



HARTFORD REGION OPEN CHOICE PROGRAM

CREC Council Meeting
February 20, 2019





Overview

History:

- ❑ In 1966, Project Concern was developed by concerned parents and was originally managed by the Hartford Board of Education.
 - Founding districts: Farmington, Manchester, Simsbury, South Windsor, and West Hartford
- ❑ In 1997, Project Concern became part of the statewide Open Choice program as a solution to the Sheff vs. O’Neill court case.

Today:

- ❑ 27 participating districts serving 2,337 students in 140 schools from across the Hartford region
- ❑ \$2.1 million budget primarily funded by CT State Department of Education
- ❑ A diverse staff of 17 provides comprehensive services





Service Delivery Model

- ❑ Foster the development of inclusive and equitable educational opportunities for all students
- ❑ Collaborate with districts and parents to develop and implement creative programming to support the whole child

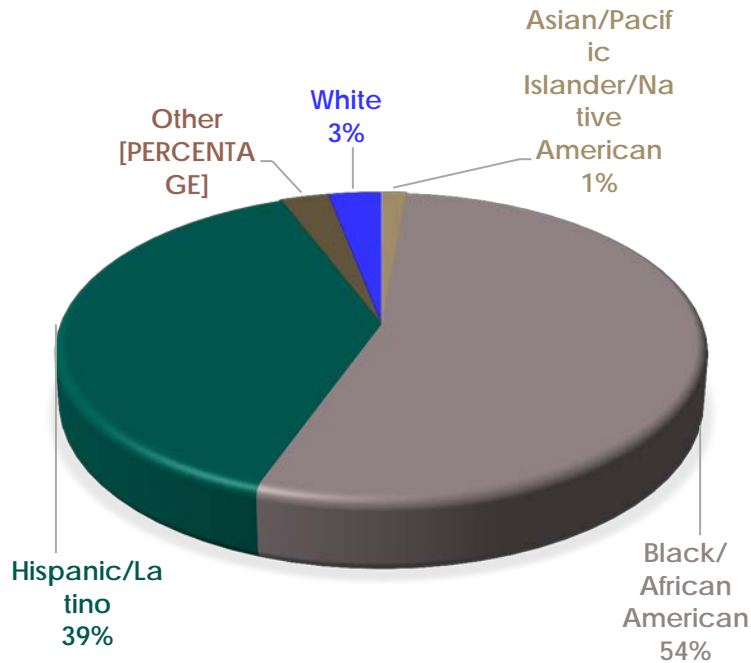
District	Students	Families
Student/Parent Support Meetings	Credit Recovery, Homework & Tutoring Assistance	New Family Orientation
Professional Development	Student Support Meetings	Family Advisory Council
Collaborative Practices	Summer Programming	PPT & 504 Meetings
Home Visits	Youth Empowerment Summits	Home Visits
Community Resources	Behavioral Supports	Parent 'Hot Topic' Café
Marketing	Resource Specialists	Family Resource Center
Registration & Enrollment	Scholarships	Mother & Father Groups
Instructional Coaching (PK & K)	Individual Mentoring & Group Facilitation	College & Career Guidance
Transportation Assistance	Circles Dialogue	Transportation Assistance
Behavioral Supports	Transportation Assistance	



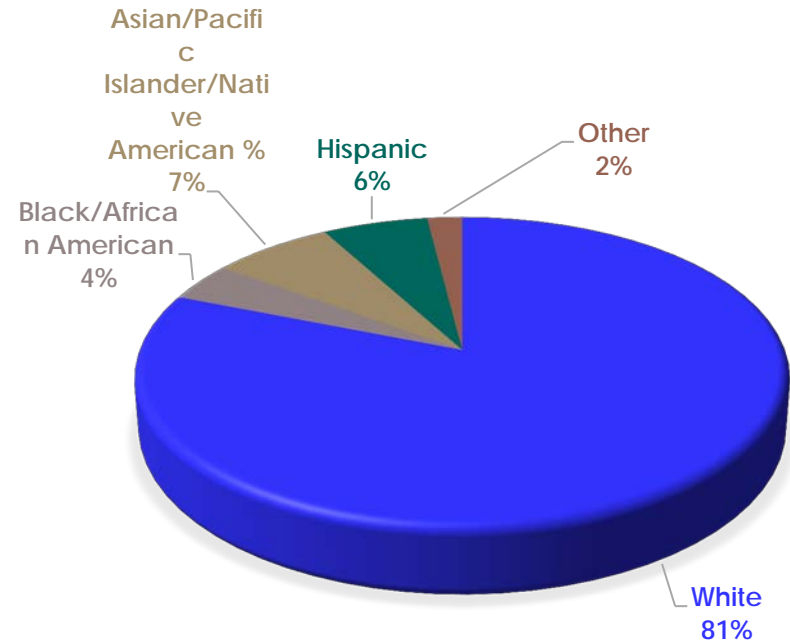


Demographic Data

2018-19
OC STUDENTS



2017
OC TOWNS*



*2017 American FactFinder Community Survey





Professional Development

The Open Choice staff focuses on providing professional development in two primary areas of cultural proficiency and school culture/climate.





PROGRAM FUNDING

Open Choice districts receive the following reimbursements based on PSIS enrollment on October 1, 2018:

Attendance Grant: Based on the percentage of Open Choice students in relation to the total student population:

- \$3,000 per OC student for districts who enroll less than 2%
- \$4,000 per OC student for districts who enroll greater than or equal to 2%
- \$6,000 per OC student for districts who enroll greater than or equal to 3% or for districts with greater than 4K students enrolled that increase the number of Open Choice students by at least 50% from the previous year
- \$8,000 per pupil for districts who enroll greater than or equal to 4%

Early Beginnings:

- For each preschooler & kindergartener, the district receives \$4,500 & instructional coaches

Academic & Social Support Grant:

- \$575 per K-5 student & \$900 per 6-12 student
- Tiered incentive which is available for districts as they increase their levels of participation based on October 1, 2017 Open Choice enrollment
- \$5,000 dedicated to professional development services and fees

Educational Cost Sharing (ECS) Grant:

- Each sending and receiving district shall divide the amount received for each child participating in the program by two





OPEN CHOICE BONUS FUNDS

Bonus Set-Aside Grants: Pending confirmation from the State of Department of Education, this funding is in addition to, not in place of, the statutorily provided open choice attendance grant.

- **Schools with 10+ Choice students:** For schools with 10+ Open Choice students, districts share in a bonus set aside of up to \$500,000 (subject to available funds).
- **Tier II Bonus:** Available to districts that increased the enrollment of Open Choice students from the prior year. Districts share in a bonus set aside of up to \$500,000 (subject to available funds), traditionally \$100,000 has been available.
- **School Construction Bonus Funds:** Each district has an opportunity to receive a funding bonus through their school construction grant, which is equal to the percentage of Open Choice seats to the total projected enrollment in the school capped at 10%. For example, a school with a highest 8 year projected enrollment of 600 students, which enrolls 60 Open Choice students, would receive the full 10% bonus on their school construction grant.





Seat Declarations

Reminder: Open Choice seat declarations are due to the CT State Department of Education by March 1.





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HARTFORD REGION OPEN CHOICE PROGRAM
2018-19 Enrollment and Funding Projections
As of 2.6.19

District Name	SY2018-19 Total District Enrollment in PSIS	SY2018-19 Open Choice Enrollment in PSIS	Projected Attendance Grant Percentage	Projected Attendance Grant Amount	Projected Early Beginnings (OCEB) Funding	Actual Academic & Social Support Grant	SY2018-19 Projected Total Open Choice Funding*	Projected Per Pupil Reimbursement*	Estimated ECS for Total OC Enrollment	Estimated Total OC Funding with ECS*	Estimated OC Per Pupil Reimbursement*
OC Projected Enrollment Less Than 2% (\$3,000 per pupil):											
VERNON	3,115	1	0.03%	\$3,000		\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,110	\$3,110	\$6,110
TOLLAND	2,393	10	0.42%	\$30,000	\$18,000	\$5,950	\$53,950	\$5,395	\$20,344	\$74,294	\$12,824
HARTFORD	19,768	95	0.48%	\$285,000	\$9,000	\$131,500	\$425,500	\$4,479	\$484,983	\$910,483	\$14,063
GLASTONBURY	5,878	58	0.99%	\$174,000	\$40,500	\$67,450	\$281,950	\$4,861	\$28,937	\$310,887	\$10,221
ROCKY HILL	2,683	28	1.04%	\$84,000		\$51,150	\$135,150	\$4,827	\$22,686	\$157,836	\$10,464
SOMERS	1,380	20	1.45%	\$60,000	\$9,000	\$25,000	\$94,000	\$4,700	\$42,316	\$136,316	\$11,516
SOUTHINGTON	6,381	99	1.55%	\$297,000	\$58,500	\$90,625	\$446,125	\$4,506	\$157,851	\$603,976	\$10,607
OC Projected Enrollment Greater than or Equal to 2% (\$4,000 per pupil):											
NEWINGTON	4,051	81	2.00%	\$324,000	\$13,500	\$92,800	\$430,300	\$5,312	\$130,894	\$561,194	\$12,241
WEST HARTFORD	9,655	210	2.18%	\$840,000	\$94,500	\$199,400	\$1,133,900	\$5,400	\$229,456	\$1,363,356	\$11,892
ENFIELD	5,101	111	2.18%	\$444,000	\$171,000	\$117,700	\$732,700	\$6,601	\$312,832	\$1,045,532	\$16,020
SUFFIELD	2,151	54	2.51%	\$324,000	\$4,500	\$89,375	\$417,875	\$7,738	\$77,776	\$495,651	\$16,917
SOUTH WINDSOR	4,370	113	2.59%	\$678,000	\$9,000	\$138,175	\$825,175	\$7,302	\$154,844	\$980,019	\$15,975
WETHERSFIELD	3,589	100	2.79%	\$400,000	\$72,000	\$110,000	\$582,000	\$5,820	\$133,848	\$715,848	\$12,978
OC Projected Enrollment Greater than or Equal to 3% (\$6,000 per pupil):											
FARMINGTON	4,099	130	3.17%	\$780,000	\$94,500	\$138,250	\$1,012,750	\$7,790	\$14,962	\$1,027,712	\$15,696
ELLINGTON	2,733	94	3.44%	\$564,000	\$63,000	\$83,950	\$710,950	\$7,563	\$166,809	\$877,759	\$16,901
CROMWELL	1,943	72	3.71%	\$432,000	\$54,000	\$81,275	\$567,275	\$7,879	\$87,084	\$654,359	\$16,967
AVON	3,152	120	3.81%	\$960,000	\$90,000	\$143,275	\$1,193,275	\$9,944	\$12,244	\$1,205,519	\$19,990
OC Projected Enrollment Greater than or Equal to 4% (\$8,000 per pupil):											
SIMSBURY	4,018	167	4.16%	\$1,320,000	\$99,000	\$169,475	\$1,588,475	\$9,512	\$125,510	\$1,713,985	\$19,775
GRANBY	1,865	79	4.24%	\$632,000	\$31,500	\$89,175	\$752,675	\$9,528	\$114,187	\$866,862	\$20,500
PORTLAND	1,333	59	4.43%	\$472,000	\$13,500	\$56,625	\$542,125	\$9,189	\$96,786	\$638,911	\$20,018
BERLIN	2,803	131	4.67%	\$786,000	\$40,500	\$107,625	\$934,125	\$7,131	\$141,092	\$1,075,217	\$15,338
PLAINVILLE	2,360	117	4.96%	\$936,000	\$58,500	\$124,625	\$1,119,125	\$9,565	\$256,788	\$1,375,913	\$21,325
EAST GRANBY	855	48	5.61%	\$384,000	\$22,500	\$65,675	\$472,175	\$9,837	\$40,716	\$512,891	\$20,522
CANTON	1,542	96	6.23%	\$768,000	\$13,500	\$116,750	\$898,250	\$9,357	\$105,567	\$1,003,817	\$19,813
WINDSOR LOCKS	1,570	101	6.43%	\$808,000	\$58,500	\$106,850	\$973,350	\$9,637	\$166,603	\$1,139,953	\$20,924
BOLTON	786	58	7.38%	\$464,000	\$22,500	\$67,525	\$554,025	\$9,552	\$103,156	\$657,181	\$20,883
EAST WINDSOR	1,106	85	7.69%	\$680,000	\$4,500	\$62,650	\$747,150	\$8,790	\$217,846	\$964,996	\$20,143
TOTAL	100,680	2,337	2.32%	\$13,929,000	\$1,165,500	\$2,532,850	\$17,627,350	\$7,543	\$3,449,228	\$21,073,578	\$16,560

*Does not include funding for School Construction, Tier II Bonus Funds or 10+ Students in one building bonus funds

Notes:

- 1) 93% (25/27) districts utilize the additional funding and services available for preschool & kindergarten students
- 2) There are 366 newly enrolled students with Berlin enrolling the largest number of new students (51)
- 3) Compared to 10.1.17, OC enrollment decreased by 3 students and the region's enrollment decreased by 2,419
- 4) West Hartford, Berlin and Farmington enroll the largest number of Hartford resident students
- 5) Plainville, Windsor Locks & Bolton are estimated to receive the highest per pupil amount for OC students.
- 6) Simsbury, Plainville and West Hartford are estimated to receive the largest total OC funding including ECS