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Berlin District Information

Website: www.berlinschools.org

Location: 15 miles south of Hartford

District Description: Along with parents, public schools in Berlin stimulate and guide the intellectual, emotional, and physical growth of all students in the community. The school system encourages students to be responsible, disciplined, creative, contributing, and perceptive citizens. To accomplish this, Berlin's education system recognizes individual differences, while also helping each student to develop their full potential. Every student in Berlin Public Schools will achieve established and rigorous performance standards in all areas of student learning by becoming independent and strategic readers, problem solvers, and critical thinkers.

Student/Teacher Ratio: 13:1 for kindergarten through grade 4

Seats Previously Offered: kindergarten, grades 6 and 9

Farmington District Information

Website: www.fpsct.org

Location: 12 miles west of Hartford

District Description: Farmington Public Schools believes that all students are capable of acquiring the knowledge, skills, and dispositions needed to be productive, ethical, and responsible citizens in an evolving world. As an innovative learning organization, the school district is deeply committed to continuous improvement. Collaborative interactions among students, educators, parents, and families emphasize the importance of:

- Clear expectations
- A rigorous, standards-led curriculum
- Inspired instruction
- Personal effort
- Engaged relationships

This leads to high levels of achievement for all learners. The mission of Farmington Public Schools is to enable all students to achieve academic and personal excellence, to exhibit persistent effort, and to live as resourceful, inquiring, and contributing global citizens.

Seats Previously Offered: preschool, kindergarten, and siblings

Newington District Information

Website: www.npsct.org

Location: 8.9 miles south of Hartford

District Description: The Newington Public Schools' curriculum provides a comprehensive, diverse, and challenging array of rich learning experiences to meet the needs of all students. Based on state and national standards, the curriculum provides the framework for a student's educational journey from kindergarten to grade 12. The district's one-on-one technology initiative pairs students in kindergarten through grade 2 with iPads that remain in the classroom, while students in grades 3 through 12 get Chromebooks to take home. Beginning in grade 5, every student is exposed to engineering in a dynamic, flexible environment through the district's science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) exploratory program. Beginning in grade 7, students who develop a strong interest in the STEM exploratory program may apply to one of two extended-day STEM academies:

1. Biomedical sciences
2. Aerospace and engineering

Newington High School is undergoing a \$2.5 million renovation that will house the high school STEM academy programs. This renovation includes a genomics lab, health services lab, aerospace lab, art design lab, commons area, and 120-seat culinary and hospitality center. Students may also enroll in three academy-themed programs:

1. Information technology and digital innovations
2. Business and finance
3. Culinary and hospitality

Highly motivated students may begin their college career while at Newington High School by taking up to two free courses per semester at Central Connecticut State University.

Student/Teacher Ratio: 21:1

Seats Previously Offered: kindergarten through grade 1, and siblings

Plainville District Information

Website: www.plainvilleschools.org

Location: 14 miles south of Hartford

District Description: Plainville features a safe, secure, and positive learning environment. It is committed to ensuring that all students grow and develop to achieve high levels of learning. The district's foundation is to provide meaningful and engaging learning opportunities. Plainville's schools consistently exceed state and district reference group averages in all grades, while building strong, supportive relationships.

Student/Teacher Ratio: 15:1

Seats Previously Offered: preschool through grade 9

Southington District Information

Website: www.southingtonschools.org

Location: 17 miles south of Hartford

District Description: In Southington schools, students engage in a range of educational experiences to become informed and adaptive problem solvers. They effectively communicate, rise to challenges, and are committed to improving themselves and their communities.

Student/Teacher Ratio: 17:1

Seats Previously Offered: kindergarten through grade 9

Wethersfield District Information

Website: www.wethersfield.k12.ct.us

Location: borders Hartford to the south

District Description: Education in Wethersfield is the shared responsibility of schools, students, families, and other community agencies. These groups work together so that Wethersfield students may realize their full potential. Accordingly, the mission of Wethersfield Public Schools is to ensure that all students acquire skills and knowledge for lifelong learning. It also wants students to be able to compete in a global economy, develop self-discipline, function as responsible citizens of society, and develop and understand their ethical, cultural, aesthetic, and intellectual values and respect those of others.

Student/Teacher Ratio: 19:1

Seats Previously Offered: kindergarten and siblings