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The central aspect of Connecticut's agenda for educational equity and excellence is the implementation of statewide mastery testing in mathematics and language arts. The program, designed for grades four, six, and eight, assesses the skill levels of students by measuring their performance on learning objectives they should have mastered in lower grades. Student performance also indicates the effectiveness of remedial assistance programs and regular instruction. This report summarizes the development and implementation of the Grade Six Mastery Test. These four steps in the program are discussed: (1) mastery test development; (2) setting mastery standards by objective; (3) test administration and scoring; and (4) school district test results reporting. Statewide mastery test results are given for Fall 1986. Four charts show the percentage of students who achieved mastery for each test objective. The learning objectives, sample score report, and information about the school districts are presented in 11 appendices. (VM)

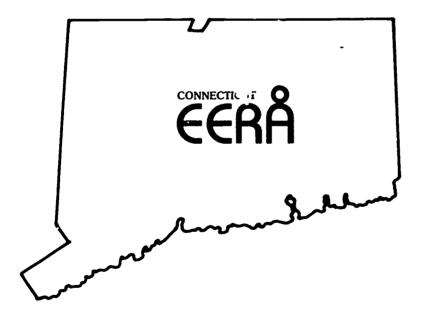
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One of my highest priorities and a very central aspect of Connecticut's Challenge: An Agenda for Educational Equity and Excellence is the implementation of the statewide mastery testing program in mathematics and language arts, including listening, reading and writing, for grades four, six, and eight. The testing program is designed to assess specific skill levels of students by measuring performance on various learning objectives that students reasonably can be expected to have mastered by the end of grades three, five, and seven.

The results of the Connecticut Mastery Test are useful in evaluating:

- o individual student performance in mathematics and language arts;
- o the effectiveness of instructional programs in mathematics and language arts; and
- o the effectiveness of the remedial assistance programs in mathematics and language arts.

The Grade Six Connecticut Mastery Test, given for the first time in the fall of 1986, provides valuable educational information which can be used to improve instruction and the basic skills of Connecticut's students. The test results have helped local districts to re-examine curriculum and to identify students who have not mastered certain skills.

I encourage you to carefully review the mastery test results provided at the student, classroom and district levels. The Department is prepared to assist local school districts in the areas of curriculum and professional development.

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LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

In June 1984, the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut amended Section 10-14 m-r of the Connecticut General Statutes, an act concerning Education Evaluation and Remedial Assistance (EERA). This law provides that:

- o By May 1, 1985, each local or regional board of education shall develop and submit for State Board of Education approval, a new plan of educational evaluation and remedial assistance. Each plan is to address the following:
 - o the use of student assessment results for instructional improvement;
 - o the identification of individual students in need of remedial assistance in language arts/reading, and mathematics;
 - o the provision of remedial assistance to students with identified needs; and
 - o the evaluation of the effectiveness of the instructional programs in language arts/reading, and mathematics.
- o The State Board of Education shall administer an annual statewide mastery test in language arts/reading, and mathematics to all fourth-, sixth-, and eighth-grade students.
- o Each student who scores below the statewide remedial standard on one or more parts of the eighth-grade mastery examination or the ninth grade proficiency test shall be retested. Starting in October 1987, these students shall be retested annually, using the eighth-grade mastery test, only in the deficient area(s) until such students score at or above the statewide remedial standard(s).
- o Biennially, each local or regional board of education shall submit to the State Board of Education a report which includes indicators of student achievement and instructional improvement.
- o On a regularly scheduled basis, the State Board of Education shall complete field assessments of the implementation of local EERA plans.
- o On an annual basis, test results and low income data shall be used to determine the distribution of available state funds to support remedial assistance programs.

The purpose of this report is to summarize the development and implementation of the sixth-grade Connecticut Mastery Test. The mastery test assesses how well each student is performing on those skills identified by content experts and practicing educators as important for students entering sixth grade to have mastered.



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OVERVIEW OF THE MASTERY TEST DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

In the spring of 1984, the Connecticut General Assembly amended the Education Evaluation and Remedial Assistance (EERA) legislation to authorize the creation of mastery tests in the basic skill areas of mathematics and language arts, including listening, reading and writing skills. The tests were to be established for grades 4, 6, and 8.

The goals of the mastery testing program are:

- earlier identification of students needing remedial education;
- o testing a more comprehensive range of academic skills;
- o setting high expectations and standards for student achievement;
- more useful test achievement information about students, schools and districts;
- o improved assessment of suitable equal educational opportunities; and
- o continual monitoring of students in grades 4, 6, and 8.

The type of test that best addresses these goals is a criterion-referenced test. Criterion-referenced tests are designed to assess the specific skill levels of students. Such tests usually cover relatively small units of content. Their scores have meaning in terms of what the student knows or can do. Test results are used to identify the areas of strengths and weaknesses of each student.

Test Construction

The development of the sixth-grade criterion-referenced mastery test required the formation of seven statewide advisory committees. These included the Mathematics and Language Arts Committees, the Psychometrics Committee, the Bias Committee, the Mastery Test Implementation Advisory Committee, and two standard setting committees, one for mathematics and one for language alts. These committees were comprised of representatives from throughout the state. Members were selected for their area of expertise. Approximately 150 Connecticut educators participated on the mastery test committees which met over 80 times over an 18-month period (see Acknowledgements, p. vii).

Beginning in the spring of 1985, content committees in both language arts and mathematics participated in each stage of the test development process, including assisting the State Department of Education in the selection of the Psychological Corporation as its test contractor. First, the content committees reviewed the curriculum materials prevalent throughout the state and the scope of the national tests in use in Connecticut at the respective grade levels. Additional resources included the Connecticut curriculum guides in mathematics and language arts, developed in 1981, as well as the results of recent Connecticut Assessment of Educational Progress (CAEP) assessments in mathematics and language arts. Next, the committees identified sets of preliminary mathematics and language arts objectives which reflected existing curriculum materials and the goals of the mastery testing program. The content committees defined an objective as an operationalized learning outcome that was fairly narrow and clearly defined.



Four criteria were used in identifying the appropriate learning outcomes or test objectives and in selecting specific test items to be included on the Grade 6 Connecticut Mastery Test. To have been considered for use, test objectives and items must have been:

- significant and important;
- (2) developmentally appropriate;
- (3) reasonable for most students to achieve; and
- (4) generally representative of what is taught in Connecticut schools.

Once the objectives were identified, item specifications and/or sample items were written. Item specifications are written descriptions of the types and forms of test items that assess an objective. They also prescribe the types of answer choices that can be used with each item.

After the test specifications were written and agreed upon, the test contractor wrote items and response choices for each of the objectives. The items were then reviewed by the content committees. Items which met the criteria of the test specifications and received the approval of the content committees were considered for the pilot test. Before testing, the Bias Committee reviewed each item for potential adverse discrimination of gender, race or ethnicity in the language or format of the question or response choices. After their review was completed, the pilot test forms were constructed. Over 1600 customized Connecticut items were included in the October 1985 Grade 6 pilot test in language arts and mathematics.

The Psychometrics Committee provided advice concerning other aspects of the pilot test including the sampling design, statistical bias analysis, the design of item specifications, and pilot test administration procedures. The recommendations proposed by the Psychometrics Committee were reviewed and endorsed by the Mastery Test Implementation Advisory Committee.

Pilot Tests

After the items had been reviewed, twelve test forms (six in mathematics, and six in language arts) were piloted for the Grade 6 test. The purpose of several pilot test forms was to ensure that enough test items were included to construct three comparable test forms from the pilot test results.

Over 6,000 Grade 6 students participated in the October 1985 pilot test. In January 1986, the pilot test results were made available to Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) staff. The process of selecting items to construct three comparable test forms began by the Bias Committee examining the pilot test statistics of each item for potential bias. As a result, some items were eliminated from the item pool. From the remaining items, test forms were constructed to be equivalent in content and difficulty at both the objective and total test levels.



Once the items were sorted on this basis, the test contractor prepared three complete forms of the mathematics test and two complete forms of the language arts test. These forms were approved by the content committees. Each form was created to be equal in difficulty and test length. A third language arts test will be constructed after a few additional items are piloted as part of a future test administration. The psychometric procedures used to construct these test forms focus primarily on the use of the one-parameter latent trait model.

Survey

In October 1985, a survey of preliminary Grade 6 mastery test objectives were sent to over 4,000 Connecticut educators. The purpose of the survey was to determine (1) the importance of the proposed mathematics and reading/language arts objectives; and (2) whether the objectives were taught prior to the fall of grade 6. Approximately a 45% response rate was achieved which included approximately one-third of the respondents representing urban school districts. Thirty-six of the original thirty-nine objectives were judged to be important learning skills.

Mastery Test Content

Mathematics. The Mathematics Committee recommended a Grade 6 mathematics test that assessed thirty-six (36) specific objectives in four domains: (1) Conceptual Understanding; (2) Computational Skills; (3) Problem Solving/Applications; and (4) Measurement/Geometry. There are four test items per objective for a total of 144 items on the mathematics test. A detailed list of domains and objectives, is given in Appendix A (p. 19).

Language Arts. The Language Arts committee recommended a 112 item Grade 6 language arts test that covers two domains: Reading/Listening, and Writing/Study Skills. The eleven (11) objectives recommended by the Language Arts Committee are presented in Appendix B (p. 23).

The general content of Reading/Listening consisted of narrative, expository, and persuasive passages on a variety of topics measuring a student's ability in: (1) Literal Comprehension; (2) Inferential or Interpretive Comprehension; and (3) Critical or Evaluative Comprehension. Audiotapes were used to assess students' listening comprehension ability in: (1) Literal Comprehension and (2) Inferential and Evaluative Comprehension. The Degrees of Reading Power (DRP) test was also used to assess reading. The DRP test included eleven (11) passages and seventy-seven (77) test items. It was designed to measure a student's ability to understand nonfiction English prose at different levels of reading ability.



The general content area of Writing/Study Skills consisted of three components. First, there was a holistic writing sample where writing skills were directly assessed. Each student was asked to write a composition on a designated topic. Writing was then judged on a student's demonstrated ability to convey information in a coherent and organized fashion. Second, the mechanics of good writing, which was defined as (1) Capitalization and Punctuation, (2) Spelling, Homonyms and Abbreviations, (3) Agreement, and (4) Tone was assessed in a multiple choice format. Third, Study Skills were assessed through Locating Information and Notetaking/Outlining. Locating Information, (Schedules, Maps, Index and Reference Use, and Dictionary Meaning) measured a student's ability to find and use information from the sources listed. Notetaking and Outlining tested a student's ability to take notes and report information as well as complete missing outline information. A detailed list of objectives and number of items per objective is given in Appendix B (p. 23).

SETTING MASTERY STANDARDS BY OBJECTIVE

The essence of the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) is the establishment of a specific mastery standard that accurately reflects students' knowledge and competency on each objective. The mastery test incorporates appropriate and challenging expectations for Connecticut public school students. The goal of the CMT Program is for each student to achieve mastery of all objectives. The objectives being tested were identified as appropriate and reasonable for students at each of the grades tested. These tests are designed to measure a student's performance against these specific objectives.

The process of establishing the mastery standards by objective used a statistical method that required two decisions to be operationalized. The first decision defined a student who mastered a particular skill as one who had a 95% chance of correctly answering each item within the objective. The second decision was that the specific standard for each objective would identify 99% of the students who mastered the skill. For example, literal reading comprehension is measured by 8 questions. By applying the two decision rules stated above to a binomial distribution table, a student is identified as mastering the skill if he/she gets at least 6 of the 8 items correct.

The mastery standards are as follows:

- o In mathematics, for each of the 36 objectives, a student must answer correctly at least 3 out of 4 items.
- o In language arts, for the eleven multiple choice objectives with varying numbers of items, a student must answer correctly the following number of items:



	# Items Correct for Mastery	
WRITING MECHANICS		
(1) Capitalization & Punctuation	9 out of 12	
(2) Spelling	6 out of 8	
(3) Agreement	11 out of 15	
(4) Tone	3 out of 4	
STUDY SKILLS		
(5) Locating Information	9 out of 12	
(6) Notetaking and Outlining	3 out of 4	
LISTENING COMPREHENSION		
(7) Literal	3 out of 4	
(8) Inferential & Evaluative	12 out of 16	
READING COMPREHENSION		
(9) Literal	6 out of 8	
(10) Inferential	10 out of 14	
(11) Evaluative	10 out of 14	

No mastery levels were set for the two holistic language arts measures, the Degrees of Reading Power (DRP) test and the Writing Sample, since these measures are not composed of objectives against which mastery could be assessed.

Setting Remedial (Grant) Standards

The Psychometrics Committee also considered alternative ways to set standards for grant and remedial purposes. Section 10-14 m-r of CT General Statutes requires that the Connecticut State Board of Education establish statewide standards for remedial assistance in order to meet two responsibilities:

- to identify and monitor the progress of students in need of remedial assistance in language arts/reading and mathematics as part of the EERA field assessments; and
- to distribute EERA funds based on the number of needy students statewide, as well as for use in the Chapter 2 and Priority School District Grants.

The Psychometrics Committee advised setting the standards by the number of items correct because of important technical considerations in equating test forms. The committee conducted lengthy deliberations over the technical feasibility of establishing standards by the number of objectives passed but felt there were significant obstacles which could not be overcome. Standard-setting committees in mathematics and language arts/reading were convened in March 1986 to determine the grant/remedial standards. The standard-setting committees recommended the following remedial standards:



- 1. In mathematics, a student who answers fewer than 79 of the 144 items (55%) correctly is required to receive further diagnosis by the local school district and, if necessary, to be provided with remedial assistance.
- 2. In reading, a student whose Degrees of Reading Power (DRP) unit score is lower than 50 is required to receive further diagnosis and, if necessary, to be provided with remedial assistance.
- 3. In writing, a student receiving a total holistic score less than 4 is required to receive further diagnosis by the local school district and, if necessary, to be provided with remedial assistance.

The recommendations of the Psychometrics Committee and the Standard-Setting Committees were reviewed by the Mastery Test Implementation Advisory Committee in March 1986. The Mastery Test Implementation Advisory Committee (MTIAC) endorsed the procedures used to establish the remedial standards with the clarification that the remedial standards should be considered broad indicators of student achievement and need. The criterion-referenced test is a valuable diagnostic tool used to help districts identify students in need of remedial assistance, to target State Department of Education resources to those students most in need, and to provide useful information to local school districts for improving their curriculum and instructional programs. The MTIAC felt strongly that the data generated by the State Department of Education should not be used to compare performance among districts.

The mastery and remedial standards were adopted, as recommended, by the State Board of Education on June 4, 1986. For a detailed explanation of the remedial standard-setting process, see Appendix C (p. 25).

TEST AUMINISTRATION AND SCORING

Test sessions were conducted by local school district staff under the supervision of local test coordinators who had been trained by staff of the Department and The Psychological Corporation. A student who took all subtests participated in approximately eight hours of testing.

The Grade 6 Mastery Test schedule allowed for three weeks of testing (including make-ups). This allowed local districts as much latitude as possible in adapting test administration to local conditions, in meeting students' needs, and in accommodating religious holidays that occur during testing. Local plans for administration of the Grade 6 Mastery Test were acceptable if the following guidelines were met for all students:

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Testing Guidelines: Grade 6 Connecticut Mastery Test

- a) The writing sample MUST occur on Tuesday, September 23, 1986.
- b) Other testing must occur sometime between September 22 and October 3, 1986, with make-up testing during the week of October 6-10..
- c) All sixth graders in a district must be tested on the same schedule.
- d) Testing must occur during the regular school day in a regular classroom setting.
- e) No more than two (2) testing sessions may be administered in one day with at least a fifteen minute break between testing sessions (e.g., two a.m. sessions or one a.m. session and one p.m. session).
- f) Make-up sessions MUST conclude by Friday, October 10, 1986. Conditions "d" and "e" above must also hold for all make-up sessions.

The Grade 6 Connecticut Mastery Test had eight testing sessions.

- Mathematics I (60 minutes)
- Mathematics II (60 minutes)
- Mathematics III (60 minutes)
- Writing sample (45 minutes)
- Degrees of Reading Power (70 minutes)
- Reading comprehension (60 minutes)
- Listening comprehension (45 minutes)
- Writing mechanics/study skills (60 minutes)

At the conclusion of the make-up testing period, answer booklets were returned to National Computer Systems (NCS) of Iowa City, Iowa for optical scanning and scoring, and then organized in preparation for holistic scoring workshops.

Scoring of the Language Arts and Mathematics Test

The mathematics and language arts multiple-choice tests were machine-scored by NCS. Mathematics scores were reported for the total test as well as for mastery by each objective. Likewise, language arts scores were reported for the total test as well as for mastery of each objective.

Scoring of the Writing Sample

The writing sample was scored by Connecticut elementary teachers using a technique known as the holistic scoring method. Holistic scoring is an impressionistic and quick scoring process that rates written products on the basis of their overall quality. It relies upon the scorers' trained understanding of the general features that determine distinct levels of achievement on a scale appropriate to the group of writing pieces being evaluated.



The major assumption upon which holistic scoring is based is that the quality of a piece of writing should be judged on its overall success as a whole presentation, rather than on the quality of its component parts. Contributing to the rationale underlying holistic scoring is evidence that:
(1) no aspect of writing skill can really be judged independently; (2) teachers can recognize and agree upon good writing when they see it regardless of how they describe writing ability; and (3) teachers will rate pieces of writing in much the same way regardless of any discrepant views they might hold about how particular components of writing should be weighed.

The procedure for holistic scoring is specific to the complete set of writing samples on a given topic that a group of scorers have been asked to evaluate. That is, the scoring scale is based on the range of ability reflected in the particular set of writing samples being assessed.

Preparation for scoring. Prior to the training/scoring sessions, a committee consisting of Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) consultants, representatives of the language arts committee and other language arts specialists, two Chief Readers and project staff from Measurement Inc. of Durham, North Carolina, met and read a substantial number of essays drawn from the total pool of essays to be scored. Approximately 60 essays were selected to serve as "range-finders" or "marker papers," representing the range of achievement demonstrated in the total set of papers. Copies of those range-finders served as training papers during the scoring workshops which followed. Each range-finder paper was assigned a score according to a four-point scale, where 1 represented a poor paper and 4 represented a superior paper.

Scoring workshops. During the month of November, eight holistic scoring workshops were held in two different locations in the state. Attendance at the grade six scoring workshops totaled 241 teachers. A Chief Reader and two assistants were present at every workshop in addition to representatives of the CSDE. Each workshop consisted of a training session and a scoring session.

The general procedure for a training session is described below.

- o Each training paper (range-finder) was studied in turn and trial-scored by all scorers. Scoring judgments were independent, quick, immediate, and were based on the scorer's overall impression of the paper. No fractional points on the score scale (1-4) were permissible.
- o After all scorers had scored the first four training papers, their judgments were compared to the score assigned during the range-finding process. Any discrepancies were discussed. Through repeated discussions on succeeding training papers, scorers came to identify and internalize those features of written composition that distinguish the papers along the established range. This "holistic" process obviates the need to articulate explicitly the specific criteria that separate one score point from the next.



o Scorers were "calibrated" by ascertaining that they were making judgments consistent with one another and with the Chief Reader. Discussions about papers continued until agreement was reached on the scores of the training papers.

Once scorers were calibrated, actual scoring of the writing exercises occurred. Each paper was read independently by two different scorers; that is, the second reader did not see the score assigned by the first reader. The Chief Reader was responsible for adjudicating any disagreement of more than one point between the judgments of the two scorers as well as any score in combination with a zero score. In other words, discrepancies of one point between scores (e.g., 4 and 3, 1 and 2, 2 and 3) were acceptable, but larger discrepancies (e.g., 2 and 4, 3 and 1, 1 and 4) had to be resolved by the Chief Reader. Once a paper was assigned two non-discrepant scores, the two scores would be summed to produce the final score for each student. The possible scale of summed scores ranged from a low of 2 to a high of 8.

Understanding the holistic scores. Examples of actual student papers which are representative of the scoring range will assist the reader in understanding the statewide standard set for writing and interpreting the test results. Sample papers representing four different holistic scores are presented in Appendix D (p. 31). Note that the process of summing the scores assigned by the two readers expands the scoring scale to account for "borderline" papers. A paper which receives a 4 from both scorers (for a total score of 8) is likely to be better than a paper to which one reader assigns a 4 and another reader assigns a 3 (for a total score of 7). In addition, it should be emphasized that each of the score points represents a range of student papers—some 4 papers are better than others.

A score of zero (0) was assigned to student papers in certain cases. A score of 0 indicates that a paper is not scorable and, therefore, that the student's writing skills remain to be assessed. The cases in which a score of 0 was assigned were as follows:

- responses merely repeated the assignment;
- o illegible responses;
- o blank responses;
- responses in languages other than English;
- o responses that failed to address the assigned topic in any way; and
- o responses that were too brief to score accurately, but which demonstrated no signs of serious writing problems (for example, a response by a student who wrote the essay first on scratch paper and who failed to get very much of it recopied).



Both readers had to agree that a paper deserved a zero before this score was assigned. If the two readers disagreed, the Chief Reader arbitrated the discrepancy. Papers which were assigned a score of zero were not included in summary reports of test results.

Analytic Scoring

All papers receiving holistic scores below the remedial standard also received analytic scoring in five categories (traits): focus, organization, support/elaboration, mechanics and sentence formation. Analytic scoring is a thorough, trait-by-trait analysis of those components of a writing sample that are considered important to any piece of writing in any context. This scoring procedure can provide a comprehensive picture of a student's writing performance if enough traits are analyzed. It can identify those traits that make a piece of writing effective or ineffective. However, the traits need to be explicit and well defined so that the raters understand and agree upon the basis for making judgments about the writing sample. The analytic rating guide and sample marker papers for the analytic scoring are presented in Appendix E (p. 39).

Scoring of the Degrees of Reading Power (DRP) Test

The scores reported are in DRP unit scores. These scores identify the difficulty or readability level of prose that a student can read with comprehension. This makes it possible to match the difficulty of written materials with student ability. These scores can be better interpreted by referring to the readability levels of some general reading materials as shown below:

- o Elementary textbooks (grades 5-7) 45-65 DRP Units
- o Personality Section teen magazines 55 DRP Units
- o Adolescent fiction 55 DRP Units

A much more extensive list of reading materials is contained and rated in the booklet Readability Report, Seventh Edition, published by The College Board.

The conversion between DRP unit scores and raw scores can be made from the tabled values in The College Board's Degrees of Reading Power PB Form Series Conversion Tables, effective March, 1985.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TEST RESULTS REPORTING

The CMT school district reports are designed to provide useful and comprehensive test achievement information about students, schools and districts. Four standard test reports are generated to assist teachers, principals, superintendents and parents to understand and use criterion-referenced test results. Appendix F (p. 45) presents samples of the school district and parent/student diagnostic score reports.



FALL 1986 STATEWIDE MASTERY TEST RESULTS

The Grade Six Connecticut Mastery Test provides a comprehensive report card on how students perform on specific skills that Connecticut educators feel are important at the beginning of sixth grade. The mastery test is instructionally useful since it identifies areas of weakness, as well as areas of strength.

Mathematics

In mathematics, sixth graders mastered an average of 23.1 objectives of the 36 tested, or 64.2 percent. The state's goal is that all students master every objective, or 100 percent. Chart 1 (p. 13) illustrates that, statewide, students demonstrated strong scores in the areas of basic facts and simple applications (such as multiplication/division facts and computation with whole numbers and money amounts); problem solving involving graphs, tables, charts; understanding place value and expanded notation; and ordering whole numbers. However, students did not perform as well on items that require higher level thinking — that is, conceptual and analytical skills (e.g., renaming whole numbers by regrouping; solving problems with extraneous information; estimation and measurement problems; and determining areas and perimeters).

Students also performed poorly on some computational skills such as finding functional parts of whole numbers and computations involving fractions with unlike denominators.

A total of 31 percent of the students mastered 29 or more objectives on the mathematics test, and 2 percent mastered all 36 objectives (see Appendix G, p. 59).

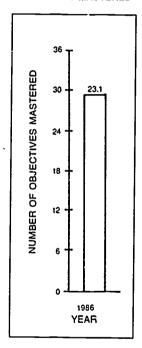
Students getting fewer than 79 questions correct on the 144-question mathematics section (19%) were identified as needing further diagnosis and possible remedial instruction.

Language Arts

In language arts, sixth grade students averaged 7.5 objectives of the eleven tested, or 68.2 percent. The state's goal is that all students master every objective, or 100 percent. Chart 2 (p. 14) illustrates that while students did reasonably well on writing mechanics and on study skills, significant weaknesses were found in higher order literal, inferential, and evaluative reading comprehension and borderline weaknesses were noted in literal and inferential/evaluative listening comprehension. A total of 49 percent of the students mastered nine or more objectives on the language arts test, which includes writing and reading skills, and 23 percent of the students mastered all eleven objectives (see Appendix G, p. 59).

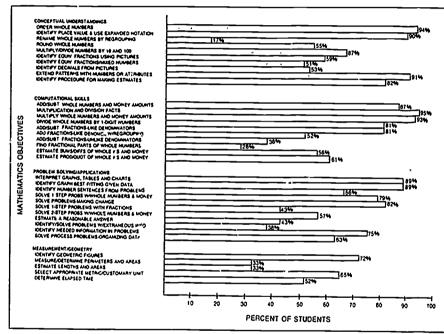


MATHEMATICS: AVERAGE NUMBER OF OBJECTIVES MASTERED



This bar chart illustrates the average number of mathematics objectives mastered, statewide.

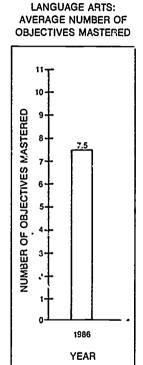
MATHEMATICS: PERCENT OF STUDENTS ACHIEVING MASTERY FOR EACH OBJECTIVE



This bar chart illustrates the percent of students statewide, who mastered each of the 36 mathematics objectives.

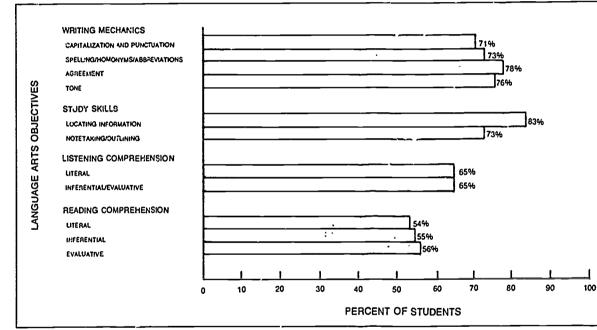


Chart 2
Language Arts: Percent of Students
Achieving Mastery For Each Objective



This bar chart illustrates the average number of language arts objectives mastered, statewide.

LANGUAGE ARTS: PERCENT OF STUDENTS ACHIEVING MASTERY FOR EACH OBJECTIVE

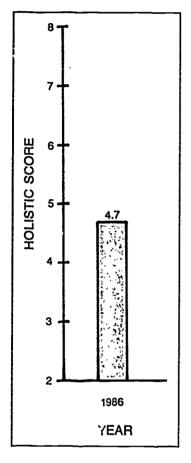


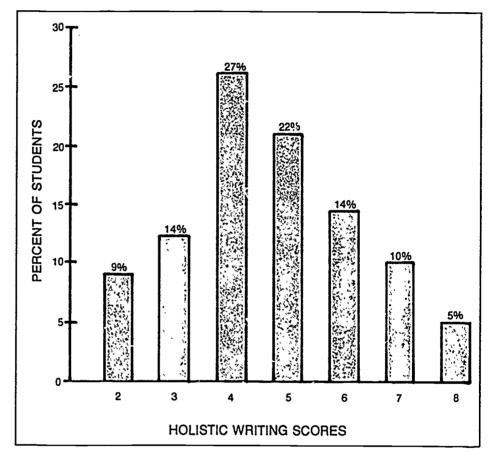
This bar chart illustrates the percent of students, statewide, who mastered each of the eleven language arts objectives.



WRITING SAMPLE: AVERAGE HOLISTIC SCORE

WRITING SAMPLE: PERCENT OF STUDENTS AT EACH SCORE POINT





This bar chart illustrates the average holistic writing score of students, statewide.

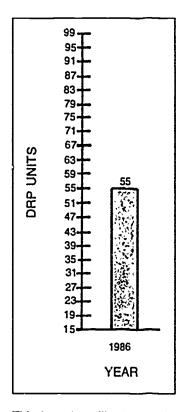
This bar chart illustrates the distribution of students who rece:ved each *holistic writing* score, statewide. Holistic writing scores are interpreted as follows: a student who scores 7 or 8 has produced a paper which is well written with developed supportive detail, a student who scores 5 or 6 has produced a paper which is generally well organized with supportive detail; a student who scores 4 is minimally proficient; and a student who scores 2 or 3 is in need of further diagnosis and possible remedial assistance.

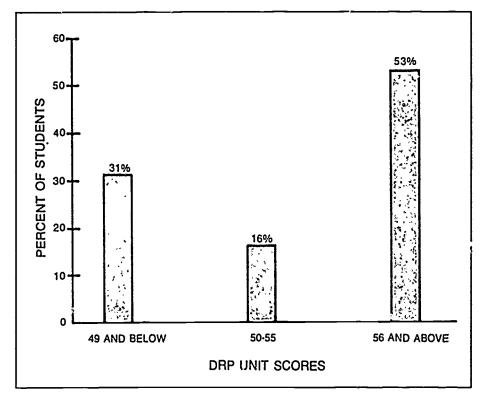
Chart 3 Writing Sample: Percent of Students at Each Score Point



DEGREES OF READING POWER® (DRP)®: AVERAGE DRP UNIT SCORE

DEGREES OF READING POWER® (DRP)®: PERCENT OF STUDENTS AT SELECTED RANGES OF DRP UNIT SCORES





This bar chart illustrates the average *DRP unit* score of students, statewide.

This bar chart illustrates the distribution of students, statewide, scoring in each of three Degrees of Reading Power (DRP) score categories. DRP score categories are interpreted as follows: a student who scores 56 DRP units or above can read, with high comprehension, materials which are typically used at grade 6 or above; a student who scores 50-55 DRP units can read, with high comprehension, materials which are typically used below grade 6 but above the Remedial Standard; and a student who scores 49 DRP units or below is in need of further diagnosis and possible remedial assistance.

Chart 4
Degrees of Reading Power (DRP): Percent of Students
At Selected Ranges of DRP Unit Scores



In writing, sixth grade students averaged 4.7 points on a scale of 2 through 8. The state's goal is that all students be able to produce an organized, well-supported piece of writing, that is, a score of 7 or 8. Chart 3 (p. 15) illustrates that 15 percent of the students produced an organized, well-supported piece of writing (a 7 or an 8 score), and an additional 36 percent produced a paper which is generally well organized (a 5 or a 6 score). Another large group, 27 percent, scored a 4, which is defined as a "minimally proficient piece of writing." A total of 23 percent of the students scored a 2 or a 3, which is below the remedial standard.

In reading (Degrees of Reading Power Test), sixth grade students averaged 55 units on a scale of 15 through 99. The state's goal is that all students be able to read with high comprehension materials typically used at the sixth grade or above, that is, at least 56 on the scale. Chart 4 (p. 16) illustrates that 53 percent of the students secred at least 56 on the reading section, 16 percent scored between 50 and 55, and 31 percent scored below 50, which is the remedial standard. The average score of 55 suggests that Connecticut sixth graders typically can read, with high comprehension, materials normally used up to grade 6.

Test Results by District

Appendix H (p. 63) and Appendix I (p. 79) present a listing of the mathematics and language arts test results, respectively, for Connecticut school districts. School districts are listed alphabetically, followed by regional school districts. The Type of Community (TOC) designation in the second column indicates the group with which each district or school has been classified. A definition of the TOC classifications is provided in Appendix J (p. 87).

Because the most valid comparisons for district scores are longitudinal within each district, the State Department of Education advises against making school district comparisons. The following caution should also be noted:

o It is not appropriate or meaningful to sum across the different tests and subtests because of differences in test length, mastery, and remedial standards. These comparisons are inappropriate since it is impossible to identify, solely on the basis of the above information, how the average student has performed in the districts being compared. Average scores and standard deviations provide more appropriate comparative information on how well the average student is performing, although many factors may affect the comparability of these statistics as well.



Participation Rate Results

Appendix K (p. 89) presents the number of sixth-grade students in each district and the percents of students who participated in the grade six mastery testing during the Fall 1986 statewide administration. The alphabetical listing of districts provides the following information for each district:

Column 1 Column 2	The name of the district. The total sixth-grade population at the start of mastery
COLUMN 2	testing.
Column 3	The number of students eligible for testing.
Column 4	The percent of total population exempted from testing.
Columns 5-8	The percent of eligible students tested in each content
	area.

The results in Appendix K illustrate that participation rates by school district on the sixth-grade CMT were quite high, with only a few exceptions.



APPENDIX A

Grade Six Mathematics Objectives



Grade Six Mathematics Objectives

The 36 objectives of the sixth grade mathematics test are listed below. There are four test items for each objective.

CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDINGS (40)

- 1. Order whole numbers less than one hundred thousand.
- 2. Identify the value of a digit in whole numbers less than one hundred thousand and rewrite whole numbers using expanded notation.
- 3. Rename whole numbers by regrouping 1000's, 100's, 10's and 1's.
- 4. Round whole numbers less than one hundred thousand to the nearest 1000, 100, and 10.
- 5. Multiply and divide multiples of 10 and 100 by 10 and 100.
- 6. Identify equivalent fractions and mixed numbers using pictures.
- 7. Identify equivalent fractions and mixed numbers.
- 8. Identify decimals (.01 to 2.99) from pictorial representations.
- 9. Extend patterns involving numbers and attributes.
- Identify an appropriate procedure for making estimates for whole number computations.

COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS (40)

- 11. Add and subtract 2-, 3- and 4-digit whole numbers and money amounts less than \$100.00.
- 12. Know multiplication and division facts.
- 13. Multiply 2- and 3-digit whole numbers and money amounts less than \$100.00 by 1-digit numbers.
- 14. Divide 2- and 3-digit whole numbers by 1-digit numbers
- 15. Add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers with like denominators (without regrouping mixed numbers).
- 16. Add fractions and mixed numbers with like denominators involving regrouping improper fractions to whole numbers of mixed numbers.
- 17. Add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers with unlike denominators (one denominator a factor of the other).
- 18. Find fractional parts of whole numbers.
- 19. Estimate sums and differences of whole numbers and money amounts.
- 20. Estimate products and quotients of whole numbers and money amounts (1-digit factor and 1-digit, whole number divisor).



PROBLEM SOLVING/APPLICATIONS (44)

- 21. Interpret graphs, tables and charts.
- 22. Identify the graph that best illustrates given data.
- 23. Identify number sentences from problems.
- 24. Solve 1-step problems involving whole numbers and money amounts.
- 25. Solve problems involving making change.
- 26. Solve 1-step problems involving fractions.
- 27. Solve 2-step problems involving whole numbers and money amounts.
- 28. Estimate a reasonable answer to a given problem.
- 29. Identify extraneous information in problems and solve problems with extraneous information.
- 30. Identify needed information in problem situations.
- 31. Solve process problems involving the organization of data.

MEASUREMENT/GEOMETRY (20)

- 32. Identify geometric figures.
- 33. Measure/determine perimeters and areas.
- 34. Estimate lengths and areas.
- 35. Select appropriate metric or customary units and measures.
- 36. Determine elapsed time.

Performance on all 36 math objectives is reported at the student, classroom, school, district and state levels.

(#) Number of items for each content area.



APPENDIX B

Grade Six Language Arts Objectives



Grade Six Language Arts Objectives

There are eleven multiple choice objectives and two holistic measures, one for reading and one for writing, within the sixth grade language arts test.

Writing Mechanics (40)

- 1. Capitalization and Punctuation (12)
- 2. Spelling (9)
- 3. Agreement (15)
- 4. Tone (4)

Study Skills (16)

- 5. Locating Information (11)
- 6. Notetaking and Outlining (5)

Listening Comprehension (20)

- 7. Literal (6)
- 8. Inferential & Evaluative (14)

Reading Comprehension (36)

- 9. Literal (8)
- 10. Inferential (14)
- 11. Evaluative (14)

Degrees of Reading Power (77)

Writing Sample (1)

Holistic scoring provided for all students. Analytic scoring provided for students who score below the remedial standard of 4 (on a scale of 2-8).

Performance on all eleven Language Arts objectives, the Degree of Reading Power, and the Writing Sample is reported at the student, classroom, school, district and state levels.

(#) Indicates the number of items for each content area or objective.



APPENDIX C

Remedial (Grant) Standard-Setting Process



Remedial (Grant) Standard-Setting Process

Background

There are several acceptable strategies for setting standards on criterion-referenced tests. Each of the proposed methods has one or more unique characteristics. One common element to the various methods is that they all offer to the individuals who are setting the standards some process which reduces the arbitrariness of the resulting standard. Different methods accomplish this in different ways. All methods systematize the standard-setting process so that the result accurately reflects the collective informed judgment of those setting the standard.

Types of Standard-Setting Methods

Standard-setting methods can generally be categorized into three types: test question review, individual performance review and group performance review. Test question review methods specify a procedure for standard setters to examine each test question and make a judgment about that question. For example, standard setters might be asked to rate the difficulty or the importance of each question. These judgments are then combined mathematically to produce a standard. Individual performance review methods also require standard setters to make judgments, but the judgments are made on the basis of examining data that indicate how well individual students perform on test items. These data may be based on actual pilot test results or projected results using mathematical theories. In this method, additional student information, such as grades, may also be used to inform the standard setters. Group performance review methods provide for judgments to be made based on the performance of a reference group of students. That is, standard setters review the group performance and make a determination where the standard should be set based on the group results.

Selection of a Standard-Setting Method

Several factors affect the choice of a particular standard-setting method. The type of test is one consideration. For example, some methods are only appropriate for multiple choice questions or for single correct answer questions while other methods are more flexible. For example, time constraints are a consideration if student performance data are necessary. In this case, a pilot test must be conducted and the test results must be analyzed prior to setting the standards. Another consideration is the relative importance of the decisions that will be made on the basis of the standard. For example, a classroom test affecting only a few students would not require as stringent a procedure as would a statewide test determining whether a student is allowed to graduate from high school. Other relevant factors include the number of test items, permanence of the standard, purpose of the test, and the extent of available financial and other resources to support the standard-setting process.



On February 4, 1985, the Mastery Test Psychometrics Committee met to consider the issue of standard-setting procedures and voted unanimously to approve the following proposal.

A PROPOSAL FOR SETTING THE REMEDIAL STANDARDS ON THE CONNECTICUT MASTERY TESTS

- 1. Two standard-setting committees will be created: one for mathematics and one for reading and writing.
- 2. This description of a minimally proficient student will be given to each of the committees:

Imagine a student who is just proficient enough in reading, writing, and mathematics to successfully participate in his/her regular sixth-grade coursework.

3.A In mathematics, an adaptation of the Angoff procedure will be used. The committee will be provided with each item appearing on one form of the mathematics test. The committee will be given the following directions:

Consider a group of 100 of these students who are just proficient enough to be successful in regular sixth-grade coursework. How many of them would be expected to correctly answer each of the questions.

The committee will rate each item. The committee will then be given the opportunity to discuss their rating of each item. Sample pilot data will be presented. Committee members will be given the opportunity to adjust their item ratings. The item ratings will then be averaged in accordance with the Angosf procedure in order to produce a recommended test standard.

- 3.B In reading, the committee will review and discuss each passage of the Degrees of Reading Power (DRP) test. Student performance data will be presented. The committee will consider the reading difficulty that should be expected of a student at the grade level being tested. The committee members will identify the passage that has the appropriate level of reading difficulty consistent with the above description of a minimally proficient student.
- 3.C In writing, the committee will read four sample essays. These essays will have been prescored holistically (on a scale from 2 to 8) in order to rank the quality of the essays. Committee members will classify essays into one of three categories: 1) definitely NOT proficient, 2) borderline, and 3) definitely proficient. These classifications will be discussed in light of the holistic scores. The committee will then classify approximately twenty-five additional essays. The essay ratings will be discussed in the same manner as the original four essays. When all essays have been discussed, the essays which fell in the borderline category will be focused upon to determine the standard. The committee will determine where among the borderline essays, the standard should be established.
- 4. The standards recommended in step 3 will be presented to the Mastery Test Implementation Advisory Committee for discussion and action.



Connecticut's Strategy

Several steps were employed to create an acceptable and valid test standard for Connecticut tests. Initially, a separate standard-setting committee was convened for each test on which standards are to be set. Individuals were chosen to serve as members on the committee on the basis of their familiarity with the area being assessed and the nature of the examinees. One source of such members is the test content committees related to the project. For example, members of the Mathematics Committee were represented on the committee setting standards for the mathematics mastery test.

The actual procedures used to set standards were an adaptation of a method proposed by William Angoff (1970). This test question review method required members of a standard-setting committee to estimate the probability that a question would be correctly answered by examinees who possess no more than the minimally acceptable knowledge or skill in the areas being assessed. Standard setters then reviewed pilot test data for sample items as further evidence of the appropriateness of the judgments being made. The original probability estimates assigned to each test question were reviewed and adjustments made by the standard setters. The final individual item probabilities were summed to yield a suggested test standard for each member of the committee. The suggested standards were averaged across members of the committee to produce the recommended test standard.

The recommended test standard was presented to the Mastery Test Implementation Advisory Committee and the State Board of Education.

In mid-March, Mathematics and Language Arts Standard-Setting Committees met to set the remedial standards for the grade 6 mastery test. The following information summarized the results of the standard-setting activities conducted by CSDE staff:

I. Mathematics (144 item test)

Using the procedures previously outlined, the standard setters rated each item and considered the pilot data. Committee members discussed items and were given the opportunity to adjust their initial ratings. The final ratings were averaged to produce a remedial standard. It is recommended that a raw score of 79 be the remedial mathematics standard. Below is a summary of the ratings.

Procedure	# Judges	Range %	Mean % Correct	Raw Score
Angoff	20	35-62	55	79

II. Reading (Degrees of Reading Power, 77 item test)

Standard setters used two procedures to establish a remedial reading standard. First, they examined the passages in the Degrees of Reading Power (DRP) test, asking themselves which passage is too difficult for the student who is just proficient enough to successfully participate in sixth-grade coursework. Discussion occurred throughout this selection process.



Second, they examined textbooks which are typically used in grades 3 and 4 and selected those textbooks which a minimally proficient student would not be expected to read in order to successfully participate in sixth-grade coursework. Discussion occurred throughout this selection process.

The average readability values of the selected passages and textbooks and the pilot test data were then revealed to the standard setters. The standard setters discussed the readability values and the pilot test data and recommended the DRP unit score of 50 as the remedial standard. This standard was accepted by the State Board of Education at the 75% comprehension level. Below is a summary of the ratings.

Procedure	# Judges	Readability Range	Recommended Remedial Standard	
A. Test Passage Review	25	49-56 DRP Units		
B. Textbook Review	25	47-59 DRP Units	50 DRP Units	

III. Writing (45 minute writing sample)

Using the procedure previously outlined, standard setters read and rated 21 essays written to a narrative prompt and 21 essays written to an expository prompt. After discussions and final ratings, the holistic scores for the papers were revealed to the group. The committee then discussed the appropriate remedial writing standard in light of the degree to which their ratings matched the holistic scores It was the recommendation of the committee that holistic writing score of 4 be used as the remedial writing standard. Below is a summary of the ratings.

NARRATIVE PROMPT Rating After Discussion			
Ho li stic	Definitely		Definitely
Score	NOT Proficient	Borderline	Proficient
2	100%	0%	0%
3	72%	0%	28%
4	9%	0%	91%
5	0%	0%	100%
6	4%	0%	96%
7	1%	0%	99%
8	0%	0%	100%
	EXPOS	ITORY PROMPT	

Holistic Score	Definitely NOT Proficient	Borderline	Definitely Proficient
2	100%	0%	0%
3	100%	0%	0%
4	16%	0%	84%
5	6%	0%	94%
6	0%	0%	100%
7	0%	0%	100%
8	0%	0%	100%
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APPENDIX D

Marker Papers for Holistic Scoring



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my mother my pather - and missister
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times It rains and sometimes it
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to be a greater barrow but
before then I fishe to go
is school and if I'm
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Score Point: 1
This paper is sparse and has a weak organization. There is
little tying together of ideas and the progression is unclear.
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ground. The sister and I make a big pile and jump in
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town and I'm a child

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Score Point: 2
This paper has several reasons with extension on the "snow"
and "leaves" ideas. More elaboration is needed for a higher score.
and "leaves" ideas. More elaboration is needed for a higher score.

I wish I lived in new york.
It would be sold, you would
have to have a fire in the winter The leaves change color. There will
be alot of proffic. The ponds will
turn to thick ice I would like
to live there because you can-
go hunting for deer Und go to
the dumps and see bear. you could
go fishing in the ponds. More
- can se bose ball games. Plus
you can see basketball games,
and hopey games, Some of oney friends
live there. you can get bother
clother Mou can meet lamous
people, and go swimming at the
beaches Plus they have big waves
that now can issum into
The End
Score Point: 2
This writer lists several specific reasons with slight
elaboration on the "cold" and "swimming"ideas. More elaboration
is needed for a higher score.

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CONNECTICUT MASTERY TEST

GRADE 6

WRITING SAMPLE

- My Very Own Island
Then it am artice you ded it will interest
my way was island est in the most lastiful place in the
while world it have to be notice years ild because it will
and so come il cont with
The island has the tollist polon time in the world
Every me has a correcte in them. When it go it is
and be upont to see the book from the whole would
The beach has the sufficient will sent sand socund
- I will nort have discusting food either . I will have
- a hundred year supply of good citing single kind of furth
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Score Point: 2
This paper is organized and presents a number of reasons,
but the supporting detail is vague. More elaboration and
specificity are needed for a higher score.



WRITING SAMPLE CONNECTICUT MASTERY TEST GRADE 6 10

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Score Point: 3
This paper is organized and controlled. There is some
elaboration but development is uneven and the paper does not read smoothly.

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This paper is organized and controlled. The writer provi	ldes
elaboration around the "natural" theme.	
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Score Point: 3
This paper is organized and controlled. The "fruit," "house," and "soccer" ideas are elaborated but listy. More development would contribute to a higher score.
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Italy. It has many fruits acquire there.
The Italians arow oranges, lemony lines, apples
bronnes and other good fruits in the
warm climate.
warm climate. I would have a very
large form and grow all kinds of
cities fruits. My wife and children would
help pick the fruits when they were
ready.
I'd build a big house.
I would have a huge yard and
an inder swimming pool. I would let
my deg go in the pull whorever
she wanted. I would take my ding
and my kids to rome through
. the hige yard He would ply
games in the field.
The main reason I picked
Italy is because I want to
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Soccer- I come about twenty goals
a year. I want to score mark
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team
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CONNECTICUT MASTERY TEST GRADE 6

WRITING SAMPLE

6/13

Score Point: 3 This paper has numerous descriptive details but is somewhat listy. The elaboration of the "Miami Dolphins" idea contributes to achieving a low "3." CONNECTICUT MASTERY TEST GRADE 6

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APPENDIX E

Analytic Rating Guide and Marker Papers for Analytic Scoring



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GRADE SIX ANALYTIC PATING GUIDE

FOCUS: How effectively does the writer unify the paper by a dominant topic?

- 1 = switches and/or drifts frequently from the dominant topic
- 2 = switches and/or drifts somewhat from the dominant topic
- 3 = stays on topic throughout the response

ORGANIZATION: Is there a plan that clearly governs the sequence from the beginning to the end of the response and is the plan effectively signaled?

- 1 = no discernible plan
- 2 = inferable plan and/or discernible sequence; some signals may be
 present
- 3 = controlled, logical sequence with a clear plan

SUPPORT/ELABORATION: To what extent is the narrative developed by details that describe and explain the narrative elements (character, action, and setting)?

- 1 = vague or sketchy details that add little to the clarity of the response or specific details but too few to be called list-like
- 2 = details that are clear and specific but are list-like, or uneven, or not developed
- 3 = well-developed details that enhance the clarity of the response

SENTENCE FORMATION: Are sentences correctly formed?

- 1 = many run-ons, "on-and-ons," fragments, and/or awkward
 constructions--may cause confusion
- 2 = some run-ons, "on-and-ons," fragments, and/or awkward
 constructions--may cause confusion
- 3 = few errors and/or awkward constructions--no confusion

MECHANICS: To what extent does the student use the conventions of standard written English (e.g. spelling, usage, capitalization, punctuation)?

- 1 = many errors
- 2 = some errors
- 3 = few errors



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APPENDIX F

Sample Grade Six Mastery Test Score Reports

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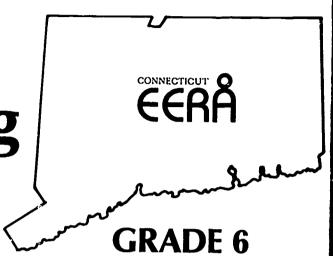
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Connecticut Mastery Testing Program



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Your child's scores on the Connecticut Mastery Test are reported inside.

For a description of the Connecticut Mastery Testing Program, see the back cover of this folder.

For general information about your local district's testing program, please contact your superintendent of schools.

For further information on the Connecticut Mastery Testing Program, contact: Connecticut State Department of Education, Office of Research and Evaluation, Box 2219, Hartford, Connecticut 06145, (203) 566-4001 or 4008



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GRADE 6 REPORT

PART 1

		MASTERY CRITERIA	
OE	BJECTIVES TESTED	NUMBER OF ITEMS CORRECT	STUDENT SCORE
	CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDINGS		
1.	Order whole numbers less than one hundred thousand	3 of 4	
2.	Identify the value of a digit in whole numbers less than one hundred thousand and rewrite whole numbers using expanded notation	3 of 4	
3.	Rename whole numbers by regrouping 1000's, 100's, 10's and 1's	3 of 4	
4.	Round whole numbers less than one hundred thousand to the nearest 1000, 100 and 10	3 of 4	
5.	Multiply and divide multiples of 10 and 100 by 10 and 100	3 of 4	
6.	Identify equivalent fractions and mixed numbers using pictures	3 of 4	
7.	Identify equivalent fractions and mixed numbers	3 of 4	
8.	Identify decimals (.01 to 2.99) from pictorial representations	3 of 4	
9.	Extend patterns involving numbers and attributes	3 of 4	
10.	Identify an appropriate procedure for making estimates for whole number computations	3 of 4	
	COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS		
11.	Add and subtract 2-, 3- and 4-digit whole numbers and money amounts less than \$100.00	3 of 4	
12.	Know multiplication and division facts	3 of 4	
13.	Multiply 2- and 3-digit whole numbers and money amounts less than \$10.00 by 1-digit numbers	3 of 4	
14.	Divide 2- and 3-digit whole numbers by 1-digit numbers	3 of 4	
15.	Add and subtract **ctions and mixed numbers with like denominators (wiout regrouping mixed numbers)	3 of 4	
16.	Add fractions and mixed numbers with like denominators involving regrouping improper fractions to whole numbers or mixed numbers	3 of 4	
17.	Add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers with unlike denominators (one denominator a factor of the other)	3 of 4	
18.	Find fractional parts of whole numbers	3 of 4	
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	PROBLEM SOLVING/APPLICATIONS		
21.	Interpret graphs, tables, and charts	3 of 4	1
22.	Identify the graph that best illustrates given data	3 of 4	
23.	Identify number sentences from problems	3 of 4	
24.	Solve 1-step problems involving whole numbers and money amounts	3 of 4	
25.	Solve problems involving making change	3 of 4	
26.	Solve 1-step problems involving fractions	3 of 4	1
27.	Solve 2-step problems involving whole numbers and money amounts	3 of 4	
28.	Estimate a reasonable answer to a given problem	3 of 4	
29.	Identify extraneous information in problems and solve problems with extraneous information	3 of 4	
30	identify needed information in problem situations	3 of 4	
31.	Solve process problems involving the organization of data	3 of 4	
	MEASUREMENT/GEOMETRY		
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32.	Identify geometric figures	3 of 4	i
33.	Measure/determine perimeters and areas	3 of 4	
34.	Estimate lengths and areas	3 of 4	
35.	Select appropriate metric or customary units and measures		
36.	Determine elapsed time	3 of 4	
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TOTAL NUMBER OF OBJECTIVES MASTERED (out of 36)

NUMBER OF ITEMS CORRECT (out of 144)

(Remedial Standard is 79 of 144 items correct)

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PARENT/STUDENT DIAGNOSTIC REPORT

Dear Parent:

Inside you will find the results of the Connecticut Mastery Test administered to your child earlier this fall. The test results help to show you and the school district's professional staff how well your child is performing on those skills identified by the State of Connecticut as important for students entering sixth grade to have mastered.

These tests are designed to determine the specific skill levels of students. The test results will be used to:

- provide your school with information for use in assessing the progress of individual students over time;
- provide your school with information based on which improvements in the general instructional program can be made; and
- provide information on appropriate basic skills remedial assistance for students so indicated.

Mastery testing will occur each fall in grades four, six, and eight.

If you have any questions about these test results please ask your child's teacher(s). The teacher(s) will share with you other observations and recommendations based on experience in working with your son or daughter during the last several months.

Description of the Test

Mathematics: The mathematics test assesses thirty-six (36) specific objectives in four general areas of: (1) Conceptual Understandings; (2) Computational Skills; (3) Problem Solving/Applications; and (4) Measurement/Geometry. Test items evaluate a student's ability to: order, rename and round whole numbers; identify numerical equivalents; extend patterns; compute with whole numbers, decimals and fractions; estimate with whole numbers and money amounts; interpret tables, charts and graphs; solve problems involving whole numbers, money amounts and fractions; identify extraneous and needed information in problems; measure and estimate lengths and areas; and select appropriate measurement units.

Language Arts: The language arts test covers two general areas: Reading/Listening Comprehension, and Writing/Study Skills. There are eleven (11) objectives and two holistic measures of reading and writing.

The content of Reading/Listening Comprehension consists of narrative, expository, and pers_asive passages on a variety of topics measuring a student's reading and listering at lity in: (i) Literal Comprehension; (2) Inferential or Interpretive Comprehension; and (3) Evaluative or Critical Comprehension. Audio tapes are used to assess a student's listening comprehension ability. Also used is the "Degrees of Reading Power" (DRP) Test which includes eleven (11) passages and seventy-seven (77) test items. It is designed to measure a student's ability to understand nonfiction English prose on a graduated scale of reading difficulty.

The content of Writing/Study Skills consists of three components. First, writing skills are directly assessed. A student is asked to write on a designated topic. The writing is judged on the student's demonstrated ability to convey information in a coherent and organized fashion. Second, the test assesses the mechanics of good writing, which are defined as: (1) Capitalization and Punctuation; (2) Spelling (words, homonyms, and abbreviations); and (3) Agreement; and (4) Tone. Finally the test assesses Study Skills, defined as Locating Information (schedules, maps, index/glossary references, and dictionary usage) and Outlining and Notetaking. This part of the test measures a student's ability to find and use information from listed sources, and to make notes from audio tapes.



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APPENDIX G

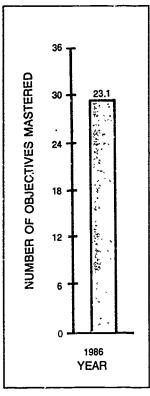
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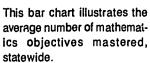
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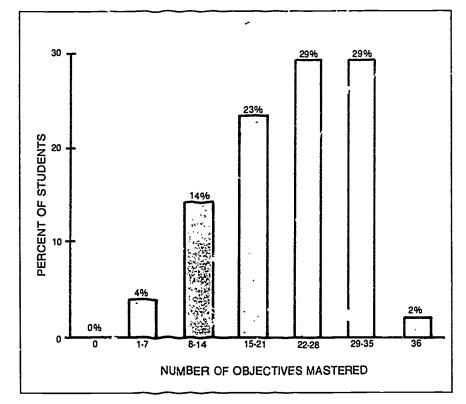


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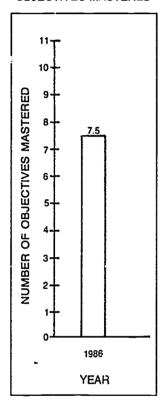


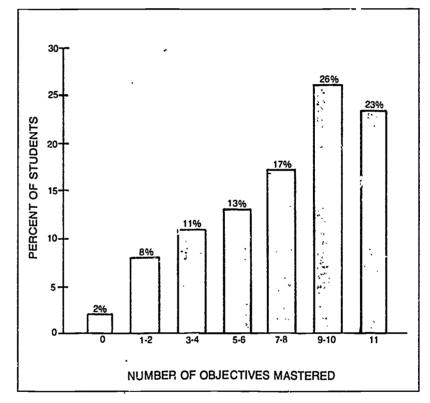
This bar chart illustrates the distribution of students, statewide, who mastered mathematics objectives within each of the seven score categories.



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This bar chart illustrates the average number of language arts objectives martered, statewide.

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Appendix H

State by District Report - October 1986

Grade Six Mathematics Test Results



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Type of Community Classifications



TYPE OF COMMUNITY

- TOC 1 = LARGE CITY a town with a population of more than 100,000.
- TOC 2 = FRINGE CITY a town contiguous with a large city, and with a population over 10,000.
- TOC 3 = MEDIUM CITY a town with a population between 25,000 and 100,000 and not a Fringe City.
- TOC 4 = SMALL TOWN (Suburban) a town within an SMSA* with a population of less than 25,000, not a Fringe City.
- TOC 5 = SMALL TOWN (Emerging Suburban) a town with a population of less than 25,000 included in what was a proposed 1980 SMSA but not included in a 1970 SMSA.
- TOC 6 = SMALL TOWN (Rural) a town not included in an SMSA, with a population of less than 25,000.

*Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area



$\label{eq:APPENDIX} \textbf{K}$ Student Participation Rates

PARTICIPATION RATES FOR SIXTH-GRADE STUDENTS BY DISTRICT SCHOOL YEAR 1986-1987

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	TOTAL	STUDENTS	PERCENT OF STUDENT	PERCENT	OF ELIGIBLE STU	DENTS TES	TED
	SIXTH-GRADE	FITGIRIF	POP EXEMPT				
DISTRICT	POPULATION	STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR TESTING	POP EXEMPT . FROM TESTING	MATHEMATICS	LANGUAGE ARTS	WRITING	READING
ANDOVER	25 [°] 162	25 157	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
ANSONIA	162	157	3.1	99.4	.98.1	100.0	98.7
ASHFORD	37	37	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
AVON	134	131	2.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0 100.0
BARKHAMSTED	33	33	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0 100.0	100.0
BERLIN	171	164	e 4.1	100.0	100.0 100.0	100.0	100.0
BETHANY	69	67	2.9	100.0 100.0	99.5	100.0	100.0
BETHEL	224 195	220 189	3.1	98.9	98.9	98.5	99.5
BLOOMFIELD	133	107	7.0	96.2	96.2	96.2	96.2
BOLTON	57 27	53 27	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
BOZRAH Branford	224	218	2.7	96.3	98.2	100.0	100.0
BRIDGEPORT	1400	1231	12.1	96.3	95.0	98.3	97.7
BRISTOL	478	478	0.0	99.4	99.2	99.6	99.8
BROOKFIELD	181	177	2.2	100.0	99.4	100.0	99.4
BROOKLŶŇ	67	-66	1.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
CANAAN	8	8	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
CANTERBURY	63	52	1.6	100.0	96.8	100.0	96.8
CANTON	90	88	2.2 9.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
CHAPLÍN	32	29		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
CHESHIRE	294	291 37	1.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
CHESTER	37	37	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
CLINTON	174	167	4.0	97.6	97.0	98.8	99.4 99.2
COLCHESTER	125	118	5.6	99.2	99.2	99.2 100.0	100.0
COLEBROOK	_8	8	0.0	100.0	100.0 100.0	98.0	100.0
COLUMBIA	53	50	5.7	100.0 100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
CORNHALL	5 97	5 93	0.0 4.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
COVE TRY	90	93 86	4.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
CROMWELL DANBURY	549	517	5.8	94.8	94.8	94.6	94.8
DARIEN	202	517 183	9.4	100.0	99.5	100.0	100.0
DEEP RIVER	45	45	ő. ó	100.0	100.0	97.8	100.0
DERBY	74	74	0.0	98.6	98.6	100.0	98.6
EASTFORD	11	11	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
EAST GRANBY	43	43	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
EAST HADDAM	79	79	0.0	100.0	. 100.0	100.0	100.0
EAST HAMPTON	101	97	4.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
EAST HARTFORD	361	338	6.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
EAST HAVEN	176	154	12.5	99.4	99.4	100.0	99.4 98.3
EAST LYME	177	177	-0.0	99.4	98.3	99.4 100.0	100.0
EASTON	88	82 92	6.8	100.0	100.0	96.7	97.8
EAST WINDSOR	.98	.92	6.1	95.7	94.6 100.0	100.0	100.0
ELLINGTON	133	119	10.5 0.8	100.0 100.0	99.2	100.0	100.0
ENFIELD	397	394 40	2.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
ESSEX FAIRFIELD	41 450	429	4.7	98.6	96.5	97.4	97.0
FARMINGTON	166	156	6.0	100.0	99.4	100.0	100.0
FRANKLIN	19	. 19	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	200.0
GLASTONBURY	333	321	3.6	99.1	99.1	100.0	99.4
GRANBY	112	111	0.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
GREENWICH	423	414	2.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
GRISHOLD	120	112	6.7	98.2	97.3	100.0	97.3
GROTON	376	370	1.6	98.6	97.8	98.9	98.4
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	TOTAL SIXTH-GRADE	STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR TESTING	PERCENT OF STUDENT POP EXEMPT FROM TESTING	PERCENT	OF ELIGIBLE STU	DENTS TES	TED
DISTRICT	POPULATION	FOR TESTING	FROM TESTING	MATHEMATICS	LANGUAGE ARTS	WRITING	READING
GUILFORD Hamden	239	231	3.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
HAMPTON	328 19	328 16	0.0	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.1
HARTFORD	1692	1445	15.8 14.6	99.4 100.0 97.3	100.0 99.4 100.3 96.3 95.8 97.3 97.0 98.9 99.5 97.7 96.6 97.6	100.0	100.0
HARTLAND	24	24	0.0	37.3	96.3 05.8	99.0 100.0	97.4 100.0
HEBRON .	24 78	75	3.8	100.0 100.0	97.0 97.3	100.0	98.7
KENT	37	33	10.8	97.0 100.0	97.0	100.0	100.0
KILLINGLY	197	197	0.0	100.0	97.0	987.0	97.0
LEBANON	86	83	3.5	96.4 99.5	98.৪	100.0	100.0
LEDYARD Lisbon	217 45	209	3.7	99.5	99.5	99.0	99.0
LITCHFIELD	89	43 88	4.4	97.7	97.7	97.7	97.7
MADISON	189	184	1.1	96.6	96.6	100.0	98.9
MANCHESTER	498	476	2.6 4.4	99.5 99.4	97.8	99.5	99.5
MANSFIELD	110	108	1.8	77.4 100 0	77.4 100 0	100.0	100.0 99.1
MARLBOROUGH	81	80	1.2	100.0 100.0	99.4 100.0 100.0 98.2 100.0	100.0	100.0
MERIDEN	498	436	12.4	98.9	98.2	100.0	99.1
MIDDLETOWN	301	298	1.0	99.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
MILFORD Monroe	449 252	449	0.0	98.9	98.2 99.2	99.1	98.4
MONTVILLE	195	245 '191	2.8	98.0	99.2	99.6	99.2
NAUGATÜCK	350	326	2.1 6.9	99.5	98.4	99.5	99.5
NEW BRITAIN	512	428	16.4	97.5 96.3	97.2	99.1	98.5
NEW CANAAN	198	198	0.0	99.5	100.0	99.8 100.0	97.9 100.0
NEW FAIRFIELD	171	166	2.9	100.0	78.3	100.0	100.0
NEW HARTFORD	64	63	1.6	100.0	98.4 97.2 96.0 100.0 78.3	100.0	98.4
NEW HAVEN	1124	1004	10.7	100.0	99.3 100.0	100.0	100.0
NEWINGTON	268	265	1.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
NEW LONDON NEW MILFORD	243 337	232	4.5	99.6	98.7	99.6	98.7
NEWTOWN.	337 277	321	4.7	99.7	98.7 99.4 99.1	99.7	99.7
NORFOLK	237 13 175	228 13	3.8 0.0	99.1 100.0	99.1	99.6	99.1
NORTH BRANFORD	175	174	0.6	100.0	100.0 100.0	100.0 100.0	100.0
NORTH CANAAN	38	34	10.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0 100.0
NORTH HAVEN	239	218	8.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
NORTH STONINGTON	239 68 666	66	2.9 3.9	100.0 100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
NORWALK	666	640	3.9	98.1 98.8	100.0 97.2	100.0	98.6
NORWICH OLD SAYBROOK	361 104	347	3.9	98.8	98.6	99.7	99.1
ORANGE	162	102 159	1.9	100.0	98.6 100.0 97.5	100.0	100.0
OXFORD	100	94	6.0	98.1 100.0	3/.5 100 0	98.7	99.4
PLAINFIELD	187	177	5.3	98.3	100.0 98.3	100.0 100.0	100.0 98.3
PLAINVILLE	156	154	1.3	99.4	100.0	100.0	98.7
PLYMOUTH	160	153	4.4	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7
POMFRET	42	41	2.4	100.0	100.0	97.6	100.0
PORTLAND Preston	97	97	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
PUTNAM	38 94	38	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
REDDING	93	92 84	2.1 9.7	98.9	95.7	100.0	100.0
RIDGEFIELD	276	274	9.7 0.7	98.8 98.9	100.0	100.0	103.0
ROCKY HILL	119	115	3.4	99.1	77.3 08 7	99.3	99.3
SALEM	47	47	0.0	100.0	99.3 98.3 100.0	100.0 100.0	99.1 100.0
SALISBURY	30	24	20.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
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	TOTAL	STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR TESTING	PERCENT OF STUDENT POP EXEMPT FROM TESTING	PERCENT	OF ELIGIBLE STU	DENTS TES	TED
	SIXTH-GRADE	ELIGIBLE	POP EXEMPT				
DISTRICT	POPULATION	FOR TESTING	FROM TESTING	MATHEMATICS	LANGUAGE ARTS	MRITING	READING
				100.0	00.7	92.3	92.3
SCOTLAND	15	13	13.3	100.0	92.3	100.0	100.0
SEYMOUR	126	125 17	0.8	100.0	99.2	100.0	100.0
SHARON	18	17	5.6	100.0	100.0 99.0	99.7	100.0
SHELTON	307	291	5.2	99.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
SHERMAN	29	28	0.8 0.6 5.2 3.4 1.1 3.3	100.0	99.2	100.0	99.6
SIMSBURY	262	259	1.1	100.0 98.9	98.9	100.0	100.0
SOMERS	90	87	3.3 4.6	99.6	99.6	99.8	99.6
SOUTHINGTON	479	457	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
SOUTH WINDSOR	254	254	10.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
SPRAGUE	37	33 103	10.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
STAFFURD	115 774	103 724	6.2	98.5	97.5	99.6	98.5
STAMPUKU	20	726 19	5.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
STAFFORD STAMFORD STERLING STONINGTON	169	158	5.0 6.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
STRATFORD	. 397	370	8.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
SUFFIELD	137	137	0.0	99.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
THOMASTON	63	63	0.0	100.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
THOMPSON	82	71	13.4	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6
TOLLAND	160	160	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
TORRINGTON	283	264	6.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
TRUMBULL	340	340	0.0	99.7	99.7	100.0	99.4
UNION	7	7	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
VERNON	303	295	2.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
VOLUNTOWN	26	22	15.4	90.9	95.5	100.0	95.5
WALLINGFORD	440	403	8.4	98.8	99.0	99.3	99.3
WATERBURY WATERFORD	956	889	7.0	97.1	97.2	98.9	99.3
WATERFORD	161	155	3.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
MATERTOWN	201	169	15.9	100.0	100.9	100.0	100.0 100.0
WESTBROOK	54	52	3.7	100.0	100.0 99.8	100.0 100.0	100.0
WEST HARTFORD	543	526	4.0	99.8 99.7	99.2	99.5	100.0
MEST HAVEN	417	37.5	10.1	100.0	99.0	100.0	100.0
WESTON	105	104	1.0 5.4	99.5	96.2	100.0	98.6
WESTPORT	222	210	6.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
WETHERSFIELD	236	221	4.1	100.0	97.2	97.2	97.2
MILLINGTON	74	71	1.0	99.5	99.0	100.0	100.0
WILTON	204 119	202 111	6.7	95.5	95.5	100.0	97.3
WINCHESTER	209	183	12.4	91.3	90.7	95.6	93.4
MINDHAM	263	263	0.0	100.0	98.9	100.0	100.0
WINDSOR WINDSOR LOCKS	113	112	0.9	190.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
WOLCOTT	153	150	2.0	100.0	100.0	100.U	100.0
WOODBRIDGE	97	97	0.0	100.0	99.0	100.0	99.0
MODERTECK	60	59	1.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
HOODSTOCK REGION VI	60	· 56	6.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
REGION X	172	172	0.0	94.2	94.2	94.2	93.6
REGION XII	70	69	1.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
REGION XIII	113	113	$\ddot{0} \cdot \ddot{0}$	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
REGION XIV	118	108	8.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
REGION XV	223	208	6.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0 100.0
REGION XVI	159	156	1.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	97.7
REGION XVII	135	131	3.0	97.7	97.7	97.7	97.7 97.2
REGION XVIII	111	108	2.7	97.2	97.2	97.2	71.2

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