spring 2022 with Change by Grade Level

MATH			
Grade	2019	2022	PTA Change
3 to 4	74.6	76.5	+1.9
4 to 5	65	76.1	+11.1
5 to 6	54	56.6	+2.6
6 to 7	62.8	53.1	-9.7
7 to 8	34.7	34.9	+0.2

SBA: Percent Target Achieved
Spring 2019 and Spring 2022 with Change by School across all Grades

MATH			
School	2019	2022	Change from 2019
John Barry	63.4	72.1	+8.7
Benjamin Franklin	75.5	83.2	+7.7
Nathan Hale	65	73.5	+8.5
Hanover	67	84	+17
Thomas Hooker	82.5	85.6	+3.1
Casimir Pulaski	71.9	77.3	+5.4
Israel Putnam	74.1	75.3	+1.2
Roger Sherman	56.2	69.5	+13.3
Edison		64.4	
Lincoln	50.8	39.8	-11
Washington	49.8	52.2	+2.4

Districts Our Students Outperformed on SBA Math

Ansonia	East Haddam	New Britain	Region 10
ACES	East Haven	New Haven	Region 11
Ashford	EASTCONN	New London	Region 13
Bridgeport	Eastford	Norfolk	Sherman
Canaan	EdAdvance	Norwich	Stamford
Canterbury	Griswold	Pomfret	Sterling
Canton	Hartford	Preston	Thompson
CREC	Manchester	Putnam	Union
Coventry	Middletown	Region 1	Wallingford
Danbury	Montville	Region 4	Waterbury
Derby	Naugatuck	Region 8	Windham

The New York Times



By Sarah Mervosh

Oct. 15, 2022 Updated 10:21 a.m. ET

How One School Is Beating the Odds in Math, the Pandemic's Hardest-Hit Subject

Benjamin Franklin Elementary in Connecticut overhauled the way it taught — and the way it ran the classroom. Every minute counted.



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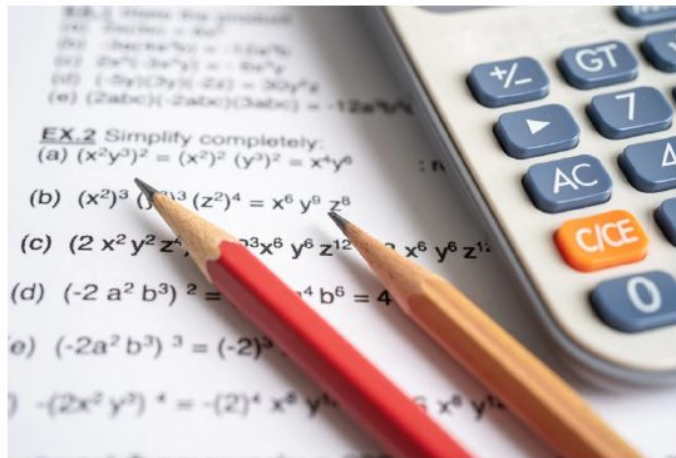




How Changing District Culture Improved Math Scores

One district in Connecticut saw gains despite the pandemic

By Mark Benigni — March 13, 2023 ⌚ 6 min read



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Mark Benigni

Mark Benigni is the superintendent of the Meriden public schools in Connecticut.

When our students' math scores weren't where we wanted them to be at the [Meriden public schools](#), we hired a new director of school leadership to overhaul our math instruction. We also worked to overhaul the culture across our entire district. Not only did we improve our math

March 15, 2023

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Superintendent: Strategies behind our better math scores



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Providing math teachers with relevant student data instead of making them chase it, encouraging professional development, hiring a new director of school leadership and overhauling the culture have helped raise math scores at Meriden Public Schools in Connecticut over the past several years, Superintendent Mark Benigni writes. Other changes, such as extended math blocks, tutors and new curriculum, have made a difference as well, Benigni explains.

Full Story: [Education Week \(3/13\)](#)



Congratulations

on Your SBAC Results

You exceeded the district average



Your ELA Score:

XXXX

District Average:

XXXX

Your Math Score:

XXXX

District Average:

XXXX

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Percent Target Achieved (PTA) Recognition

Blue Ribbon Teachers

- 48 elementary teachers
- 38 middle school teachers
- All 11 schools represented

Criteria

- Teacher's PTA 5% or move above the State PTA for the grade level
- Minimum 5 matched student scores
- Students were in the teacher's class for the whole year



5 Year Growth Rank <small>(w/Context)</small>	District Name	ELA (All grades combined - 3-8)							Percent of Change Over Four Years	Math (All grades combined - 3-8)						
		2014-15 Percent Level 3 or above	2015-16 Percent Level 3 or above	2016-17 Percent Level 3 or above	2017-18 Percent Level 3 or above	2018-19 Percent Level 3 or above	2021-22 Percent Level 3 or above	2014-15 Percent Level 3 or above		2015-16 Percent Level 3 or above	2016-17 Percent Level 3 or above	2017-18 Percent Level 3 or above	2018-19 Percent Level 3 or above	2021-22 Percent Level 3 or above	Percent of Change Over Four Years	
3	Meriden School District	38.0%	40.1%	37.9%	43.9%	47.6%	42.2%	4.2%	16.1%	18.6%	25.6%	29.7%	34.8%	38.3%	30.5%	11.9%
5	Windsor Locks School District	47.5%	48.7%	49.2%	53.7%	48.8%	48.0%	0.5%	9.1%	29.1%	37.1%	40.8%	40.5%	41.4%	37.7%	8.6%
6	East Haven School District	43.4%	47.1%	46.6%	44.2%	46.4%	40.7%	(2.7%)	2.8%	24.4%	30.8%	32.6%	31.7%	34.2%	29.9%	5.5%
7	Windham School District	28.2%	36.3%	37.8%	34.1%	36.7%	26.2%	(2.0%)	(0.3%)	18.5%	25.2%	27.4%	29.1%	31.7%	20.2%	1.7%
8	East Windsor School District	48.9%	48.8%	43.5%	45.1%	38.8%	42.3%	(6.6%)	(1.2%)	30.2%	31.4%	28.0%	28.2%	26.3%	35.6%	5.4%
9	Bridgeport School District	23.5%	22.5%	22.4%	25.7%	27.4%	20.6%	(2.9%)	(1.3%)	9.2%	9.9%	13.4%	14.9%	15.7%	10.8%	1.6%
10	Putnam School District	45.5%	49.0%	51.3%	53.4%	52.0%	38.1%	(7.4%)	(1.4%)	25.9%	36.3%	37.9%	39.2%	39.8%	31.9%	6.0%
11	Bristol School District	52.1%	53.6%	50.9%	52.6%	48.3%	48.5%	(3.6%)	(1.7%)	35.0%	38.5%	39.5%	40.9%	38.3%	36.9%	1.9%
12	Waterbury School District	25.6%	26.9%	26.1%	26.5%	30.3%	23.5%	(2.1%)	(3.4%)	13.8%	16.0%	17.6%	19.2%	20.2%	12.5%	(1.3%)
13	Naugatuck School District	47.8%	48.2%	47.8%	52.4%	54.9%	40.1%	(7.7%)	(4.7%)	29.6%	32.1%	41.2%	48.9%	48.9%	32.6%	3.0%
14	Norwich School District *	29.7%	33.3%	33.3%	32.7%	35.1%	25.3%	(4.4%)	(6.8%)	18.8%	21.1%	24.6%	24.8%	27.0%	16.4%	(2.4%)
15	West Haven School District	47.6%	46.8%	45.8%	46.1%	48.5%	37.2%	(10.4%)	(7.2%)	25.6%	36.9%	39.3%	39.8%	41.8%	28.8%	3.2%
16	New Haven School District	29.2%	32.1%	31.4%	33.5%	34.4%	23.6%	(5.6%)	(7.7%)	13.6%	18.5%	20.8%	21.2%	22.5%	11.5%	(2.1%)
17	Derby School District	42.0%	40.1%	37.2%	39.3%	36.1%	35.5%	(6.5%)	(7.8%)	24.8%	22.4%	24.3%	27.7%	32.1%	23.5%	(1.3%)
18	Bloomfield School District	45.1%	48.7%	41.3%	40.7%	40.9%	35.7%	(9.4%)	(8.4%)	19.8%	25.7%	26.8%	28.6%	31.2%	20.8%	1.0%
19	Hartford School District	26.1%	25.8%	21.9%	24.2%	24.5%	19.1%	(7.0%)	(8.5%)	14.1%	16.0%	15.5%	18.6%	18.2%	12.6%	(1.5%)
20	Windsor School District	47.0%	45.8%	47.0%	44.6%	45.9%	39.2%	(7.8%)	(10.2%)	34.7%	39.1%	42.3%	39.7%	43.7%	32.3%	(2.4%)
21	Norwalk School District	49.9%	47.0%	48.4%	48.3%	48.2%	40.3%	(9.6%)	(10.3%)	30.7%	33.9%	39.3%	41.0%	40.6%	30.0%	(0.7%)
22	New Britain School District	21.9%	22.2%	19.4%	22.0%	20.2%	16.4%	(5.5%)	(12.4%)	14.4%	12.6%	12.2%	13.7%	11.3%	7.5%	(6.9%)
23	Hamden School District	53.4%	50.6%	49.1%	50.5%	49.0%	43.7%	(9.7%)	(13.0%)	37.8%	37.8%	42.9%	41.7%	45.0%	34.5%	(3.3%)
24	Middletown School District	52.2%	51.9%	48.4%	46.7%	50.9%	46.0%	(6.2%)	(13.9%)	36.0%	38.6%	38.9%	38.2%	40.5%	28.3%	(7.7%)
25	New London School District	28.3%	28.6%	27.4%	31.3%	31.5%	20.8%	(7.5%)	(14.3%)	18.0%	17.8%	17.6%	21.4%	23.0%	11.2%	(6.8%)
26	Killingly School District	55.9%	58.4%	52.1%	56.0%	57.9%	43.5%	(12.4%)	(16.3%)	29.9%	35.3%	29.2%	37.8%	42.1%	26.0%	(3.9%)
27	Stamford School District	50.4%	49.7%	48.1%	48.4%	47.8%	40.6%	(9.8%)	(17.4%)	39.5%	41.0%	43.9%	41.8%	42.8%	31.9%	(7.6%)
28	Ansonia School District	34.6%	34.1%	34.1%	37.8%	36.9%	23.2%	(11.4%)	(18.4%)	18.6%	24.2%	23.7%	30.0%	29.9%	11.6%	(7.0%)
29	Manchester School District	39.2%	40.3%	36.3%	35.9%	35.2%	28.1%	(11.1%)	(19.2%)	28.2%	29.7%	30.5%	27.4%	28.7%	20.1%	(8.1%)
30	Danbury School District	47.8%	47.0%	44.5%	46.4%	46.2%	32.3%	(15.5%)	(21.5%)	29.3%	34.2%	35.8%	36.3%	37.6%	23.3%	(6.0%)
	CT Alliance Districts	40.5%	41.4%	40.0%	41.5%	42.0%	35.2%	(5.3%)	(4.6%)	24.7%	28.3%	30.1%	32.3%	33.9%	25.5%	0.7%
	State of Connecticut	55.6%	55.6%	54.2%	55.3%	55.7%	49.1%	(6.5%)	(6.1%)	39.6%	44.0%	45.6%	46.8%	48.1%	40.0%	0.4%

Graduates
Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate by Year

District/School	2010-2011	2021-2022
Meriden School District	69.8	86.6
Francis T. Maloney High School	71.7	90.2
Orville H. Platt High School	69.7	88.4



Advanced Placement/Early College Experience Course Offerings

- AP BIOLOGY
- AP BIOLOGY LABORATORY
- AP CALCULUS AB
- AP CALCULUS AB/UCONN ECE
- AP CALCULUS BC/UCONN ECE
- AP CHEM LAB (UCONN/ECE)
- AP CHEMISTRY
- AP CHEMISTRY (UCONN/ECE)
- AP ENGLISH LANG & COMP
- AP ENGLISH LIT & COMP
- AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
- AP PHYSICS 1
- AP PSYCHOLOGY
- AP SPANISH LANGUAGE
- AP STATISTICS/UCONN ECE
- AP U S HISTORY
- AP US GOVERNMENT & POLITICS
- AP WORLD HISTORY MODERN
- AP/ECE ENGLISH LIT & COMP
- AP/ECE SPANISH LANGUAGE
- CALCULUS 1 UCONN ECE
- CALCULUS 2 UCONN ECE
- CHEM LAB UCONN/ECE
- CHEMISTRY UCONN/ECE
- ENVIRONMENTAL SCI AP/ECE
- ENVIRONMENTAL SCI UCONN/ECE
- IND & FAM DEV C/UCONN ECE
- INTRO TO PUBLIC EDUCATION ECE
- MED TERM/ALLIED HEALTH UCONN ECE
- MUSIC APPREC/UCONN ECE
- MUSIC THEORY UCONN ECE
- MxCC 101 INTRO TO EARLY CHILD ED
- MxCC 103 CREATIVE ART EXP YOUNG CHILD
- MxCC ACCOUNTING ECE
- POETRY IN AMERICA ASU ECE
- PRINCIPLES OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE - HOWARD
- PUBLIC SPEAKING ECE
- RDG & COMP FOR SPANISH SPKRS UCONN/ECE
- STATISTICS/UCONN ECE
- UCONN ECON 1201 PRINCIPLES OF MICRO ECON
- UCONN ECON 1202 PRINCIPLES OF MACRO ECON
- VIDEO PRODUCTION ECE

Open Access to Advanced Placement/Early College Experience Courses

Over thirty course offerings to challenge all of our students.

	2010-2011	2022-2023
All Students	184	1,263
Free/Reduced	40	760
Hispanic	25	466
Black	10	164
ELL	1	37
SPED	0	13

**Suspensions, Expulsions, and Arrests Summary
SY 2010-11 to 2021-22
Number of Offenses**

	2010-2011	2021-2022	Decrease
Suspensions	5,266	1,600	-70%
Expulsions	68	13	-78%
Arrests	230	12	-95%

Suspensions, Expulsions, and Arrests Summary
SY 2010-11 to 2021-22
Number of Offenses

	2010-2011	2021-2022	2022-2023 (3/31/22)
Suspensions	5,266	1,600	
Expulsions	68	13	
Arrests	230	12	

Students new to MPS Suspension Rates

Elementary School	6% higher suspension
Middle School	33% higher suspension
High School	32% higher suspension

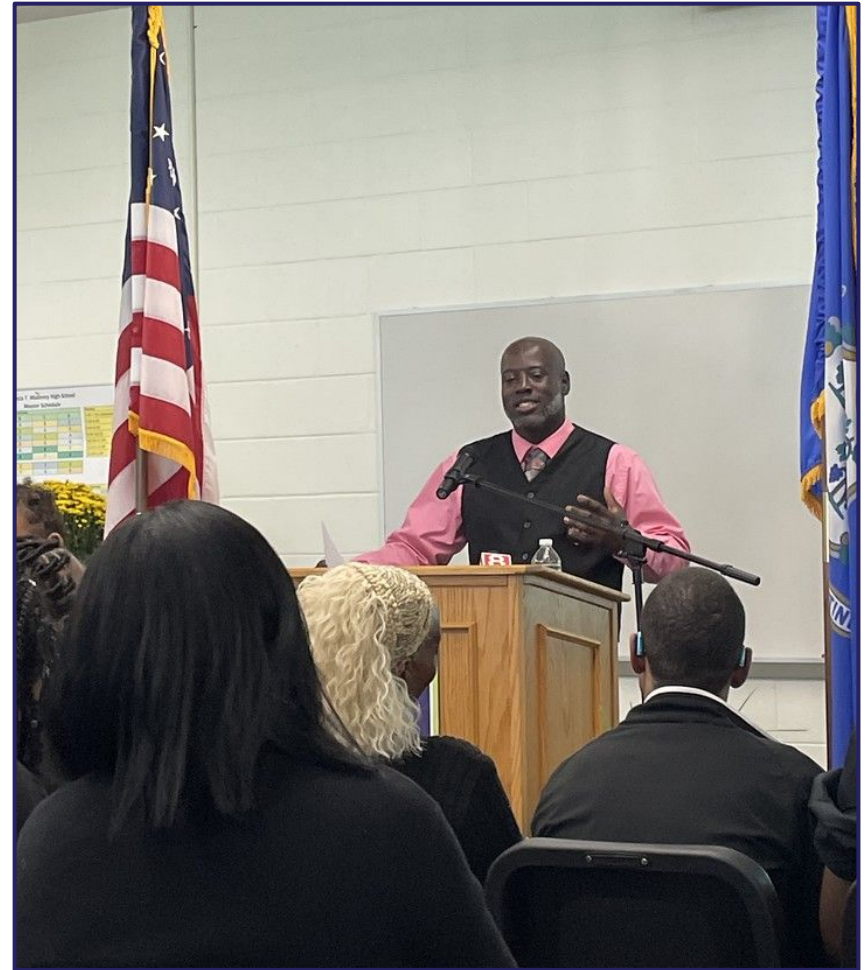
Students new to MPS Chronic Absenteeism

Elementary School	61% higher chronic absenteeism
Middle School	30% higher chronic absenteeism
High School	17% higher chronic absenteeism

Visitors to Meriden Public Schools

- Ansonia Public Schools
- Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools - iCoach Team, Denver, CO
- RISE Network - New England Educators (25)
- UCONN NEAG School of Education
- Central Falls, RI
- UP Education Network, Boston, MA

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Paraeducator of Year
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Don Askew



Congratulations

Susan Moore

Withrow Chief Technology
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Award



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Meriden Public Schools
2023 Partners in Excellence
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District Recognition



ISTE
Distinguished District

Joining:

Orange County Public Schools, Orlando, FL (206,000 students)

San Francisco Unified School District, CA (57,000 students)



One of nine districts nationwide



Our Budget Request

BOE Approved Budget 2023-2024

2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Difference	%
\$100,882,340	\$100,882,340	\$102,182,340	\$106,717,495	\$4,535,155	4.44%

Budget Drivers

Salaries	\$2,118,085
Heat Energy	\$ 747,276
Health Insurance	\$ 731,061
Tuitions (Parent Choice and Special Education)	\$ 586,594

Level-Funded Items in Budget

321 Instruction

627 Transportations Supplies

322 Instructional Program Improvements

641 Textbooks

529 Other Insurance/Judgements

642 Library Books

540 Communications

690 Other Supplies/Materials

590 Purchase Services

810 Dues and Fees

611 Instructional Supplies

Reductions in Budget

207 Life/Disability/E.A.P
220 Longevity
510 Pupil Transportation

101 Certified Salaries

Certified	\$50,596,457
Increase	\$ 1,879,844

Contracted salaries:

Teachers 2.67% including step

Administrators 2.25%

151 Classified Salaries

Classified	\$13,499,633
Increase	\$238,241

Contracted Salary Increase 2.25%

Salary Increases GWI

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-2026
Teachers	1.33%	2.67%	2.06%	1.53%
Administrators	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%	
Clerical	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%	
Custodians	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%	
Paraprofessionals	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%	
Family-School Liaisons	2.25%	2.25%	To Be Negotiated	

201 Health Insurance

Health Insurance	\$13,772,996
Increase	\$731,061

- Based on staff enrolled in district's insurance on November 1, 2022
- Rate using 6.0% increase

213 Social Security

Social Security	\$859,360
Increase	\$ 47,293

- 7.65% FICA/Medicare on athletics/extracurriculars/tutors/substitutes
- 1.45% Medicare for teachers and administrators

225 Severance

Severance	\$109,100
Increase	\$18,844

- Classified staff sick time payout based on projected retirements
- Estimated 11 retirements based on age and years of services

230 Retirement

Retirement	\$202,259
Increase	\$135,768

- 9 Teacher retirements
- Teacher and administrator sick time payout

330 Other Professional Technical Services

Other Professional Technical Services	\$875,933
Increase	\$155,800

Special Education Contracted Services, Athletic Trainers, and Legal Fees

410 Public Utilities

Public Utilities	\$2,561,707
Increase	\$9,159

- Rate increase of 5%
- Based on three-year kWh average: 10,487,787
- Platt and Maloney High School Solar Panels projected to generate 1.5 million KWh
 - Solar kWh \$0.059 vs \$0.207 kWh (Delivery and Generation)

430 Repair/Maintenance Services

Repair / Maintenance Services	\$2,038,325
Increase	\$95,186

- Maintenance repairs
- Instructional repair: music, copiers, school equipment, special education

510 Pupil Transportation

Pupil Transportation	\$6,666,326
Decrease	(179,359)

- District will pay for fuel cost in new contract.
- Increase with fuel estimated overall increase of 3.59%

510 Pupil Transportation

Number of Vehicles	Type 1	Type II	Mini Buses	Vans	Wheelchair Vehicles
New Britain Transportation (Special Education)	0	0	4	25	8
New Britain Transportation	44	19	0	0	0

Aides: 27

Monitors: 4

560 Tuitions

Tuitions	\$10,159,019
Increase	\$586,594

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Difference
Vocational Agriculture	\$525,371	\$525,371	\$525,371	\$0
Special Education	\$7,267,400	\$7,777,873	\$8,364,467	\$586,594
Parent Choice	\$1,070,985	\$1,269,181	\$1,269,181	\$0
Total	\$8,863,756	\$9,572,425	\$10,159,019	\$586,594

560 Tuitions - Parent Choice

- Family can apply to attend any magnet school in the state
- Transportation is the requirement of the parent or magnet school
- Average cost per students to Meriden \$9,309
- Number of students in 2021-22: 289
- Number of students in 2022-23: 240
- Estimate students in 2023-24 : 195
 - Promoting our high schools to all Meriden families who might consider a magnet school option that the district will be responsible for paying the tuition costs
 - Our promotion efforts for Edison resulted in MPS keeping the vast majority of sixth graders enrolled in the Meriden Public Schools

Special Education

Cost to educate six (6) outplaced students.

Students	Tuition \$	Above \$70,466	Excess Cost Reimbursement rate 76.25%	District Cost
Student A	161,153	94,607	77,559	116,944
Student B	152,153	85,607	70,181	112,150
Student C	151,240	84,694	69,432	111,664
Student D	149,941	83,395	68,367	110,972
Student E	145,316	78,770	64,576	108,508
Student F	128,807	62,261	51,042	99,713
			District cost:	\$659,951

State reimbursement is divided between City of Meriden (43%) and Board of Education (57%).

580 Travel, Other

Travel, Other	\$407,897
Increase	\$11,039

Increase due to contractual rate increase with NBT: 3.59%

613 Maintenance Supplies

Maintenance Supplies	\$1,152,817
Increase	\$89,345

General supplies: average of 8% increase on items

- Green cleaning supplies
- General parts, flooring, paper products, fertilizer

620 Heat/Energy

Heat/Energy	\$1,628,797
Increase	\$747,276

- Natural gas: 24% increase;
- Fuel oil: 30% increase
- Fuel for buses \$514,950

Funding Requested

District Request	\$4,535,155
State Alliance Grant Increase	\$2,210,946
Request from City	\$2,324,209



Michael S. Grove

Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations

Capital Improvement Projects

2023/2024 - 2027/2028

American Rescue Plan

- Air Conditioning: \$3,000,000
 - Roger Sherman, Nathan Hale, Benjamin Franklin, Casimir Pulaski, John Barry
- Turf Fields: \$1,800,000
- Pavilions: \$400,000
 - Nathan Hale, Thomas Hooker, Israel Putnam, Roger Sherman, Edison M.S.
- Outdoor Classrooms: \$250,000
 - Thomas Hooker, Israel Putnam, Hanover, Casimir Pulaski, Edison M.S.

CIP 2022/2023

Administrative Offices (22 Liberty St.) Roof Replacement

- Flat roof replaced in 2004/ Slate roof original 1884; nails are failing on slate portion and require continuous repairs
- Replace roof with a slate product
- Andrade Architects - Roof Study December 15, 2021
- Estimate \$1,242,500

Chiller Replacement at John Barry Elementary School

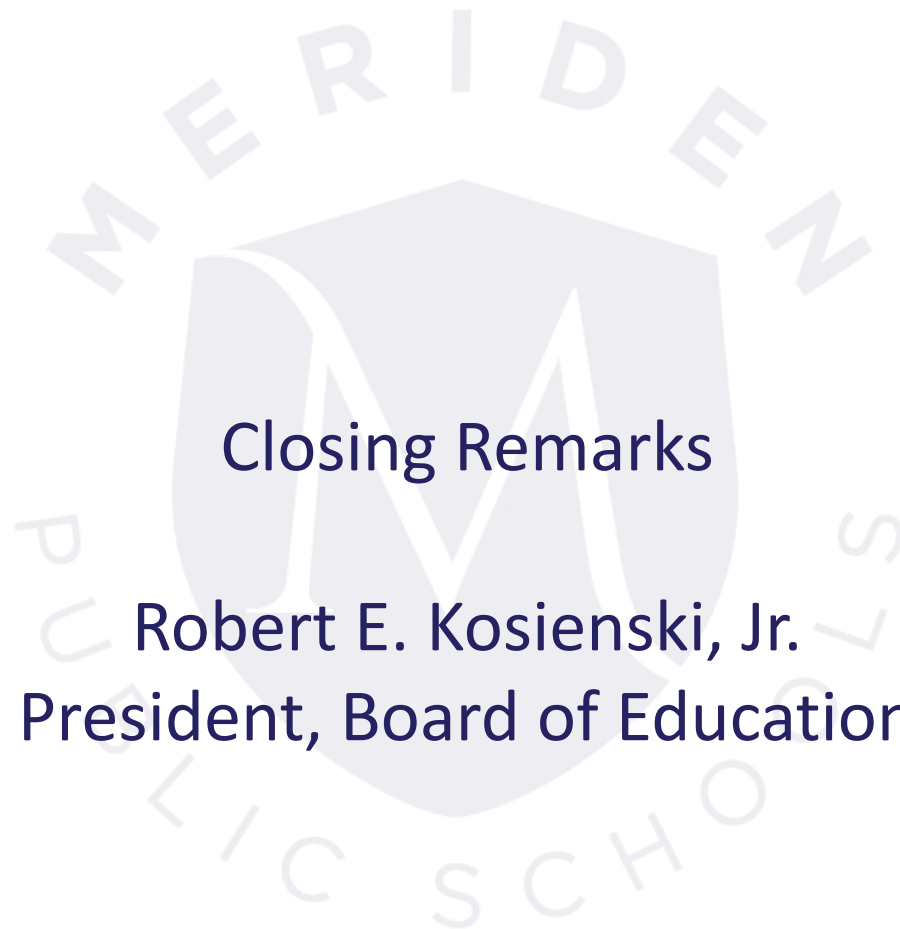
- 28 year-old chiller
- Estimate: \$260,000



CIP Requests 2023/2024 - 2027/2028

- FY 2023/2024:
 - Washington Middle School Boilers and Controls: 37 and 21 years old; estimate \$1,350,000
 - Washington Middle School Chiller: 22 years old: estimate \$350,000
- FY 2024/2025 Edison Middle School Roof Replacement: 22 years old; estimate \$3,660,000
- FY 2025/2026 John Barry Elementary School Roof: 26 years old; estimate \$2,300,000
- FY 2026/2027 Edison Middle School Boilers: 22 years old; estimate: \$850,000
- FY 2027/2028 Lincoln Middle School Parking Lot Mill/Pavement: 20 years old; estimate \$600,000





Closing Remarks

Robert E. Kosienski, Jr.
President, Board of Education



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