

F.O.I. Compliance – Subject to BOE approval at a future meeting

JOINT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Date: October 5, 2023

Regular Meeting – Valley Regional High School Media Center

CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	David Fitzgibbons, Maria Scherber, Dale Bernardoni, Jan Taigen,
DEEP RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Miriam Morrissey, Pat Maikowski, Bob Ferretti, Betsy Scholfield, Melissa McIntyre, Lenore Grunko, Alyson Whelan, Nick Rioux
ESSEX BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Lon Seidman, Mark Watson, Nancy Johnston, Cassandra Sweet
REGION 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Kate Sandmann, Richard Strauss, Lon Seidman, John Stack, Alex Silva, Jennifer Clark, Lol Fearon, Jane Cavanaugh, Rick Daniels
OTHER ATTENDEES:	Brian White, Superintendent; Robert Grissom, Finance Director; Sarah Brzozowy, Assistant Superintendent; Kelley Frazier, Clerk

CALL TO ORDER and VERBAL ROLL CALL

Mr. Seidman called the meeting to order at 7:12p.m

The Chairs of the Deep River, Essex, and Region 4 Boards called their respective Boards to order at 7:12pm. *Chester did not have a quorum therefore any votes taken this evening will need to be voted on by the Chester BOE at a future special meeting, date still to be determined.*

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion duly made and seconded the Deep River, Essex and Region 4 schools **VOTED** to accept the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the regular meeting of June 1, 2023. *Chester did not have a quorum.* Abstentions: Rick Daniels

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment.

REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS

Superintendent Update

District Update/Information and Communication

It has been a great opening to the year. There are challenges for R4. The October 1st enrollment data will be shared at the next meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Report

General Update

Dr. Brzozowy did not have a report.

Finance Director's Report

Held until Individual Board Meetings.

Other Items

SBAC Results Overview

Dr. Brzozowy gave a high level overview of the SBAC results. She will go more in depth at the individual board meetings.

Summary of Key Provisions of the Net Techs et al. (elementary non-certified) Contract negotiated for July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026.

Mr. Seidman thanked the members of the Negotiations Committee for their hard work. Mr. White discussed the key provisions of this contract.

Possible VOTE to approve the Agreement Between Chester, Deep River, Essex and Regional School District No. 4 Boards of Education and Local 1303-421 AFSCME, Council 4, AFL-CIO (Net Techs et al. - Elem. Non-Certified)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Essex, Deep River and Region 4 Boards of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the Agreement Between Chester, Deep River, Essex and Regional School District No. 4 Boards of Education and Local 1303-421 AFSCME, Council 4, AFL-CIO (Net Techs et al. - Elem. Non-Certified). *Chester did not have a quorum.*

Summary of Key Provisions of the Cafeteria (Food Workers) Contract negotiated for July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025.

Mr. White discussed the provisions of the contract.

Possible VOTE to approve the Agreement Between Chester, Deep River, Essex and Regional School District No. 4 Boards of Education and Local 1303-098 Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO (Cafeteria Employees)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Essex, Deep River and Region 4 Boards of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the Agreement Between Deep River, Essex and Regional School District No. 4 Boards of Education and Local 1303-098 Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO (Cafeteria Employees) *Chester did not have a quorum.*

Discussion and possible VOTE approve the BOE Meeting calendar for Jan – Dec 2024.

It was suggested that BOE Retreats be added to the calendar. They will be added to the calendar after dates are confirmed.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Essex, Deep River and Region 4 Boards of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the BOE Meeting calendar for Jan – December 2024 as presented. *Chester did not have a quorum.*

Discussion and possible VOTE to adopt the CSDE approved Flexibilities amendment to the Educator Evaluation and Support Plan (adopted by the Joint BOE on June 4, 2015) for the 2023-24 school year.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Essex, Deep River and Region 4 Boards of Education unanimously **VOTED** to adopt the CSDE approved Flexibilities amendment to the Educator Evaluation and Support Plan (adopted by the Joint BOE on June 4, 2015) for the 2023-24 school year. *Chester did not have a quorum.*

Committee Reports

Curriculum

No Update.

Finance

No Update.

Policy

Second Reading and Possible VOTE to Adopt the following policies as recommended by the Joint BOE Policy Committee

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Deep River, Essex and Region 4 Boards of Education unanimously **VOTED** to adopt policy #5141 and policy #3542.44 as recommended by the Joint BOE Policy Committee. *Chester did not have a quorum.*

Supervision District Committee Updates

No update.

Ad Hoc Committees

No update.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments made.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next regular Joint BOE Meeting, December 7, 2023 @ 7:00pm @ VRHS Media Center

***ADJOURNMENT:**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Essex and Deep River Boards of Education unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:24pm. Region 4 remained in session for the following:

Region 4 BOE Business Only

Discussion and Possible VOTE to accept the donation of a Bosch router and table, and wood lathe valued in total at \$500 from Patrick Smith, to be used at the discretion of administration to benefit the VRHS Career and Technical Education students.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Region 4 Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to accept the donation of a Bosch router and table, and wood lathe valued in total at \$500 from Patrick Smith, to be used at the discretion of administration to benefit the VRHS Career and Technical Education students.

Discussion and Possible VOTE to approve a Unified Buddies trip to Disney World from Thursday, March 21, 2024 to March 26, 2024.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Region 4 Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve a Unified Buddies trip to Disney World from Thursday, March 21, 2024 to March 26, 2024.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-200(6)(D) OF THE GENERAL STATUTES – Contracts/negotiations re: possible sale of R4 owned property at Falls Landing/(review legal counsel's advice regarding contract questions and strategy)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Region 4 Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to go into Executive Session at 8:40pm re: possible sale of R4 owned property at Falls Landing/(review legal counsel's advice regarding contract questions and strategy). Mr. Grissom, Dr. Brzozowy and Superintendent White were invited in to Executive Session.

Executive Session ended at 8:50pm.

Possible VOTE to authorize Superintendent and/or other designee (s) to draft a purchase and sale agreement related thereto to bring back to the Board at a future meeting for its review, discussion and possible vote to approve the purchase and sale agreement and send it to a Special District Meeting for final approval pursuant to Section 10-56

No Action Taken.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGION 4 BOE

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Region 4 Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Clerk

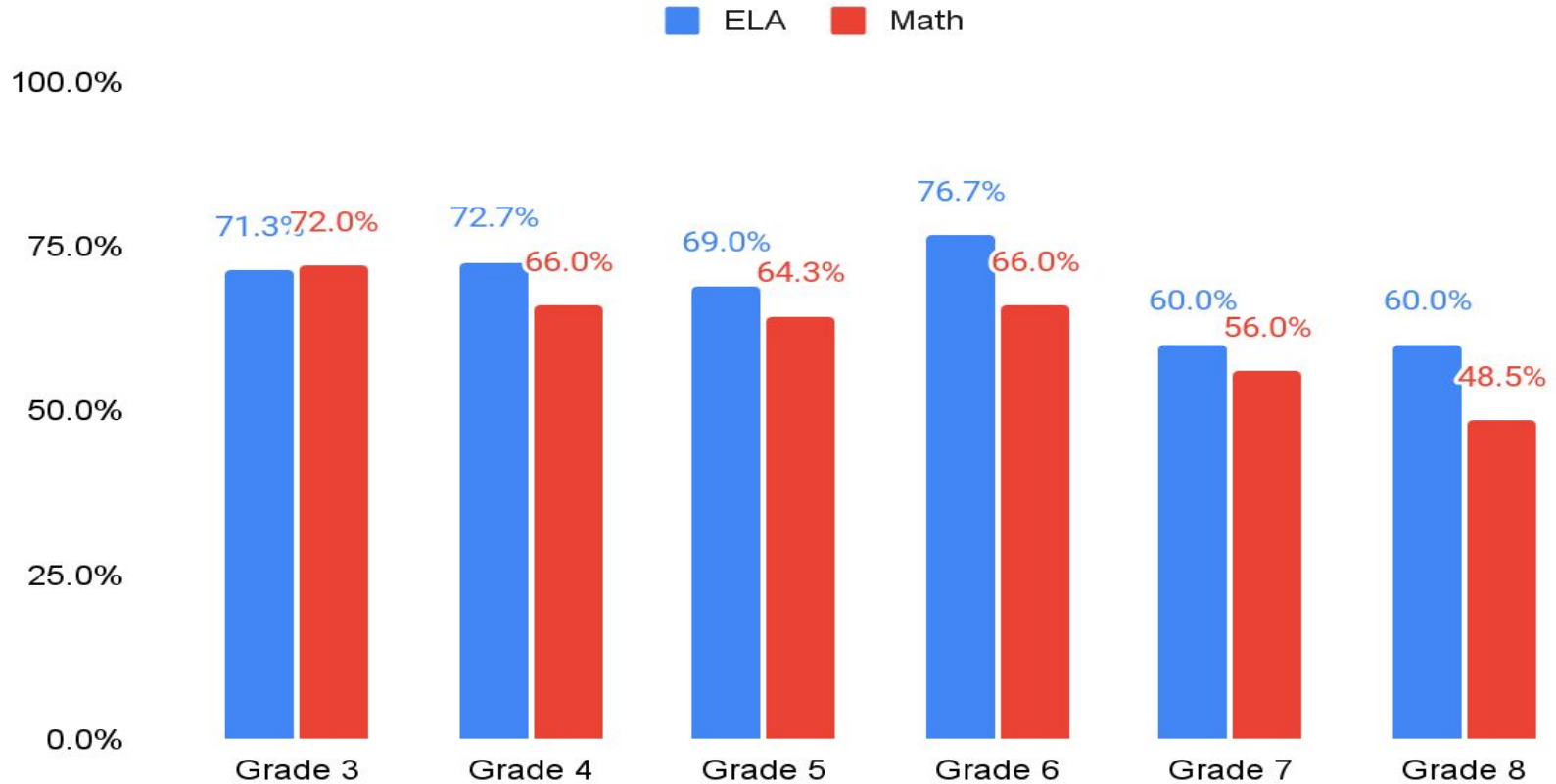


2023 State Assessment Performance

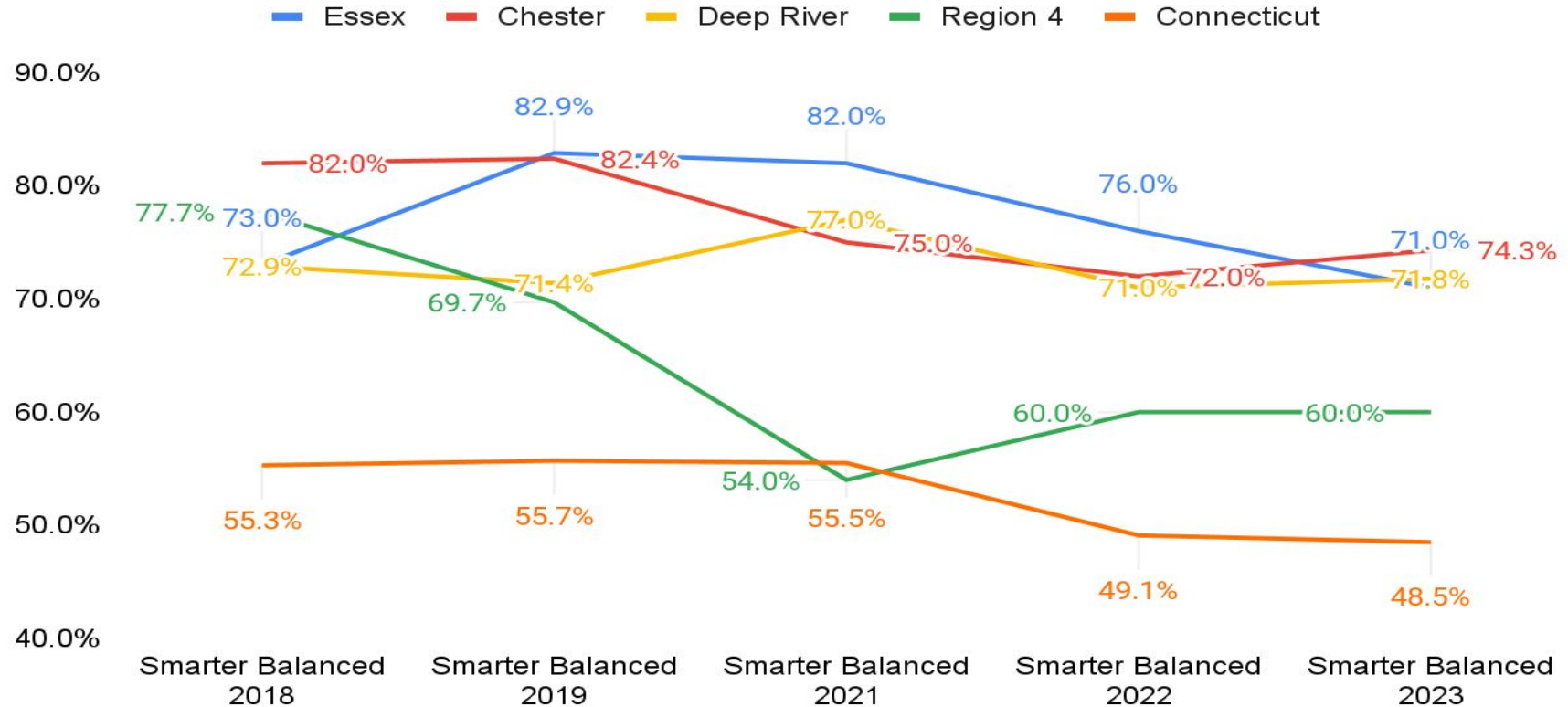
Chester, Deep River, Essex, and Region 4 Public Schools

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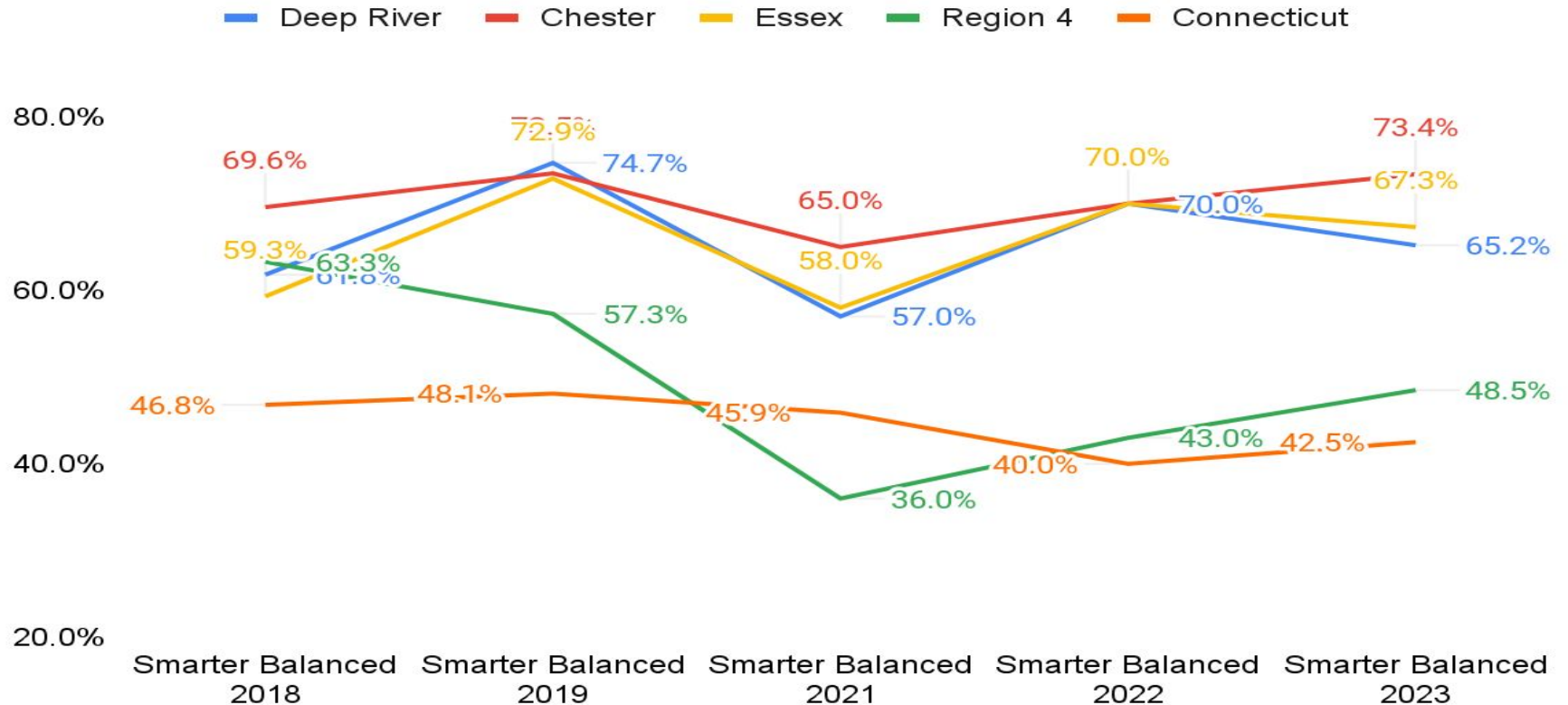
2023 Smarter Balanced Overall Achievement



5 Year Historical Smarter Balanced ELA Data



5 Year Historical Smarter Balanced Math Data



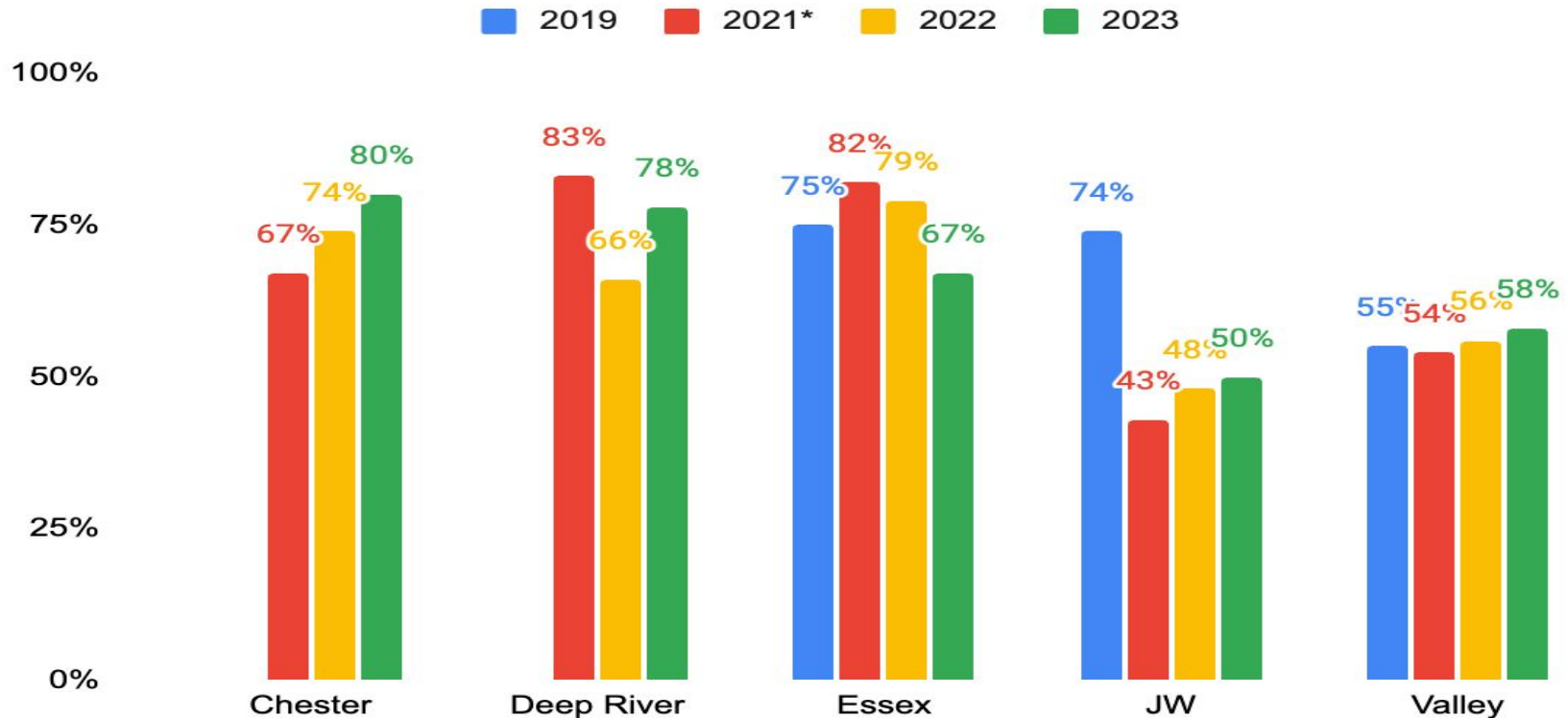
Connecticut District Comparison Data- ELA

	Smarter Balanced 2018	Smarter Balanced 2019	Smarter Balanced 2022	Smarter Balanced 2023
Madison	66.0	69.0	73.4	78.4
Chester	82.0	82.4	72.0	74.3
Region 17	73.8	71.9	70.9	73.1
Guilford	81.8	81.2	75.0	73.0
Deep River	72.9	71.4	71.0	71.8
Essex	73.0	82.9	76.0	71.0
Region 18	80.8	79.5	76.3	70.8
Old Saybrook	64.5	73.0	65.5	66.7
Westbrook	72.6	73.8	65.7	61.9
Region 13	69.8	70.5	60.9	61.5
East Lyme	77.0	74.4	63.1	61.4
Colchester	71.1	70.3	63.4	60.9
Region 4	77.7	69.7	60.0	60.0
Region 15	72.1	75.0	58.2	59.3
Cromwell	63.8	67.5	55.1	52.9
Clinton	59.7	61.4	52.7	49.1
Connecticut	55.3	55.7	49.0	49.0

Connecticut District Comparison Data- Math

	Smarter Balanced 2018	Smarter Balanced 2019	Smarter Balanced 2022	Smarter Balanced 2023
Madison	65.1	66.8	71.5	79.2
Chester	69.6	73.5	71.6	73.4
Region 18	78.4	79.1	70.4	73.2
Essex	59.3	72.9	70.1	67.3
Guilford	78.1	77.6	67.6	66.3
Westbrook	69.5	69.1	59.3	66.1
Colchester	67	69.6	64	65.8
Deep River	61.8	74.7	69.9	65.2
Region 17	64.9	62	58.8	61.7
Region 15	65.8	70.8	58	60.6
East Lyme	65.8	67.8	55.4	59.6
Old Saybrook	57	66	58.4	55.2
Region 13	59.5	64.5	45.8	53.4
Clinton	49.5	55.2	45.7	48.5
Region 4	63.3	57.3	43.0	48.5
Cromwell	54.7	60.2	48.7	48.1
Connecticut	46.8	48.1	40.0	42.5

2023 Next Generation Science Standards Achievement



2023 SAT Performance Data- English Language Arts

	2018-2019		2021-2022		2022-2023	
English Language Arts	Percent. Level 3 or 4 (Met or Exceeded)	Average Score	Percent. Level 3 or 4 (Met or Exceeded)	Average Score	Percent. Level 3 or 4 (Met or Exceeded)	Average Score
State of Connecticut	61.6	514	55.6	501	52.4	493
Valley Regional	79.6	566	80.5	565	62.1	524

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2023 SAT Performance Data- Mathematics

	2018-2019		2021-2022		2022-2023	
Mathematics	Percent. Level 3 or 4 (Met or Exceeded)	Average Score	Percent. Level 3 or 4 (Met or Exceeded)	Average Score	Percent. Level 3 or 4 (Met or Exceeded)	Average Score
State of Connecticut	40.6	500	34.8	486	34.1	482
Valley Regional	54.7	538	51.7	531	37.1	502

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Individual School Level Data will be shared in
upcoming Board of Education Meetings

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