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Stamford Public Schools Outperforms State on Connecticut Mastery Test

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Stamford, Conn.— While the overall state results on the Spring 2013 Connecticut State Mastery Test (CMT) showed decreases across the board compared to last year, Stamford Public Schools (SPS) increased in its percentage of students who scored at/above Proficiency and at/above Goal in a number of grades and content areas. SPS tenth graders demonstrated notable improvement on the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) after years of flat performance.

"I am proud of the progress we have made across the board, but particularly at the middle and high school levels," said Superintendent Winnie Hamilton. "This improvement is the positive effect of our teacher's hard work and the support received from the GE Foundation Developing Futures in Education Grant that funded excellent professional development opportunities."

On the CMTs, particular gains are seen in Math for grades 6 and 8; in reading for grades 3, 6, and 8; writing for grade 4; and science for grade 8.

CMT	At/Above Proficient	At/Above Goal
Math		
Grade 6		67% to 68%
Grade 8	83% to 86%	56% to 61%
Reading		
Grade 3	72% to 75%	
Grade 6	79% to 84%	65% to 71%
Grade 8	81% to 82%	69% to 70%
Writing		
Grade 4	82% to 83%	
Science		
Grade 8		55% to 57%

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In Math, SPS CMT results nearly match or exceed state outcomes in grades 3-8, with more than 80% of SPS students achieving at/above proficient. Sixth graders did best with 89% reaching proficiency and 68% scoring at/above goal.

CMT	At/Above Proficient		At/Above Goal	
Grade	SPS (%)	State (%)	SPS (%)	State (%)
3	81	83	62	62
4	82	84	64	65
5	83	84	68	69
6	89	86	68	67
7	83	85	59	66
8	86	86	61	65

SPS achieved notable CAPT gains in math, science, and reading—outpacing the percentage gains made in the state.

CAPT	At/Above Proficient		At/Above Goal	
Content Area	SPS (% gains)	State (% gains)	SPS (% gains)	State (% gains)
Math	+4	0	+8	+4
Science	+3	+2	+2	+2
Reading	+2	0	+4	0
Writing	0	0	+2	-1

A more detailed analysis of the test results is ongoing. Parent reports issued by the Connecticut State Department of Education are expected in September.

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Stamford Public Schools (SPS) comprises 15,900 students, 1,492 professionals, and 20 schools, including six magnet and two International Baccalaureate schools. SPS has a total of 12 elementary schools, five middle schools and three high schools. The mission of SPS is to prepare each and every student for higher education and success in the 21st century.

SPS is proud that our district is as rich in diversity as it is in talent. We have students from many cultural backgrounds and geographic locations—as demonstrated by the more than 65 different languages spoken in the homes of our families. SPS offers our students a learning experience rich in cultural diversity and reflective of the global society in which they will work and live.