

Press Release

Connecticut Academic Performance Test

Bridgeport, CT, July __, 2010: With the release of the 2010 Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) results, the Bridgeport Public School District has shown a significant increase in Science scores. This increase was also evident in the % of At/Above Goal, the more stringent standard imposed by the State of Connecticut. Math and Writing were also cited for improvement in the area of % of At/ Above Goal. Although the District has shown a decline in Math, Reading and Writing in % of At/Above Proficiency, "we are continuing the implementation of data teams. This means of assessment will allow the staff at the high schools the opportunity to continue monitoring academics in a deeper way to improve achievement," states Denise L. Clemons, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education.

To increase growth, the District will also continue to improve instructional practices through teacher professional development, alignment of curriculum with state standards, and online assessments. In the high schools, internal work with staff development, analysis of data and continuation of recruitment for highly qualified teachers will also be a focus to improve academic achievement.

As outlined by the CSDE (Connecticut State Department of Education) and the USDE (United States Department of Education) under School Improvement Guidelines, the District will also implement School Reform models at two of the high schools. The two models are identified as Restart and Transformation.