

# Stamford Public Schools

**District Overview 2022-23**





# Mission

The mission of the Stamford Public Schools is to provide an education that cultivates productive habits of mind, body and heart in every student.



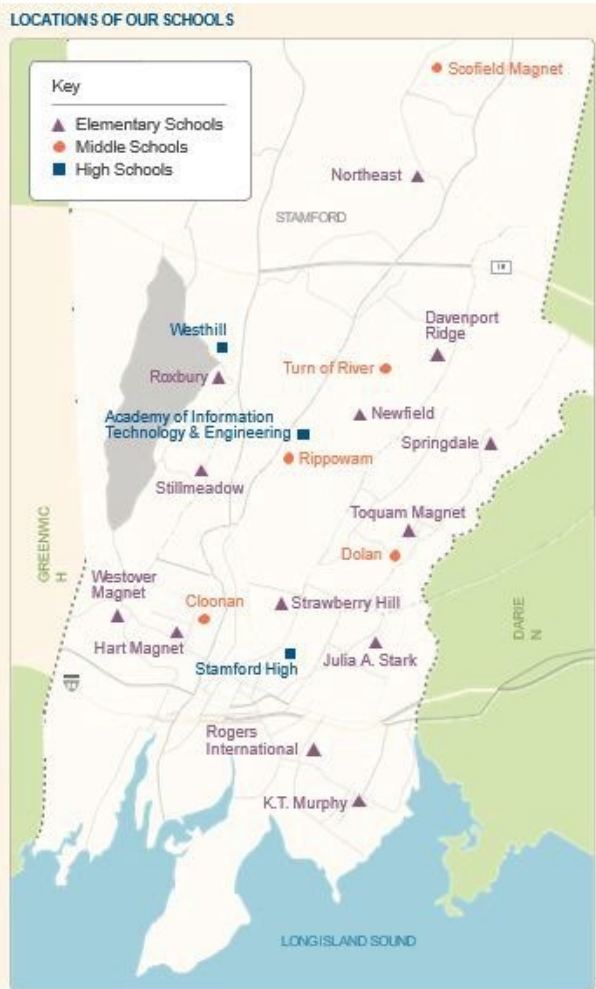


## Vision

The Stamford Public Schools will be a learning organization that continuously improves its effective, innovative and transformational teaching and learning. We will challenge, inspire and prepare all students to be productive contributing members of society.



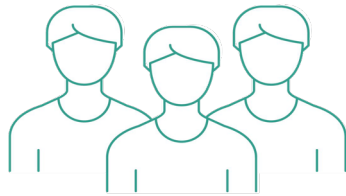
# About Stamford Public Schools



- **APPLES PreK**
- **11 Elementary Schools (K-5)**
- **2 K-8 Schools**
- **5 Middle Schools (6-8)**
- **3 High Schools (9-12)**
- **SPS Anchor**
- **Adult & Continuing Education**



# A Diverse Student Community



16,709 Students

64.72%

High Needs\*

52.09%

Free / Reduced Lunch

16.04%

Special Needs

15.73%

English Learners

70+

Languages Spoken in  
Student's Homes

Top 10 Languages  
spoken in student homes

English

Spanish

Haitian-Creole

Ukrainian

Bengali

Polish

Arabic

Russian

Portuguese

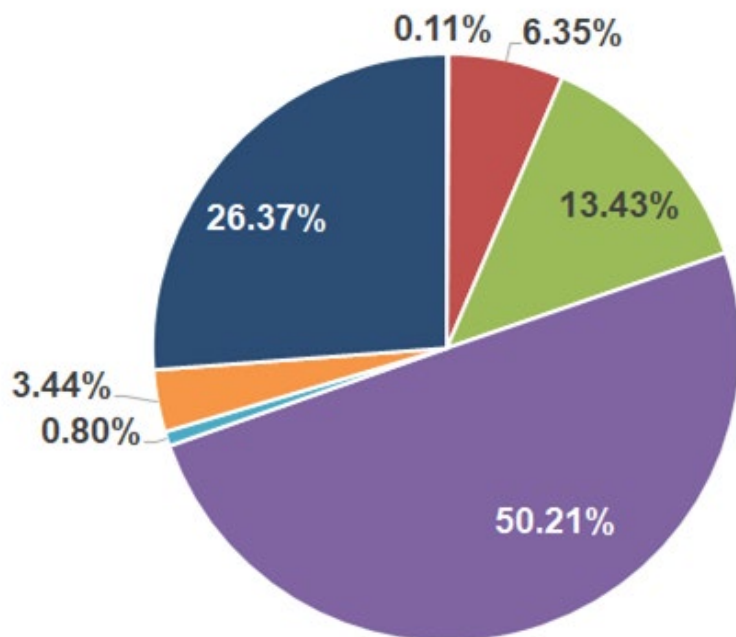
Hindi

\*The CSDE uses student-level demographic data to create a **High Needs** student group. To be included in the **High Needs** student group a student must be a student with a disability, an English Learner, or a student eligible for free or reduced-price meals.





# A Diverse Student Community



**American Indian or Alaska Native (0.11%)**  
**Asian (6.35%)**  
**Black or African American (13.43%)**  
**Hispanic/Latino (50.21%)**  
**Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander (0.80%)**  
**Two or More Races (3.44%)**  
**White (26.37%)**

# Enrollment Trends 2016-2022

- FY24 enrollment projected to increase by 0.81%.
- From 2016-22 SPS enrollment was essentially flat (down 0.03%), while enrollment decreased statewide and in many neighboring districts



Enrollment projections are calculated internally, as well as by Powerschool Predictive Enrollment Analytics, and are based on historical trends and birth rate analysis. District and state enrollment data from CT Edsight.



# High Quality Educators & Staff

**2,366** full time staff



**8% increase in staffing since 2018**

**84%** of SPS staff work directly with students

**95.6%**

of certified staff (teachers, counselors, administrators, etc.) have a Masters Degree or higher

**12.74 years**

average number of years teaching at SPS

**20%**

of Stamford Education Association eligible new hires in 2022 graduated from Stamford Public Schools



**51%**

of staff call Stamford HOME





# Long-Term Facilities Plan – Current Projects

## Westhill High School:

- Approved for reimbursement in December 2021
- Design begins July 2023
- Occupancy for 2027-28 school year.

## Roxbury K-8:

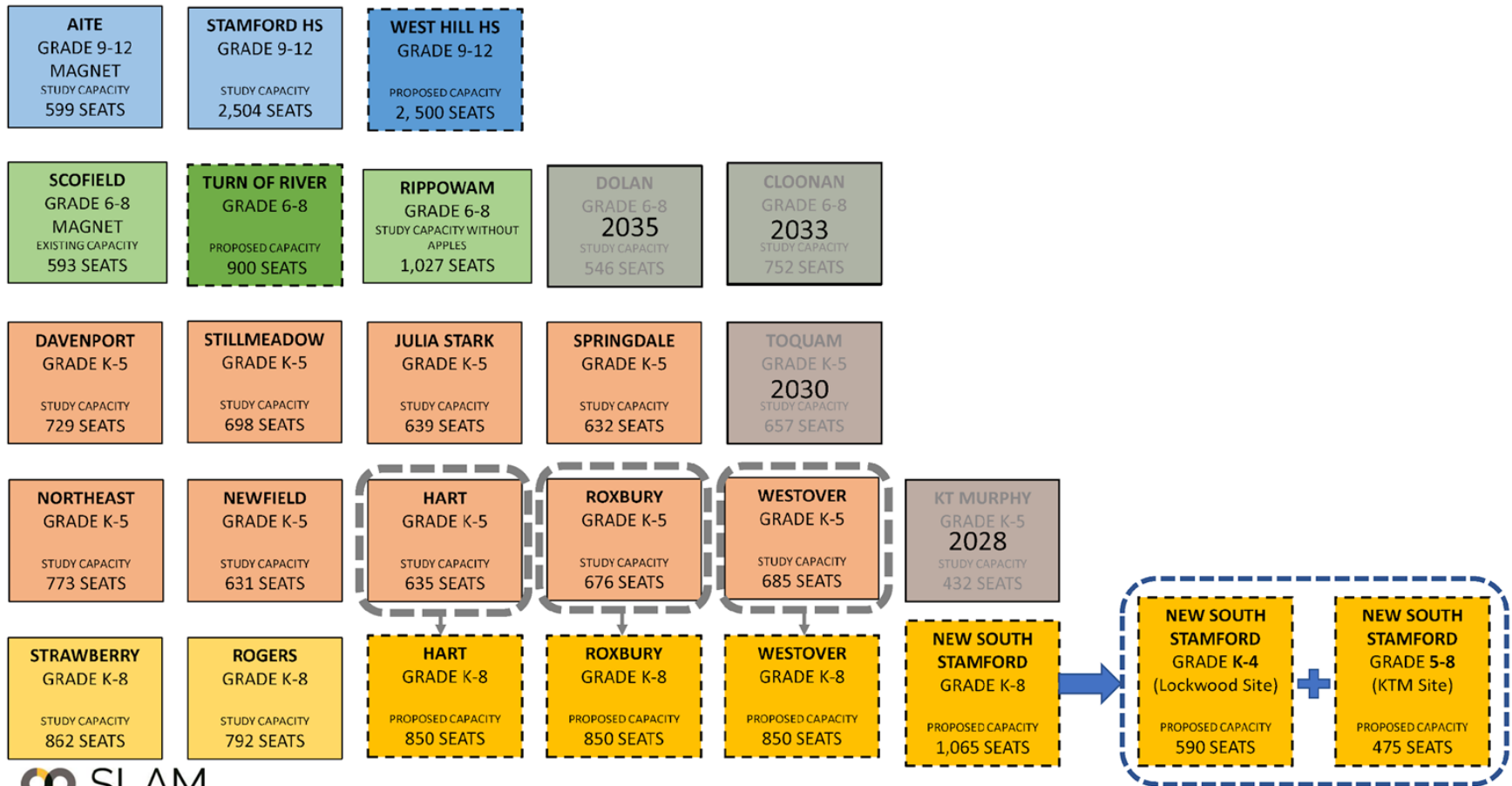
- Added to state priority list in December 2022
- Design begins December 2023
- Occupancy for 2027-28 school year

## South End K-4 & 5-8 Schools

- Proposal due to State of CT in June 2023



# Proposed District Realignment



SLAM



# District Snapshot: SPS Operating Budget

FY23 – all funding sources

**Salaries + Benefits**

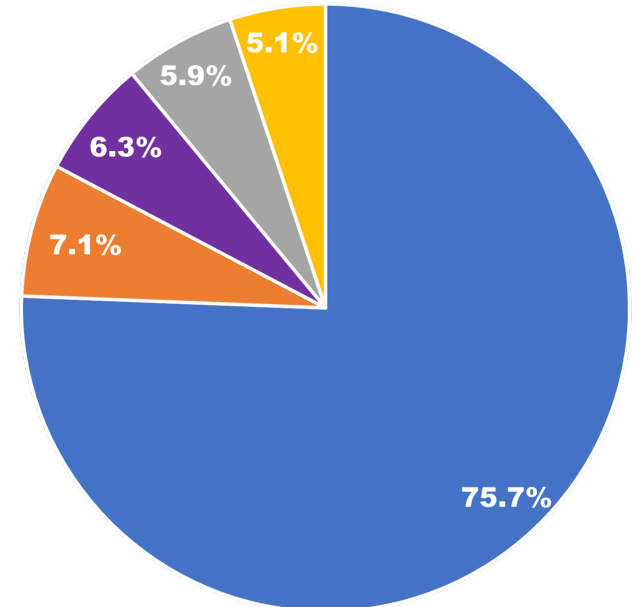
**Transportation**

**Out of District Tuition**

**Professional Services**

**Other**

- Facility Repair + Maintenance Supplies
- Construction Costs
- Utilities (Electricity + Gas + Water)
- Telephone + Internet
- Insurance (property + liability)
- Office Supplies + Postage
- Districtwide Copiers
- Classroom and Office Furniture
- Classroom Supplies
- Textbooks/Workbooks
- Professional Development
- Districtwide Software
- Instructional Technology
- Athletic Equipment
- Dues & Fees



## Capital Budget:

- 21 Buildings, 3M+ Sq. Ft. of Building Space, 300+ Acres
- Funded by City of Stamford and State Grants



# District Snapshot: Spending Comparison

## 2021-22 Spending Per Pupil: Fairfield County^

District	Enrollment	NCEP
1. Redding	1,215	\$26,621
2. Greenwich	8,378	\$26,311
3. Weston	2,208	\$24,262
4. Sherman	387	\$24,170
5. Westport	5,278	\$24,149
6. Darien	4,708	\$23,180
7. Wilton	3,715	\$22,980
8. Ridgefield	4,564	\$22,394
9. New Canaan	4,154	\$22,164
10. Easton	1,303	\$21,953

11. Fairfield	9,359	\$21,581
12. Norwalk	11,881	\$21,396
13. New Fairfield	2,081	\$21,314
<b>14. Stamford</b>	<b>16,034</b>	<b>\$20,679</b>
15. Newtown	4,073	\$20,035
16. Bridgeport	18,972	\$18,748
17. Stratford	7,068	\$18,721
18. Monroe	3,377	\$17,837
19. Trumbull	6,772	\$17,628
20. Bethel	3,126	\$17,507

**SPS Ranks 14<sup>th</sup>**  
in Per Pupil Spending

^Data for Danbury and Shelton not yet available.

## 2021-22 Spending vs. State Average\*

	Stamford	State Average*	Variance
Instruction	\$192,435,956	\$184,126,493	\$8,309,463
Support Services	\$53,294,953	\$54,823,218	(\$1,528,265)
Central Office	\$4,537,575	\$10,086,295	(\$5,548,720)
Transportation & Operations	\$43,317,662	\$41,708,083	\$1,609,579
<b>Sum</b>	<b>\$293,586,146</b>	<b>\$293,586,146</b>	

Compared to the State Average, SPS Spends:

- **5% MORE** on Instruction
- **Within 1%** on Support Services
- **45% LESS** on Central Office

\*Scaled to SPS 2021-22 Budget. Source: CSDE. Per Pupil Expenditures by Function, 2020-21 (as of 11/3/2022). Available [here](#).



# SPS Strategic Plan: 2022-2027



Our 5 Pillars provide a coherent, strong foundation for our practices, programs and processes.

The pillars clearly define our priorities for the future.





# Expanding Access and Opportunity



Expanding specialized programs and options for personalized learning to meet the needs of all students

- Small Group Instruction, Learning Centers, Scientific Research-based Intervention and Tiered framework of Supports and Enrichment

Develop robust options for alternative education and career pathway

- Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Career and Technical Education (CTE), workplace experience and dual enrollment options

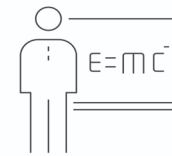
Launching Career Pathways with State of Connecticut and the National Center for College and Career Transitions

# State Leader in Course Offerings

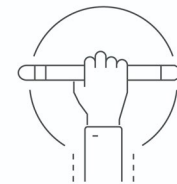
Through professional development and credential enhancements, our high school teachers are teaching some of the most advanced high school courses in the state.



SPS offers  
**25 UCONN ECE courses,**  
averaging 10 per high school.  
**(Top 5 in the state)**



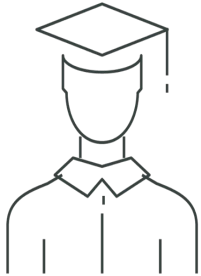
SPS offers  
**more AP courses**  
**than any other**  
**district in the state.**



SPS is one of only  
**28 districts in the**  
**state to offer a senior**  
**Capstone Project.**



# Student Achievement



**85.4%**

**Graduation rate**  
(four-year)\*

\*Students with special learning or language needs may graduate in more than four years.

**86.7%**

11th and 12th grade students have taken a state-designated College and Career Readiness Course

**1380**

Top 10% of SAT Scores  
(94th percentile nationally)



**102 students**

from the Class of 2022

graduated with a Seal of Biliteracy in  
**15** different languages

(Albanian, Arabic, Creole, French, Georgian, Italian, Marathi, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Tamil, Tagalog and Ukrainian)

**1,555**

Advanced Placement exams taken in  
**30 subject areas** in Spring 2022.  
Sixty-six percent (**66%**) of exams taken  
earned a score of 3 or higher.



# Strengthening Curriculum

## Responding to the Curriculum Audit



3-year plan for district-wide PreK-12 curriculum, instructional support, and assessments

- All High School core curriculum in place by Fall 2023
- Middle School ELA and Social Studies curriculum in place by Fall 2023
- K-5 ELA curriculum: adopting one of 7 state-approved curriculum models (Right to Read legislation)
- K-5 Math curriculum – Everyday Mathematics – already in place
- Integrated Math to replace Algebra 1/Geometry/Algebra 2 sequence beginning Fall 2023

# Student-Centered Approach

- Focus on **Social Emotional Learning** to address health at every age
- Foster development of **empathy** and **perspective** among students
- Integration of **Restorative Practices** in Middle and High Schools
- Collaborate with the community to address **Food Insecurity**
- Encourage and model **Healthy Lifestyle Choices**
- Identify and address the causes of **Chronic Absenteeism**



Yale *Center for Emotional Intelligence*



**RULER**





# Fostering 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills

Our school communities celebrate our diversity and teach critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and effective communications.

School communities utilize learning skills such as:

- Arts and Problem Solving
- CARES - Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy and Self-Control
- Higher Order Thinking School (HOTS)
- Leadership Through Service
- Responsive Classroom
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math (STEAM)
- Student-Centered International-Mindedness
- Structured Inquiry



# Community Focused

- Enhancing communications
  - Expanded use of PowerSchool
  - Adoption of Remind App
  - SPS Quarterly
  - Staff Weekly
- Engaging families and the community
  - Parent-Pop-Us Webinars
  - Community Conversations
  - “Back to School” program for elected officials
- Increase opportunities for student voice, leadership and advocacy
  - Mayor’s Youth Council
  - School Governance Councils

**SPS QUARTERLY**

**2023-2024 School Registration**

It's hard to believe, but it's time to start planning for the 2023-24 Stamford Children's Center admission on or before...

working to enhance the school climate through their building, and information should be shared with families.

Families will be asked to complete the 2023-24 Climate Survey survey trips on or before...

Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Easter, and Memorial Day.

The 2023-24 SPS District Calendar is available to view and download.

**Annual Well-Visits**

As your teacher begins planning for the new year, please visit the...

**CT Automatic Admissions Program (CAAP)**

There's exciting news for SPS students who wish to pursue post-secondary education in 2021. The Connecticut Legislature has...

**Right to Read**

literacy plan will meet the Right to Read requirements.

**Building for the Future**

As part of the Long Term Master Facilities Plan, we continue to submit school construction plans to the state for approval and placement on the Department of Administrative Services priority list.

The Westhill High School plan was approved for reimbursement in December 2021, and the plan to rebuild Roubini was added to the state priority list in December 2022. Thanks to our Stamford...

**SPS QUARTERLY**

**Changes to Board of Education (BOE)**

I want to take a moment to welcome BOE members Lisa Butler, Michael Hyman, and Verusha Munshi-Smith who were elected to the BOE in November 2022.

I also want to offer my thanks and gratitude to Jennifer Burke and Dan DeAngelis, Bert Lee, and Dan Tarcia for their service to the Board of Education and Stamford Public Schools.

**Improving Attendance and Engagement**

The class of 2023 is the first cohort eligible for CAAP. For more information visit the [CAAP](#) page on the [Connecticut State Colleges & Universities \(CSCU\)](#) webpage.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS**

Name	Title
Mrs. Lisa Butler	Assistant Secretary
Mr. Fritz G. Cherry	Second Secretary
Mr. Joshua Essex	Fiscal Chair & Parliamentary
Mr. Andy George	Vice President & Labor Chair
Dr. Rebecca Hamman	Policy Chair
Mr. Jackie Hoffman	President
Mr. Michael Hyman	Operations Chair
Ms. Verusha Munshi-Smith	TLC Chair

\*Please note, our seat is currently vacant.

**In Case You Missed It**

ity Engagement recently held a **Practices: A Workshop** is a positive school haps and connections. SPS schools utilize ording of the workshop.

**The Community is a**

IC Plan outlines our goals and how we will measure them. It also includes many goals and early family involvement. Families should make connections to receive this plan.

**SPS, Schools, and Early Families** should make connections to receive this plan.

or mailing. Visit our [website](#) for more information about Public Schools and click here to subscribe to the on Stamford Public Schools.

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3	\$9,900	\$9,900
4	\$9,800	\$9,800
5	\$9,700	\$9,700
6	\$9,600	\$9,600
7	\$9,500	\$9,500
8	\$9,400	\$9,400
9	\$9,300	\$9,300
10	\$9,200	\$9,200
11	\$9,100	\$9,100
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46	\$5,600	\$5,600
47	\$5,500	\$5,500
48	\$5,400	\$5,400
49	\$5,300	\$5,300
50	\$5,200	\$5,200
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72	\$3,000	\$3,000
73	\$2,900	\$2,900
74	\$2,800	\$2,800
75	\$2,700	\$2,700
76	\$2,	

# Community Impact

SPS continues to expand partnerships with community-based organizations, city and state officials, and business leaders as part of The United Way's STRIVE together collective impact initiative — Stamford Cradle to Career (SC2C).

**17,258**

Unique email accounts receive  
SPS News and Alerts.

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**92.3%**

of student records were accessed  
via the PowerSchool web portal.

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**2,328,710**

meals provided for free to students  
aged 18 or younger. Meals are  
provided to meet food needs for  
weekdays and weekends.

**3000**

Students received before and after school  
academic and enrichment programs offered  
by community organizations.

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**960**

Students across **17** buildings were mentored  
by **415** representatives of Stamford Public  
Education Foundation (SPEF).



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EXCELLENCE IS THE POINT.

# Questions?

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