

Zone 4

Berlin
Cromwell
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Newington
Portland
Rocky Hill
Wethersfield



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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

Cromwell District Information

Website: www.cromwell.k12.ct.us

Location: 13 miles south of Hartford

District Description: Cromwell Public Schools is comprised of four educational facilities, which include:

- Cromwell High School (grades 9 to 12)
- Cromwell Middle School (grades 6 to 8)
- Woodside Intermediate School (grades 3 to 5)
- Edna C. Stevens Elementary School (preschool to grade 2)

About 2,000 students are enrolled in the district. Cromwell's four schools are located near each other. This allows the district to share resources and personnel in the most educational and cost-effective manner possible. Cromwell's commitment to 21st century learning is enhanced through a multi-year commitment to technology improvements. These upgrades connect all buildings via cable for data, voice, and video exchange for internal communications. In addition, the entire district has access to the Internet through the Connecticut Education Network. Cromwell Public Schools strives to educate and inspire all students to apply the essential skills needed to become productive and responsible citizens in a rapidly changing world. In pursuing this mission, Cromwell believes that all students are valued and that all students deserve an education that addresses their academic, physical, social, and emotional needs. It also believes that all members of the community must uphold high expectations, be accountable, and demonstrate a commitment to excellence.

Student/Teacher Ratio: 12:1

Seats Previously Offered: preschool through grade 5

Glastonbury District Information

Website: www.glastonburyus.org

Location: 6.9 miles east of Hartford

District Description: Glastonbury Public Schools, in partnership with the Glastonbury community, prepares and challenges every student to become a successful and productive member of a diverse and evolving

global society. The school system is comprised of nine schools:

- One high school
- One 7th and 8th grade middle school
- One 6th grade school
- Six elementary schools that serve kindergarten through grade 5 students

About 95 percent of the town's school-aged children attend Glastonbury Public Schools. About 7,000 students are enrolled in the district.

Student/Teacher Ratio: 13:1

Seats Previously Offered: kindergarten

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

Portland District Information

Website: www.portlandctschools.org

Location: 17.9 miles south of Hartford

District Description: Portland Public Schools prides itself on having exciting 21st century schools that feature small class sizes and dedicated, caring, talented educators. The district is committed to teaching core subjects, information technology skills, and life and career skills. This is all grounded in innovative and creative teaching. The district engages successful

readers, writers, and mathematicians. All of its schools promote respect and dignity. This lets every student achieve both academically and socially in safe, respectful, and positive classroom environments. Portland is also devoted to fostering opportunities for students to excel in the arts. It has well-established and award-winning music and drama programs. Its high school musicians recently competed at Disney World in Florida and won several competitions. In addition, Portland Public Schools provides its students with a comprehensive physical education and health curriculum. It focuses on educating healthy minds, developing healthy bodies, and promoting positive attitudes towards lifetime physical activity. Portland Secondary School, which high school and middle school students attend, provides lifelong lessons through athletic competition. The school's teams compete in 18 sports as a member of the Shoreline Conference, and many of its athletes and teams have received both regional and statewide recognition. Two of Portland's schools have received the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award, and the town of Portland has been recognized as one of America's top 100 small towns.

Student/Teacher Ratio: 18:1

Seats Previously Offered: kindergarten through grade 10

Rocky Hill District Information

Website: www.rockyhillps.com

Location: 9 miles south of Hartford

District Description: Rocky Hill Public Schools is committed to providing an educational environment in which all students discover and achieve their maximum potential in preparation for productive and meaningful lives and responsible citizenship. All Rocky Hill students will demonstrate knowledge, understanding, and mastery of communications skills, including reading, writing, speaking, and listening. They will also demonstrate knowledge, understanding, and mastery of mathematics skills, physical and life sciences skills, and social studies skills. They will develop habits conducive to health, personal responsibility, and good citizenship, which are essential for living cooperatively and productively in an increasingly complex world.

Student/Teacher Ratio: 19:1

Seats Previously Offered: grades 5 through 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 to enable students to:

- Compete in a global economy
- Develop self-discipline
- Function as responsible citizens of society
- Develop and understand their ethical, cultural, aesthetic, and intellectual values

Student/Teacher Ratio: 19:1

Seats Previously Offered: kindergarten and siblings