

STAMFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2008 CT MASTERY TEST (CMT) AND CT ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE TEST (CAPT)

CMT GRADES 3-8

- Stamford Public Schools made many grade-level gains on the 2008 CMTs, particularly in grades 4 and 7 in math, reading, and writing. Improvement in grades 4 and 7 was most notable among students in the NCLB subgroups: Black, Hispanic, Economically Disadvantaged, English Language Learners, and Special Education subgroups.

Math:

- **ALL STUDENTS:** The gains made by SPS in grades 4 and 7 outpaced or were on par with gains statewide. The percentage of SPS grade 4 students at/above GOAL increased four percentage points, compared to a decrease of one percentage point statewide; in grade 7, both SPS and the state increased three points.
- **SUBGROUPS:** Among grade 4 students, all NCLB subgroups (Black, Hispanic, White, Asian, Economically Disadvantaged, Students with Disabilities and English Language Learners) demonstrated gains from 2007 to 2008 at the at/above GOAL level, compared to the same groups statewide, which posted zero or negative gains.
- **SUBGROUPS:** All grade 7 NCLB subgroups showed an increase in the percentage of students at/above GOAL, except for the White student group, which maintained the same rate in 2007 and 2008.

Reading:

- **ALL STUDENTS:** SPS increased the percentage of students at/above GOAL in grades 4, 5, 6 and 7, most notably in grade 7 (a five point increase).
- **SUBGROUPS:** Among grade 7 students, all NCLB subgroups (Black, Hispanic, White, Asian, Economically Disadvantaged, Students with Disabilities and English Language Learners) demonstrated gains from 2007 to 2008 at/above GOAL level, most notably among Black students (a nine point increase), Economically Disadvantaged students (a nine point increase) and English Language Learners (a 12 point increase).

Writing:

- **SUBGROUPS:** The percentage of students at/above GOAL in grade 7 increased among Black students (an 11 point increase) and Economically Disadvantaged students (a six point increase).

CAPT GRADE 10

- Gains posted by grade 10 students in SPS outpaced those made by students in similar communities and across the state on the 2008 CAPT. SPS grade 10 CAPT gains in all subjects tested (math, reading, writing, and science) surpassed those made by other cities in its District Reference Group (Danbury, Meriden, Norwalk, Ansonia, Derby, East Hartford, Norwich and West Haven) as well as those made by neighboring communities, some of which experienced declines.
- SPS grade 10 students posted the largest gains in writing, where 85% of students achieved at/above the PROFICIENT level (a 12 point increase) and 47% of students achieved at/above the GOAL level (a 12 point increase).
- In Math, 72% of students achieved at/above the PROFICIENT level (a nine point increase) and 38% achieved at/above GOAL (an 11 point increase). In science, 72% of students achieved at/above the PROFICIENT level (a one point increase) and 33% of students achieved at/above GOAL (a five point increase). In Reading, 79% of students achieved at/above the PROFICIENT level (a three point increase) and 35% of students achieved at/above GOAL (a one point increase).