

COMMUNITY DATA

Ellington is a rapidly growing community with a population of 14,829 located 16 miles northeast of Hartford, CT. The town is in a transition to a residential/suburban community, though with over 3,000 acres under cultivation, Ellington remains one of the largest agricultural production towns in the state. In 2009, the estimated median household income was \$84,636. Ellington is classified as District Reference Group C by the State of Connecticut.

Ellington has a ten member Board of Education with a strong focus on increasing student achievement. The town is governed by a seven member Board of Selectmen and a six member Board of Finance that have traditionally been supportive of the efforts and initiatives of the Board of Education.

FAST FACTS

Students

Total enrollment	2,727
5-Year Enrollment Change	12%
% Minority	14.2%
Projected 2013-14 Enrollment	
Pre-Kindergarten	45
Elementary Schools	1,426
Middle School	432
High School	797

Staff

# Teachers	216
# Administrators	11.0
% Minority 2010-11	3.1

ELLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

What are people saying about
Ellington?

“We are deeply grateful to the dedicated, creative educators who work with our children. In our experience, everyone, from the cafeteria workers and custodians to the principals and superintendent, works hard to create this wonderful place for our children to learn.”
Brenda Samson, Parent

“Teaching in the Ellington school district is a pleasure and an honor. The amount of support, collaboration, and respect provided to teachers from colleagues, administrators, and Ellington families in unsurpassed. As a special educator, I am privileged to have such a team working with me to push our students to success.”
Gabrielle Betancourt, Teacher

“Ellington supports new teachers with a collaborative staff, supportive administration, effective professional development, and a caring community. It is an amazing town to develop and advance in your teaching career.”
Abby Hoffman, Teacher

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The Ellington Public Schools

Vision Statement

Ellington students will be prepared to enter a rapidly changing and complex world with strong academic skills, breadth of knowledge, depth of understanding, commitment to others, and the attitudes necessary to become productive, contributing citizens.

Why Choose Ellington?

As a district, Ellington is committed to advancing student achievement through positive school culture and climate, outstanding teaching and leadership, a strong, standards-based curriculum, and effective assessment practices. Our district population continues to grow and to become diverse, as we welcome students speaking more than 17 different languages and actively participate in the Open Choice program.

Recent noteworthy accomplishments:

- Crystal Lake Elementary and Windermere Intermediate Schools were identified as Schools of Distinction by the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE).
- Ellington was named to the 3rd Annual District Advanced Placement Honor Roll. Ellington High has added 8 AP courses in the last 5 years.
- Ellington (gr. K-8) is an Affiliate of the renowned Teachers College Reading and Writing Project, with staff developers working on-site to support professional learning.
- The “Hands Up” model, developed at Ellington Middle School, has been recognized as an exemplary program by the CSDE.
- Strong programs to enhance school climate are in place at all three elementary schools: Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) at Center and Windermere, and Responsive Classroom at Crystal Lake.

The Ellington school system includes six schools which provide public education for grade levels pre-kindergarten through grade twelve inclusive. Total enrollment as of February 2013 is 2727 students.

Schools	Grades	Enrollment
Center	preK-4	433
Crystal Lake	K-4	217
Windermere Elementary	K-4	438
Windermere Intermediate	5-6	425
Ellington Middle	7-8	428
Ellington High	9-12	786

District Resources– 2012

	District	State
Total Hours of Instruction Per Year		
Elementary	998	992
Middle	1048	1017
High School	1031	1009

Average Class Size

Grade K	19.9	18.4
Grade 2	22.4	19.9
Grade 5	25.5	21.2
Grade 7	20.0	20.6
High School	17.7	19.3

Professional Staff

Average # Years Experience	15.0	13.9
% with Master’s Degree	80.0	79.0

Per Pupil Expenditure \$10,969 \$14,474

Teacher Salary Range 2012-13 \$42,531-\$88,535

Results– 2012

Connecticut Mastery Test

	District	State
% Meeting State Goal in:		
Grade 3 Reading	73.2	59.2
Writing	74.1	62.7
Mathematics	82.2	66.8
Grade 4 Reading	81.7	64.1
Writing	78.6	65.3
Mathematics	79.5	68.2
Grade 5 Reading	85.9	67.7
Writing	84.4	68.1
Mathematics	92.0	71.8
Grade 6 Reading	90.4	74.2
Writing	83.1	67.5
Mathematics	92.4	69.5
Grade 7 Reading	90.0	79.9
Writing	81.3	65.6
Mathematics	82.1	68.3
Grade 8 Reading	85.5	76.8
Writing	79.8	68.4
Mathematics	82.9	67.4

Connecticut Academic Performance Test

	District	State
% Meeting State Goal in:		
Reading Across the Disciplines	57.2	47.5
Writing Across the Disciplines	74.0	63.1
Mathematics	58.2	49.3
Science	53.5	47.3

SAT® I: Reasoning Test Class of 2011

	District	State
% of Graduates Tested	85.7	73.4
Mathematics: Avg. Score	537	506
Critical Reading Avg. Score	519	505
Writing: Avg. Score	528	506
Avg. Composite Score	1574	1518

Activities of Graduates

% Pursuing Higher Education	88%
Employed or in Military	9%