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## **STAMFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT POSTS GAINS ON 2011 CONNECTICUT ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE TEST**

(July 12, 2011) Results of the Spring 2011 Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT)\* indicate the percentage of Stamford students who scored at/above goal increased in math, science, and writing over last year. Student scores at/above goal in reading held steady. Additionally, more Stamford students reached goal in science, math, and writing than any school system in its District Reference Group (DRG). \*\*

The specific CAPT increases from 2010 to 2011 are as follows:

- In math: the percent of students scoring at/above goal increased by three percentage points, compared to one point statewide
- In science: the percent of students scoring at/above goal increased by three percentage points, compared to one point statewide
- In writing: the percent of students scoring at/above goal increased by four percentage points, compared to one point statewide

Over the past four years, Stamford students scoring at/above goal demonstrated greater gains than students statewide. Between 2007-2011, Stamford's scores were as follows:

- In math: the percent of students scoring at/above goal increased 11 points, compared to five points statewide
- In science: the percent of students scoring at/above goal increased by seven points, compared to two points statewide
- In writing: the percent of students scoring at/above goal increased by 17 points, compared to eight points statewide

During that same time period, student achievement at/above goal in reading remained the same in Stamford, while declining slightly statewide.

*\*The CAPT is administered each year to students in grade 10 in math, reading, writing, and science. Scores are categorized in five performance levels: 1 (Below Basic); 2 (Basic); 3 (Proficient); 4 (Goal); 5 (Advanced).*

*\*\*Stamford's District Reference Group (DRG) includes Ansonia, Danbury, Derby, East Hartford, Meriden, Norwalk, Norwich, and West Haven.*