

“State of the Schools”

A Clear Path Forward

December 4, 2024

*Where we create an inspiring, challenging, and supportive environment
where students are encouraged and assisted in reaching their highest
potential.*



Priorities

Focus on improving outcomes for Westerly students



Attendance

Significantly reduce chronic absenteeism. Create the conditions that enable students to be in school and learning.



Postsecondary Success

Students are graduating prepared to succeed after K-12 in college and/or careers



High-Quality Teaching & Learning

Deep focus on high quality teaching and learning to improve outcomes in ELA and Math across all grade levels



Equity Gaps

For each of these outcomes, focus on closing equity gaps, with a focus on MLL, Economically Disadvantaged, & Students with Disabilities populations



Attendance

Significantly reduce chronic absenteeism. Create the conditions that enable students to be in school and learning.

Westerly has collectively focused on significantly reducing student chronic absenteeism throughout the district.

Why Attendance Matters:

Significantly exacerbated during the pandemic

Clear performance gaps for chronically absent students

Single biggest predictor of dropping out before graduation

Linked to suspension and mental health issues

17.8% of Westerly students were chronically absent in the 2022-23 school year.



By the Numbers: 2023-2024 Westerly (RI)


37(31)
Percent of students proficient in ELA on RICAS

34(30)
Percent of students proficient in math on RICAS

41(31)
Percent of students proficient in science on NGSAs

56(48)
Percent of students proficient in ELA on SAT

18(22)
Percent of students proficient in math on SAT

Number of Students Tested in Westerly:				
RICAS			SAT	
ELA	Math		Math	ELA
937	941		160	160

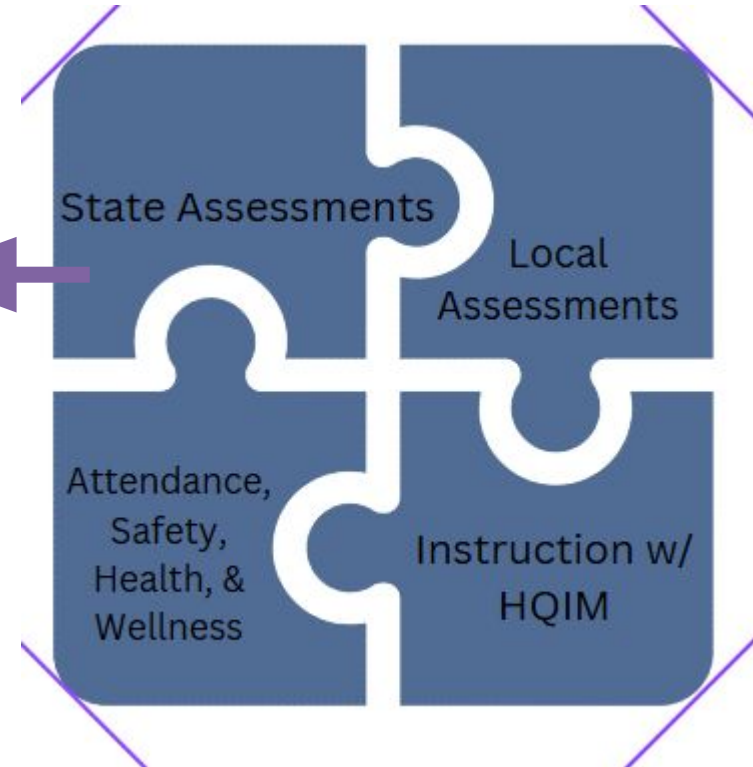
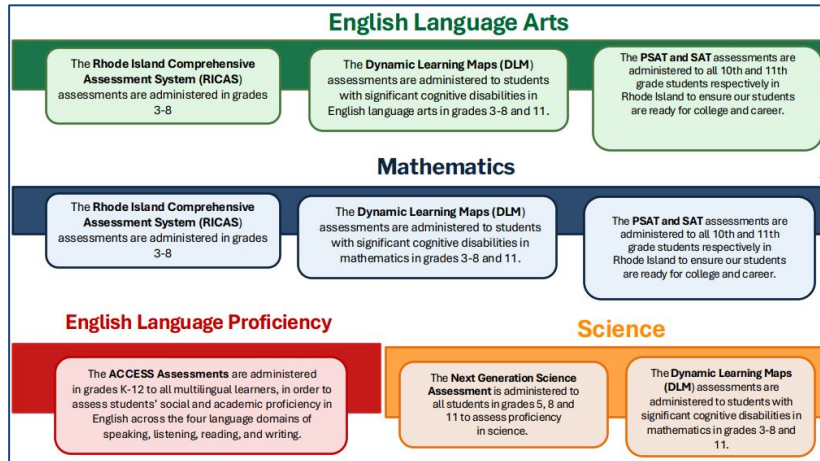
RICAS Subgroup Performance

- 23%** of economically disadvantaged students are proficient in ELA
- 17%** of economically disadvantaged students are proficient in math
- 9%** of differently-abled students are proficient in ELA
- 10%** of differently-abled students are proficient in math
- 21%** of multilingual learners are proficient in ELA
- 21%** of multilingual learners are proficient in math
- 69%** Excited MLL are proficient in ELA
- 69%** Excited MLL are proficient in Math



State Assessments:

The purpose of state assessment is to provide information about student progress, school performance, and how to improve teaching and learning (Balcony View).



Summary of ELA RICAS Results

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RICAS ELA: Westerly Percent Meeting and Exceeding Expectations

Name	Students Tested		Performance				Meeting or Exceeding Expectations
	#	%					
2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : All Groups	937	99.0%	17.8%	45.1%	32.4%	4.6%	37%
2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : All Groups	57976	98.9%	26.5%	42.7%	26.1%	4.7%	30.8%

RHODE ISLAND at a Glance:

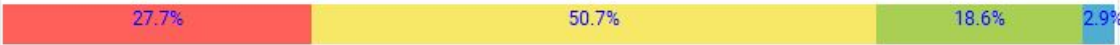



- ***Approximately one in three RI students is proficient in reading in grades 3-8.***
- RI performance in **ELA decreased 2% overall** from 2023.
- Similar trends are seen in Massachusetts with a **3% overall decrease in ELA.**

Other information we consider in our work:

- ***172 Westerly*** students scored between a 490-499 (Level 2). If they moved to a Level 3 then we would hit **51% proficiency**
- ***14% of the 17.8%*** of students scored a 469 (Level 1). If they moved to a Level 2 then we would decrease Level 1 to **under 15%**









RICAS ELA: Percent of Economically Disadvantaged Students Meeting and Exceeding Expectations

Name	Students Tested		Performance	Meeting or Exceeding Expectations
	#	%		
2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Economically Disadvantaged	339	98.5%		21.5%
2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Not Economically Disadvantaged	598	99.3%		45.8%
2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Economically Disadvantaged	26758	98.4%		16.5%
2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Not Economically Disadvantaged	31218	99.2%		43%







RICAS ELA: Meeting and Exceeding

Expectations by Multilingual Learner Status

	Name	Students Tested		Performance				Meeting or Exceeding Expectations
		#	%					
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Current English Learners	28	100.0%	32.1%	46.4%	21.4%		21.4%
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Not English Learners	893	99.0%	17.7%	45.4%	32.3%	4.7%	37%
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Recently (3 yrs) Exited English Learners	16	100.0%	31.3%	62.5%	6.3%		68.8%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Current English Learners	7742	98.8%	58.4%	36.1%	5.5%	0.1%	5.6%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Not English Learners	48784	98.9%	21.9%	43.5%	29.2%	5.4%	34.6%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Recently (3 yrs) Exited English Learners	1450	99.5%	12%	52.7%	32.7%	2.6%	35.3%



RICAS ELA: Students with Disabilities Meeting and Exceeding Expectations

	Name	Students Tested		Performance				Meeting or Exceeding Expectations
		#	%					
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Students with Disabilities	177	96.2%	52.5%	39%	8.5%	8.5%	
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Students without Disabilities	760	99.7%	9.7%	46.6%	38%	5.7%	43.7%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Students with Disabilities	10274	97.0%	63.7%	31.2%	4.8%	0.3%	5.1%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Students without Disabilities	47702	99.3%	18.5%	45.2%	30.7%	5.6%	36.3%





Summary of Math RICAS Results

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RICAS Westerly Percent Meeting and Exceeding Expectations





	Name	Students Tested		Performance				Meeting or Exceeding Expectations
		#	%					
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : All Groups	941	98.8%	14.7%	50.9%	30.9%	3.5%	34.4%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : All Groups	58963	98.7%	23.6%	46.3%	26%	4%	30.1%

RHODE ISLAND at a Glance:

- ***Approximately one in three RI students is proficient in mathematics in grades 3-8.***
- RI performance in **Mathematics** remained **relatively unchanged**.
- Similar trends are seen in Massachusetts with **no change in mathematics** from 2023.



RICAS Math: Percent of Economically Disadvantaged Students Meeting/ Exceeding Expectations

	Name	Students Tested		Performance				Meeting or Exceeding Expectations
		#	%					
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Economically Disadvantaged	343	98.3%	25.1%	57.7%	16.3%	0.9%	17.2%
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Not Economically Disadvantaged	598	99.2%	8.7%	47%	39.3%	5%	44.3%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Economically Disadvantaged	27365	98.1%	35.4%	49.1%	14.4%	1.1%	15.5%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Not Economically Disadvantaged	31598	99.3%	13.4%	43.9%	36.1%	6.6%	42.7%







RICAS Math: Meeting/Exceeding Expectations by Multilingual Learner Status

	Name	Students Tested		Performance				Meeting or Exceeding Expectations
		#	%					
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Current English Learners	34	100.0%	32.4%	47.1%	14.7%	5.9%	20.6%
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Not English Learners	891	98.8%	14.3%	51.4%	31.2%	3.1%	34.3%
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Recently (3 yrs) Exited English Learners	16	100.0%	31.3%	50%	18.8%		68.8%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Current English Learners	8812	98.6%	49.9%	41.9%	7.7%	0.5%	8.2%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Not English Learners	48699	98.7%	19.2%	46.8%	29.3%	4.7%	33.9%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Recently (3 yrs) Exited English Learners	1452	99.6%	11.9%	55%	28.9%	4.2%	33.1%



RICAS Math: Students with Disabilities

Meeting/Exceeding Expectations

	Name	Students Tested		Performance				Meeting or Exceeding Expectations
		#	%					
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Students with Disabilities	179	97.3%	44.7%	45.3%	9.5%	0.6%	10.1%
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Students without Disabilities	762	99.2%	7.6%	52.2%	36%	4.2%	40.2%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Students with Disabilities	10266	96.9%	56.5%	36.7%	6.4%	0.5%	6.9%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Students without Disabilities	48697	99.1%	16.7%	48.3%	30.2%	4.8%	35%



Summary of Glows and Grows by Schools SES, SSS, DCS, & WMS

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Summary of ELA & Math SAT Results

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Changes to the SAT Suite of Assessments

- As of March 2024, College Board fully transitioned to the digital SAT Suite of Assessments. Here's what we need to know:
 - SAT continues to measure the same core reading, writing and mathematics with updates to item types.
 - The digital SAT assessments are adaptive, giving each student a unique test.
 - College Board implemented a new scoring methodology. The new process is more precise and measures students' knowledge and skills with more accuracy.
 - This scoring method is used by many national assessments including NAEP, PARCC, and most state assessments.
 - These enhancements may have affected student testing experiences and results for spring 2024.
- While these changes are a step forward toward a modern assessment program, the updates to the testing mode, new item types and new scoring method must be considered when comparing scores from prior years. Changes in performance may be impacted by changes to the assessment.
- The 2024 digital SAT marks a new baseline for score comparisons, so comparing scores to the paper-based version of the assessment must be done with caution.



SAT: Percent of Students Meeting the College and Career Ready

SAT - English Language Arts/Literacy

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	Name	Students Tested		Performance				Meeting or Exceeding Expectations	Average Scale Score
		#	%						
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : All Groups	160	100.0%	21.9%	22.5%	48.1%	7.5%	55.6%	491
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : All Groups	10071	95.8%	33.6%	18.6%	37.3%	10.5%	47.8%	470

SAT - Mathematics

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	Name	Students Tested		Performance				Meeting or Exceeding Expectations	Average Scale Score
		#	%						
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : All Groups	160	100.0%	35%	47.5%	15.6%	1.9%	17.5%	453
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : All Groups	10124	95.5%	44%	34.3%	16.9%	4.9%	21.7%	446



SAT ELA: Percent of Students by Subgroup Meeting CCR



	Name	Students Tested		Performance				Meeting or Exceeding Expectations
		#	%					
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Economically Disadvantaged	35	100.0%	28.6%	22.9%	45.7%	2.9%	48.6%
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Not Economically Disadvantaged	125	100.0%	20%	22.4%	48.8%	8.8%	57.6%
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Students with Disabilities	17	100.0%	52.9%	11.8%	35.3%		35.3%
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Students without Disabilities	143	100.0%	18.2%	23.8%	49.7%	8.4%	58%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Economically Disadvantaged	3897	93.6%	49.9%	20.3%	26.8%	3%	29.8%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Not Economically Disadvantaged	6174	97.2%	23.3%	17.5%	44%	15.2%	59.2%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Students with Disabilities	1260	89.2%	75.4%	14.9%	9.4%	0.3%	9.7%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Students without Disabilities	8811	96.8%	27.6%	19.2%	41.3%	11.9%	53.3%



SAT Math: Percent of Students by Subgroup Meeting CCR

	Name	Students Tested		Performance	Meeting or Exceeding Expectations
		#	%		
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Economically Disadvantaged	35	100.0%		8.6%
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Not Economically Disadvantaged	125	100.0%		20%
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Students with Disabilities	17	100.0%		0%
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Students without Disabilities	143	100.0%		19.6%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Economically Disadvantaged	3931	93.3%		8.9%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Not Economically Disadvantaged	6193	97.0%		29.9%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Students with Disabilities	1252	88.6%		2%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Students without Disabilities	8872	96.6%		24.5%



Summary of ELA & Math PSAT Results

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PSAT: Percent of Students Meeting the College and Career Ready (CCR) Benchmark in ELA and Math

PSAT - English Language Arts/Literacy

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	Name	Students Tested		Performance	Meeting or Exceeding Expectations	Average Scale Score
		#	%			
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : All Groups	170	96.0%	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 8.8% 18.8% 55.9% 16.5% </div>	72.4%	484
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : All Groups	10119	94.0%	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 20.1% 21.2% 46.8% 11.9% </div>	58.7%	450

PSAT - Mathematics

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	Name	Students Tested		Performance	Meeting or Exceeding Expectations	Average Scale Score
		#	%			
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : All Groups	169	95.5%	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 17.8% 52.7% 27.2% 2.4% </div>	29.6%	440
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : All Groups	10227	93.8%	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 36.1% 39.4% 18.8% 5.8% </div>	24.5%	418



PSAT ELA: Percent of Students by Subgroup Meeting the College and Career Ready (CCR) Benchmark

	Name	Students Tested		Performance	Meeting or Exceeding Expectations
		#	%		
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Economically Disadvantaged	46	86.8%		50%
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Not Economically Disadvantaged	124	100.0%		80.6%
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Students with Disabilities	12	80.0%		25%
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Students without Disabilities	158	97.5%		75.9%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Economically Disadvantaged	4117	90.3%		42.5%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Not Economically Disadvantaged	6002	96.7%		69.8%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Students with Disabilities	1308	87.1%		19%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Students without Disabilities	8811	95.1%		64.6%

The percentage of students tested is below 85%. Results may have been different if more students had taken the test.



PSAT Math:Percent of Students by Subgroup Meeting the College and Career Ready (CCR) Benchmark

	Name	Students Tested		Performance				Meeting or Exceeding Expectations
		#	%					
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Economically Disadvantaged	45	⚠️ 84.9%	33.3%	57.8%	6.7%	2.2%	8.9%
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Not Economically Disadvantaged	124	100.0%	12.1%	50.8%	34.7%	2.4%	37.1%
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Students with Disabilities	11	⚠️ 73.3%	81.8%	18.2%			0%
	2023-24 : Westerly : All Schools : All Grades : Students without Disabilities	158	97.5%	13.3%	55.1%	29.1%	2.5%	31.6%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Economically Disadvantaged	4176	90.1%	51.9%	36.4%	9.9%	1.8%	11.7%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Not Economically Disadvantaged	6051	96.5%	25.2%	41.5%	24.9%	8.5%	33.4%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Students with Disabilities	1300	86.6%	76%	21.2%	2.4%	0.4%	2.8%
	2023-24 : Statewide : All Grades : Students without Disabilities	8927	94.9%	30.3%	42%	21.2%	6.5%	27.7%

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Summary of Glows and Grows - WHS

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