



Upcoming Meeting Dates

3/4/2015 CSDE Memorandum , Administration of Annual Assessments

March 2, 2015 Enrollment



UPCOMING MEETING DATES

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| March 9 | 7:30 PM – Board of Finance
Special Meeting – Non-Recurring Capital
501 Kings Highway East
2 nd Floor Board Conference Room |
| March 10 | 7:30 PM – Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
501 Kings Highway East
2 nd Floor Board Conference Room |
| March 12 | 7:30 PM – Board of Finance
Public Budget Session - BOE
501 Kings Highway East
2 nd Floor Board Conference Room |
| March 30 | 7:30 PM – Board of Education Meeting
Policy Committee
501 Kings Highway East
Superintendent Conference Room |



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Schools
FROM: Dr. Dianna R. Wentzell, Interim Commissioner *DRW*
DATE: March 4, 2015
SUBJECT: Administration of Annual Assessments

Both state and federal laws require the administration of annual assessments in our public schools in certain grades and subjects. These laws do not provide a provision for parents to “opt-out” their children from taking state tests. These mandates have been in effect for many years and the State Department of Education, as well as all public schools, must comply.

Federal and state laws also require the administration of assessments in Science once in each grade band (elementary, middle, and high school). In Connecticut our assessments include the Smarter Balanced Assessments for ELA and Math and the CMT and CAPT in Science. Some students may experience the Connecticut Alternative Assessment (CTAA) in ELA and Math and the Science CMT-Skills Checklist or the CAPT – Science Skills Checklist in Science, in accordance with provisions of an IEP. The following statutory references may be useful in your communications about student participation in State Assessments.

For each tenth or eleventh grade student who meets or exceeds the state-wide mastery goal level on any component of the mastery test, each local school district shall certify such achievement on the student’s transcript and shall issue a certificate of mastery for such component. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-14n(d). No public school, however, may require achievement of a satisfactory score on a mastery examination, or any subsequent retest on a component of such examination as the sole criterion of promotion or graduation. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-14n(e).

If a student has special needs due to a disability or medical condition, testing accommodations may be available. However, the school district must determine what accommodations, if any, would appropriately address the child’s needs. Such determinations are made pursuant to the procedures available under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, 20 U.S.C. § 701 et seq. In addition, certain students with disabilities may participate in the Connecticut Alternate Assessment and the CMT Science Skills Checklist or CAPT Science Skills Checklist. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-14q.

Statutory references: The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) requires all states to implement “high-quality, yearly student academic assessments.” 20 U.S.C. § 6311(b)(3)(A). The statute further provides that “[s]uch assessments shall...provide for...the participation in such assessments of all students.” 20 U.S.C. § 6311(b)(3)(C). ESEA does not allow parents to exempt their children from taking the state assessments. In addition, the Connecticut statute also requires that “each student enrolled in grades three to eight, inclusive, and grade ten or eleven in any public school shall, annually, in March or April, take a state-wide mastery examination . . .”. C.G.S. § 10-14n.

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FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT - ELEMENTARY

	PRE-K	KIND	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
Burr		17	18	22	21	24	21	
		20	17	22	23	23	20	
	17	19	18	22	22	24	21	
	17		18					
	34	56	71	66	66	71	62	426
Dwight		17	22	16	19	24	22	
		18	23	16	19	24	24	
	18	17		15	19			
	17							
	35	52	45	47	57	48	46	330
Holland Hill		23	18	18	20	21	23	
		23	21	18	18	19	22	
		24	19	18	18	21	22	
				19	21			
	70	58	73	77	61	67	406	
Jennings		17	18	20	25	18	18	
		15	18	21	25	17	19	
		16	18		26	18	18	
	48	54	41	76	53	55	327	
McKinley		17	19	17	20	20	20	
		16	19	17	19	20	19	
		18	19	17	19	19	19	
		17	19	18	19	20	20	
	68	76	69	77	79	78	447	
Mill Hill		21	21	22	21	23	18	
		20	20	23	21	23	19	
		21	21	18	22	21	19	
					22		18	
	62	62	63	86	67	74	414	
No. Stratfield		22	23	23	21	22	22	
		23	23	22	21	21	22	
		22	22	23	21	20	23	
					22	21		
	67	68	68	85	84	67	439	
Osborn Hill		22	23	19	23	23	22	
		23	21	18	23	23	22	
		22	22	19	23	20	23	
			22	20	22	23	22	
	67	88	76	91	89	89	500	
Riverfield		21	21	21	19	22	21	
		22	20	21	20	22	21	
		22	21	22	19	20	22	
					21			
	65	62	64	79	64	64	398	

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FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT - ELEMENTARY

	PRE-K	KIND	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
Sherman		20	23	21	21	22	20	
		22	23	21	22	22	22	
		22	23	20	23	24	20	
			23	20	21		20	
		64	92	82	87	68	82	475
Stratfield		17	18	18	20	24	24	
		17	18	18	20	23	24	
		17	19	18	21	23	23	
		17	17	18	19	23		
		68	72	72	80	93	71	456
ECC	111							111
TOTAL PRE-K-5	180	687	748	721	861	777	755	4,729

FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT - SECONDARY

	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
Fairfield Woods	300	295	321					916
Ludlowe	254	270	282					806
Tomlinson	251	224	241					716
TOTAL 6-8	805	789	844					2,438
FWHS Walter Fitzgerald Campus				384 6	364 3	386 2	313 6	1,447 17
FLHS Walter Fitzgerald Campus				398 2	358 4	369 5	390 7	1,515 18
TOTAL 9-12				790	729	762	716	2,997

SUMMARY	Pre-K - 5	6 - 8	9 - 12	TOTAL
Current:	4,729	2,438	2,997	10,164
Difference: Current - October 1, 2014	19	(3)	(12)	4
October 1, 2014	4,710	2,441	3,009	10,160

** Please inform the Supt. Office of any discrepancies at 255-8371.