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Data for More Accountability Indicators Now on EdSight Public

An October 9, 2018, letter explains the changes that will be incorporated in the 2017-18 accountability results (anticipated in December). In the meantime, school and district-level results for several indica-



tors (2, 4, 8, and 9) are already posted on <u>EdSight</u>. Indicator 2 is Academic Growth for the all students group and high needs students. Specifically, Indicator 2 is based on the average percentage of growth target achieved. These data were posted on August 31, and are available through the Performance tab of <u>EdSight</u>. Chronic absenteeism for all students and the high needs group is Indicator 4. Updated Indicator 4 data became available recently in the Students section of EdSight listed under Attendance. Indicators 8 and 9 are graduation rates available in the Performance section of <u>EdSight</u>. Indicator 8 is the 2016-17 four-year rate for all students and was released in April. Indicator 9, posted recently, is the 2014-15 six-year rate for high needs students.

New English Learner Reports on EdSight Public and Secure

The CSDE has released its first reports on English Language Proficiency assessment (LAS Links). There are three reports available: achievement, mastery, and growth. The achievement reports describes how English learners performed on the LAS Links in a given year on all domains (the listening, speaking, reading and writing subtests and the composites of oral, literacy, comprehension, productive and overall). Users can look up the number/percentage of students meeting or exceeding the proficiency performance level as well the scale score (if viewing data by grade). The mastery report shows the number and percentage of students who met the CSDE's English mastery standard. The growth report shows the number/percentage of students of matched students achieving academic growth from one grade to the next based on the LAS Links growth model. These reports are available on both EdSight public at http://edsight.ct.gov and for authorized users on EdSight Secure.

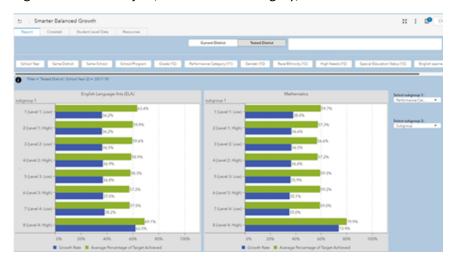
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Enhancements to EdSight Secure Smarter Balanced Reports

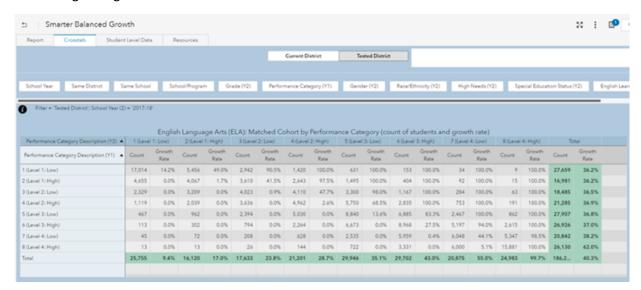
You asked and we listened! Thanks to all who attended an EdSight Secure session at the Performance Matters Forum. Because of feedback from attendees and other users, we have made several enhancements to the EdSight Secure Smarter Balanced Reports.

Smarter Balanced Growth Report:

Report tab - We are now displaying ELA and Math results in two side-by-side charts and have added new values of Performance Category (1-8) and School Year in the subgroup dropdowns. These enhancements allow users to compare growth across Subject, Performance Category, and School Year all within *EdSight Secure*.



Crosstab (New) - We have added a Crosstab section that shows growth achieved according to the Performance Categories for two years. This new section was based on requests from districts to allow for easier identification of who is and is not growing.



Smarter Balanced Achievement Report:

EdSight Public Report (New) – We have added a new report that mirrors the EdSight Public report. This report allows users to view the unsuppressed data in the same format as the EdSight Public report.

Accountability Quiz

Test your understanding of Connecticut's Next Generation Accountability System with our new <u>online quiz!</u>
Answer questions in as many of the five categories as you can, then submit your answers to get helpful feedback, videos, and links to more information. Check it out here!

The Connecticut Next Generation ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

Take the Quiz!



District and School Leaders Inform Accountability, Reporting, and Assessment Systems

The CSDE created the Accountability Advisory Group during the 2013-14 school year to seek ongoing district and school feedback on critical matters related to accountability, reporting, and assessment. Over the last five years, the CSDE has convened the group periodically when faced with key decisions that can be made only after hearing and developing an understanding of the school and district perspective. During the initial meetings, the group assisted in refining the indicators of the Next Generation Accountability System. One area in which the group's perspective was particularly powerful was in the development of the



Connecticut growth model. Collectively, the members challenged CSDE staff to think differently about student growth and advocated for a model that would value all growth across the Smarter Balanced scale rather than focusing on achievement levels exclusively. The group met recently to discuss a variety of topics including EdSight public and secure reporting.

The Accountability Advisory Group is comprised of school principals and district administrators across 12 districts. Current members are listed below.

Bethany Silver, Bloomfield Trevor Ellis, Principal, Carmen Arace Middle School Sarah Vocca, CREC Tim Barber, Principal, University of Hartford Magnet School Richard Shellman, Principal, Oliver Wolcott Technical High School Brian Hendrickson, Ellington Anne Keene, Guilford Alvin Larson, Meriden Miguel Cardona, Meriden Tricia Putnam, New Britain Damon Pearce, Principal, New Britain High School Michele Sherban, New Haven Medria Blue-Ellis, Principal, Engineering and Science University Magnet Diane Filardo, Norwalk Kristin Goldstein, Principal, Cranbury Elementary School Tara Battistoni, Waterbury Lauren Elias, Principal, Waterbury Arts Magnet School Paul Vicinus, West Hartford Neil Weathers, Windham

CAS Conversations Podcast About EdSight

A <u>podcast</u> about the features and functions of EdSight is available on the <u>CAS website</u>. In this podcast, CAS Past President Dr. Rosie Vojtek and CSDE Chief Performance Officer Ajit Gopalakrishnan talk about what school leaders need to know in order to use EdSIght effectively. Ajit provides an in depth look at the state's Early Indication Tool, which allows users to search, filter, export and analyze student data and uses statistical methods to identify students who may be at-risk of missing milestones and/or dropping out. CAS conversations is produced monthly and features guest speakers who provide information to help school leaders succeed.



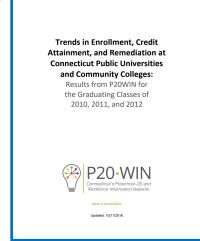
Trends in Enrollment, Credit Attainment and Remediation

The Trends in Enrollment, Credit Attainment, and Remediation at Connecticut Public Universities and Community Colleges report for the 2010, 2011, and 2012 graduating classes is now available on EdSight. This work was possible through Connecticut's Preschool-20 and Workforce Information Network (P20-WIN), and collaboration between CSDE, UCONN, and Connecticut State Colleges and Universities.

Highlights from this report include:

- Approximately 40% of each graduating class attended one of CT's publicly funded centers for higher education.
- Of those students, nearly 2/3 completed at least one year's worth of credits within their first 16 months.

For more information, including remediation data, district/school- level data, and demographic differences, download the report.



2018 National Blue Ribbon Schools Announced

Governor Dannel P. Malloy announced in an October 1, 2018, <u>press release</u> that the U.S. Department of Education has named four Connecticut public schools as 2018 National Blue Ribbon Schools – an annual award bestowed on schools across the nation for high academic performance or greatest progress in achievement gap closure among subgroups.

The four Connecticut public schools awarded this year are:

- 1. University of Hartford Magnet School, a CREC school;
- 2. Forest School in West Haven;
- 3. West School in New Canaan; and
- 4. Haddam-Killingworth High School in Regional School District 17.

For more information about the program, please visit the <u>USED's National Blue Ribbon Schools Program webpage</u>.