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Register Now for 2022 Performance Matters Forum

The 2022 Performance Matters Forum (PMF) is scheduled for Thursday, October 13, 2022, at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford. [Register ASAP](#) by Wednesday, October 5, 2022.

[Register Now](#)

Date: Thursday, October 13, 2022

Time: 8:00 a.m. Registration (sessions run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.)

Location: Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford, CT (Parking will be validated)

<https://www.ctconventions.com/>

This year's conference, at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford, will once again feature "curated roundtables" for discussions on topics such as assessment, talent strategies, college and career readiness, student and family engagement, school climate, multilingual learners, and curriculum development all with an eye toward improving outcomes through equity.

See <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Performance/Performance-Matters-Forum/2022/PMF-Session-Descriptions-Sessions-Times.pdf>

Accountability Update

The CSDE is deferring the removal of Family Consumer Sciences (FCS) from Indicator 5 calculations. For the 2021-22 accountability calculation, FCS will remain as a cluster for Indicator 5.

Over the coming year, the CSDE will work closely with educators in Career and Technical Education (CTE) to help schools rebrand and reimagine their FCS courses so that they can be reflected in one of the 16 CTE clusters.

EdSight Updates

New Reports

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Four Connecticut Public Schools Named 2022 National Blue Ribbon Schools

Governor Ned Lamont and Connecticut Education Commissioner Charlene Russell-Tucker congratulated four public schools in Connecticut on being named by the U.S. Department of Education as 2022 National Blue Ribbon Schools. This award is given annually to select schools across the nation for demonstrating overall high achievement or success in closing achievement gaps. [See Press Release.](#)



The four schools are:

- **Booth Hill School** in Trumbull
- **E.O. Smith High School** in Regional School District 19 (Ashford, Columbia, Coventry Eastford, Mansfield, Willington, and Windham);
- **Great Plain School** in Danbury
- **Whiting Lane School** in West Hartford

The CSDE uses data from the Next Generation Accountability System to nominate schools for the National Blue Ribbon School award. Given the recent pause in accountability determinations, current recipients were nominated based on 2018-19 accountability results. Nominated schools must complete an application process and be approved by the U.S. Department of Education. All selected schools in Connecticut were designated as Schools of Distinction. National Blue Ribbon Schools are identified in two categories: exemplary high performing **and** exemplary achievement gap closing.

CSDE Announces Winners of the 2021-22 FAFSA Challenge, Launches Year 3 of the Program

Governor Ned Lamont and Education Commissioner Charlene Russell-Tucker celebrated schools and districts around Connecticut for successfully improving Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion rates through the CSDE’s second annual FAFSA Challenge. They also announced the [continuation of the FAFSA Challenge](#) during the 2022-23 school year.

During the 2021-22 school year, 40 high schools across 19 districts participated in the FAFSA Challenge. On average, participating schools increased FAFSA completion rates by more than 8 percentage points, from 41.9% in 2020-21 to 50.1% in 2021-22. During that same time, statewide FAFSA rates rose slightly from 54.9% to 56.4%. In total, 38 of the 40 challenge high schools saw year-over-year increases, and 30 of the 40 challenge high schools met or exceeded the five-point growth goal. See [statewide FAFSA report](#) for detailed information.

2021-22 FAFSA Challenge Award Winners

	Governor's Award Recipients	Commissioner's Award Recipients
<i>FAFSA Challenge Schools</i>	Bridgeport Military Academy, Bridgeport Public Schools (Small)	Ansonia High School, Ansonia Public Schools (Small)
	Bassick High School, Bridgeport Public Schools (Medium)	Torrington High School, Torrington Public Schools (Medium)
	Bristol Eastern High School, Bristol Public Schools (Large)	Enfield High School, Enfield Public Schools (Large)
<i>All Other Schools</i>	Synergy Alternative Program, East Hartford Public Schools* (Small)	Amistad Academy, Achievement First (Small)
	Waterbury Career Academy, Waterbury Public Schools (Medium)	Waterbury Career Academy, Waterbury Public Schools (Medium)
	Francis T. Maloney High School, Meriden Public Schools (Large)	South Windsor High School, South Windsor Public Schools (Large)

**Winner of the 2020-2021 Connecticut FAFSA Challenge*

The CSDE has also identified [73 schools that are eligible](#) to apply for the 2022-23 FAFSA Challenge. Please see [FAFSA Completion Copy \(ct.gov\)](#) for the [application overview document](#) and a [link to the online application](#).