

STRATEGIC SCHOOL PROFILE 2011-12

Elementary School K-6 Edition

Norfeldt School**West Hartford School District**

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Connecticut

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TYPE OF SCHOOL

School Type: Traditional/Regular Education
School Grade Range: K - 5

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Enrollment on October 1, 2011: 425
5-Year Enrollment Change: -4.1%

INDICATORS OF EDUCATIONAL NEED

| Need Indicator | Number in School | Percent in School | Elementary Schools | |
|--|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------|
| | | | % in District | % in State |
| Students Eligible for Free/Reduced-Price Meals | 16 | 3.8 | 17.8 | 39.4 |
| K-12 Students Who Are Not Fluent in English | 16 | 3.8 | 8.0 | 7.8 |
| Students with Disabilities | 44 | 10.4 | 9.2 | 10.9 |
| Students Identified as Gifted and/or Talented | 22 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 2.0 |
| Kindergarten Students who Attended Preschool, Nursery School or Headstart | 61 | 96.8 | 89.7 | 79.8 |
| Students in Grades Above School's Entry Grade Who Attended Same School the Previous Year | 353 | 97.5 | 99.0 | 95.8 |

PROGRAM AND INSTRUCTION

| Instructional Time | School | State Elementary Schools |
|----------------------|--------|--------------------------|
| Total Days per Year | 182 | 181 |
| Total Hours per Year | 979 | 993 |

State law requires that at least 180 days of school be offered to students in kindergarten through Grade 12, 900 hours of instruction to Grades 1-12 and full-day kindergarten, and 450 hours to half-day kindergarten students.

Type of Kindergarten: This school offers half-day kindergarten.

| Average Class Size | School | District | State |
|--------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| Kindergarten | 21.0 | 20.1 | 18.5 |
| Grade 2 | 18.3 | 19.9 | 19.7 |
| Grade 5 | 20.5 | 22.5 | 21.6 |

| Required Hours of Instruction Per Year in Selected Subject Areas | | |
|--|--------|-------|
| Grade 5 | School | State |
| Art | 36 | 32 |
| Computer Education | 0 | 21 |
| English Language Arts | 419 | 430 |
| Family and Consumer Science | 0 | 1 |
| Health | 32 | 21 |
| Library Media Skills | 18 | 19 |
| Mathematics | 199 | 200 |
| Music | 36 | 34 |
| Physical Education | 54 | 43 |
| Science | 75 | 97 |
| Social Studies | 74 | 87 |
| Technology Education | 0 | 3 |
| World Languages | 36 | 14 |

World Language

Formal instruction (at least 1 hour per week) in French starts in Grade 3 in this school. Statewide, 10% of elementary and middle schools that serve Grade 3 start world language instruction by this grade.

Lunch

An average of 30 minutes is provided for lunch during full school days.

| Special Programs | School | Elementary Schools | |
|--|--------|--------------------|-------|
| | | District | State |
| % of K-12 Students in Bilingual Education Program or Receiving English as a Second Language Services | 3.3 | 7.9 | 7.8 |
| % of Identified Gifted and/or Talented Students Who Received Services | 100.0 | 100.0 | 81.1 |
| % of Special Education Students Attending This School Who Spent Over 79% of Their Time with Their Non-Disabled Peers | 84.1 | 85.0 | 78.8 |

LIBRARY AND COMPUTERS

Free on-line access to periodicals, newspapers, and other resources is available to all Connecticut schools through the Connecticut Digital Library at www.iconn.org.

| Instructional Computers and Library Materials | School | Elementary Schools | |
|--|--------|--------------------|-------|
| | | District | State |
| # of Students Per Computer | 2.9 | 2.6 | 2.8 |
| % of Computers with Internet Access | 100.0 | 100.0 | 97.4 |
| % of Computers that are High or Moderate Power | 93.1 | 99.2 | 94.2 |
| # of Print Volumes Per Student* | 38.9 | 38.1 | 29.7 |
| # of Print Periodical Subscriptions | 6 | 17 | 11 |

*Because a certain number of volumes are needed for a library of adequate breadth and depth, a small school may need a higher number of volumes per student.

SCHOOL STAFF

| Full-Time Equivalent Count of School Staff | | In the full-time equivalent count, staff members working part-time in the school are counted as a fraction of full-time. For example, a teacher who works half-time in a school contributes 0.50 to the school's staff count. |
|---|-------|---|
| General Education: Teachers and Instructors | 27.75 | |
| Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants | 3.60 | |
| Special Education: Teachers and Instructors | 4.00 | |
| Paraprofessional Instructional Assistants | 18.00 | |
| Library/Media Specialists and/or Assistants | 1.40 | |
| Administrators, Coordinators, and Department Chairs | 1.00 | |
| Instructional Specialists Who Support Teachers (e.g., subject area specialists) | 1.00 | |
| Counselors, Social Workers, and School Psychologists | 1.40 | |
| School Nurses | 1.00 | |
| Other Staff Providing Non-Instructional Services and Support | 8.40 | |

| Teachers and Instructors | School | Elementary Schools | |
|---|---------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| | | District | State |
| Average Number of Years of Experience in Education | 13.4 | 12.0 | 13.7 |
| % with Master's Degree or Above | 69.4 | 84.3 | 81.6 |
| Attendance, 2010-11: Average # of Days Absent Due to Illness or Personal Time | 6.1 | 7.3 | 8.7 |
| % Assigned to Same School the Previous Year | 91.7 | 85.0 | 85.0 |

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

Teacher E-Mail Addresses: All teachers at this school have been issued e-mail addresses.

Online Homework Information: A portion of the school website is devoted to homepages.

The following narrative about how this school promotes and supports parental involvement was submitted by this school.

Throughout the year, Norfeldt School provided a variety of opportunities for parents to participate in curriculum-based activities. For example, in 2011-2012 kindergarten children and parents attended Walk With the Masters, an exhibition of students' interpretations of works of artists they had studied. Kindergarten parents attended an outstanding performance of "The Mother Goose Show" and "The Three Piggy Opera." First grade parents attended their children's Harambee Festival, a culmination of the students' study of Kenya. Grade 2 children and their parents worked side by side at different centers during our Family Math Night. Parents of third graders attended a "Meet the Author" event, where the authors were their own children. Grade 4 students and parents spent time reading together at the Four on the Floor event. Grade 5 students and their parents participated in a "Night Under the Stars" at Central Connecticut State University. Other opportunities for community involvement at the school included Grandparents/Special Persons Day; Voice & Vision— An Exhibition of Student Art and QuEST Type III Projects, a Veteran's Day Ceremony at which 43 family members and friends of students who have served in the armed forces were recognized, a Fall Family Picnic, a Spring Fair, and a Kindergarten Popsicle Social to welcome our youngest students and their families. In order to help parents better understand the curriculum content and expectations, Curriculum Night was held in early fall. Norfeldt's early intervention teacher and the first grade team provided a literacy workshop, also in the fall, for parents of children receiving reading support services. Kindergarten teachers continued their blogs with daily updates. The rest of the teachers, either individually or as grade level teams, created their own blogs. This has helped to improve the connection between the school and parents in terms of student learning. Norfeldt is proud of the support it receives from parents. Parents provide the school with support as volunteers in the classrooms and library, and with support for extra-curricular activities. One hundred percent of our students' parents participated in parent-teacher conferences. Parents and teachers are encouraged to communicate with each other regularly by email and by phone between the regularly schedule conference times.

SCHOOL DIVERSITY

| Student Race/Ethnicity | | |
|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Race/Ethnicity | Number | Percent |
| American Indian | 1 | 0.2 |
| Asian American | 55 | 12.9 |
| Black | 27 | 6.4 |
| Hispanic | 22 | 5.2 |
| Pacific Islander | 0 | 0.0 |
| White | 300 | 70.6 |
| Two or more races | 20 | 4.7 |
| Total Minority | 125 | 29.4 |

Percent of Minority Professional Staff: 4.7%

Open Choice:

9 student(s) attended this school as part of the Open Choice program. Open Choice brings students from urban areas to attend school in suburban or rural towns, and students from non-urban areas to attend city schools

Non-English Home Language :

14.1% of this school's students (excluding prekindergarten students) come from homes where English is not the primary language. The number of non-English home languages is 14.

EFFORTS TO REDUCE RACIAL, ETHNIC AND ECONOMIC ISOLATION

Below is the description submitted by this school of how it provides educational opportunities for its students to interact with students and teachers from diverse racial, ethnic, and economic backgrounds.

Norfeldt School continued its "Classical Education" theme, with children beginning their study of World Language (French) and culture in grade 3. This provided students with the opportunity to engage in a variety of learning experiences that broadened their understanding of cultural differences. Prior to 2010, French was taught beginning in kindergarten. In order to maintain their skills and culture, in 2010-2011, students in grades 1 and 2 had the opportunity to participate in Morning French Club, which was offered once a week before school. In 2011 – 2012, students in grade 2 had the opportunity to participate in this extracurricular experience. In addition to neighborhood children, children from throughout the district attend Norfeldt School as participants in a learning center program designed for children with special needs. Siblings of children from throughout the district, who had attended Norfeldt School as Magnet students, also were allowed to attend Norfeldt School. In 2011- 2012, Norfeldt welcomed its first 10 students through the Open Choice Program. Attendance by students from throughout the district and from neighboring Hartford enriches the cultural and ethnic diversity of the school and enhances opportunities for students to broaden their understanding of and appreciation for others. The social studies program incorporates multiple opportunities to explore the cultures of Mexico, Kenya, Japan, and The West Indies, as well as diverse key religious holidays. After school opportunities related to these studies include the Harambee Festival and Caribbean Night. Norfeldt students consistently participate in several outreach programs throughout the broader community and beyond. This past year as in years past, students organized food drives for a local food bank as well a drive for school supplies for students with financial needs.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE AND BEHAVIOR

| Physical Fitness: % Reaching Health Standard on All Four Tests* | School | District | State | % of Schools in State with Equal or Lower Percent Reaching Standard |
|---|--------|----------|-------|---|
| Grade 4 | 67.1 | 66.6 | 50.9 | 80.7 |
| Grade 6 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

*Includes tests for flexibility, abdominal strength and endurance, upper-body strength and aerobic endurance.

Connecticut Mastery Test, Fourth Generation, % Meeting State Goal. The Goal level is more demanding than the Proficient level, but not as high as the Advanced level, reported in the No Child Left Behind Report Cards.

| Grade and CMT Subject Area | School | District | State | % of Schools in State with Equal or Lower Percent Meeting Goal |
|----------------------------|--------|----------|-------|--|
| Grade 3 Reading | 75.4 | 72.0 | 59.2 | 79.7 |
| Writing | 80.3 | 76.4 | 62.7 | 83.4 |
| Mathematics | 86.8 | 76.3 | 66.5 | 87.1 |
| Grade 4 Reading | 91.4 | 78.4 | 64.1 | 97.2 |
| Writing | 87.1 | 78.6 | 65.3 | 90.8 |
| Mathematics | 95.7 | 80.3 | 68.0 | 98.2 |
| Grade 5 Reading | 93.1 | 80.6 | 67.6 | 98.4 |
| Writing | 89.6 | 81.1 | 68.1 | 91.2 |
| Mathematics | 91.9 | 82.5 | 71.6 | 89.0 |
| Science | 76.6 | 74.4 | 63.9 | 65.8 |
| Grade 6 Reading | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Writing | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Mathematics | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

These results reflect the performance of students with scoreable tests who were enrolled in the district at the time of testing, regardless of the length of time they were enrolled in the district. Results for fewer than 20 students are not presented.

For more detailed CMT results, go to www.ctreports.com.

To see the NCLB Report Card for this school, go to www.sde.ct.gov and click on "No Child Left Behind."

| Student Attendance | School | District Elementary Sch. | State Elementary Sch. |
|------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| % Present on October 1 | 92.9 | 95.5 | 95.9 |

Disciplinary Offenses

Disciplinary offenses committed by students include all serious offenses, offenses involving drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, and all incidents resulting in suspension or expulsion. In the 2010-11 school year, 1 Student was responsible for these incidents. These students represent 0.2% of the estimated number of students who attended this school at some point during the 2010-11 school year.

Truancy

During the 2010-11 school year, No students qualified as truant under state statute. As these counts rely on school-level policies regarding unexcused absences, they are not comparable between schools.

| Number of Incidents by Disciplinary Offense Category, 2010-11 | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------|
| Offense Category* | Location of Incident | |
| | School | Other Location |
| Violent Crimes Against Persons | N/A | N/A |
| Sexually Related Behavior | N/A | N/A |
| Personally Threatening Behavior | N/A | N/A |
| Theft | N/A | N/A |
| Physical/Verbal Confrontation | N/A | N/A |
| Fighting/Battery | N/A | N/A |
| Property Damage | N/A | N/A |
| Weapons | N/A | N/A |
| Drugs/Alcohol/Tobacco | N/A | N/A |
| School Policy Violations | N/A | N/A |
| Total | 0 | 1 |

* Counts by category may be suppressed to protect student privacy.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND ACTIVITIES

The following narrative was submitted by this school.

Faculty members continued to work collaboratively in grade level teams, in vertical teams which span all grades and special areas, and as a whole school to develop and revise the School Improvement Plan into what is now called the School Plan for Continuous Improvement. The Plan is regularly reviewed and revised to meet the changing needs of our students. Norfeldt's plans for improvement focused on having all students not only reach but exceed performance standards as defined by federal, state and district guidelines. During the 2011 - 2012 school year, the Plan targeted non-fiction reading and science. The implementation of the scientifically research-based reading anthology, Storytown, was completed in 2011- 2012, with the inclusion of kindergarten. In order to monitor students' reading skills more closely, all students were monitored with AIMSweb assessment program. During the 2011-2012 school year, AIMSweb math assessments were piloted with the intent of full implementation in 2012-2013. Since 2004-2005, classroom teachers have met regularly with the principal and the curriculum specialist in order to develop goals and plans designed to ensure greater success by those students who have demonstrated academic, social, and/or emotional needs. During the 2009-2010 school year, Norfeldt implemented grade level data teams (now called Collaborative Inquiry Teams), which continue to this day. Each team consists of general education classroom teachers and at least one special education teacher /related services staff member (e.g. speech and language pathologist, psychologist, social worker, occupational therapist, physical therapist). The early intervention reading and ESOL teachers also participate on these Collaborative Inquiry Teams. The West Hartford Public Schools provides special opportunities to meet the needs of children who demonstrate talent in different academic and artistic areas. Students participate in Art QuEST, Math QuEST (grades 4 and 5, taught at grade levels 6 and 7), and QuEST (general gifted and talented program).

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

The space below was optionally used by this school to describe aspects of the school not presented elsewhere in the profile.

The driving force behind Norfeldt's mission is to promote and nurture individuals who are lifelong learners. The school community maintains high expectations for student performance and achievement. Instruction is enhanced through the inclusion of French instruction, classical literature, art and music. Finally, the heart and soul of the school are enriched through its district-wide program for children with special needs (multi-disabled), which is located at Norfeldt. The Norfeldt community continues to focus on its climate of kindness through the establishment of a Wall of Honor, which displays certificates acknowledging students' academic, social, or emotional growth, and through a "Caught Being Kind" certificate program. Teachers have been trained in Love and Logic and in the Second Step Curriculum. Norfeldt students have engaged in unified physical education programs that promote greater understanding and sensitivity between students in the general education program and students with special needs. The many opportunities, activities, and initiatives described above are evidence of Norfeldt School's commitment to fostering respect and responsibility for self and others within a safe environment
