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Vernon Students Exceed State Average in English Language Arts, Math and Science

Smarter Balanced Assessments Show Vernon Students Making Progress

VERNON, Connecticut – Vernon Public Schools students have outperformed the state average in the latest Connecticut Smarter Balanced Assessments, which were released Monday by the state Department of Education.

While school districts across the state continue to work to recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, Vernon’s focus on maximizing student learning for all children is showing positive results.

“We are extremely pleased with the growth on the Smarter Balanced Assessment by our students in grades 3 through 8 in English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science,” Vernon Superintendent Dr. Joseph P. Macary said. “The hard work and efforts of our students, teachers, families, staff and administration are paying off. We are proud of the student results and their increased achievement. Next year, we will do even better.”

District	Subject	School Year											
		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2021-22		2022-23	
		Total Number with Scored Tests	Percentage Level 3 or 4 (Met or Exceeded) %	Total Number with Scored Tests	Percentage Level 3 or 4 (Met or Exceeded) %	Total Number with Scored Tests	Percentage Level 3 or 4 (Met or Exceeded) %	Total Number with Scored Tests	Percentage Level 3 or 4 (Met or Exceeded) %	Total Number with Scored Tests	Percentage Level 3 or 4 (Met or Exceeded) %	Total Number with Scored Tests	Percentage Level 3 or 4 (Met or Exceeded) %
Vernon School District	ELA	1,389	44.6	1,399	49.7	1,401	46.8	1,403	53.3	1,330	51.0	1,335	52.5
	Math	1,387	33.1	1,396	41.8	1,400	41.7	1,396	47.1	1,317	43.1	1,334	44.0

The Vernon Public Schools, in partnership with family and community, is committed to provide a quality education, with high expectations, in a safe environment where all students become independent learners and productive contributors to society.

In the 2023 Smarter Balanced results, Vernon students:

- Exceeded the state average in all three test areas – English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science.
- In Vernon’s District Reference Group, Vernon students were No. 1 in Mathematics, No. 1 in English Language Arts and No. 2 in Science.
- Of the 33 Connecticut Alliance Districts, Vernon students' scores were No. 1 in both English Language Arts and Math results.

“These results are even more impressive considering we were still coming out of the learning disruptions caused by the Covid-19 health pandemic,” Dr. Macary said. “We are making significant progress with student learning and moving the needle on student achievement.”

Key to Vernon’s progress is quality core instruction in every classroom, effective interventions that helps students who are below grade level in English Language Arts and math to catch up, and special education supports for kids with disabilities to help them overcome obstacles to achieve growth.

Test scores tell only part of a school or district’s story. Student growth provides a more accurate measure of how schools contribute to student learning by demonstrating achievement over time. Students start each year with different levels of knowledge. Measuring growth shows how well a school is helping students learn.

“We have impressive growth considering we just went through a pandemic, but we’re never satisfied,” Dr. Macary. “We will never stop helping our kids keep moving forward. We know they can do it.”

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