

CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
 Division of Teaching and Learning Programs and Services  
 Bureau of Early Childhood/Career and Adult Services  
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**PROFILE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS**  
**FY 2003-2004**

**FULL DAY**

A *full-day* kindergarten program provides nine hundred hours of actual schoolwork for a minimum of 180 days.

80 School districts offer at least some full day kindergarten. A full-day kindergarten program provides 900 hours of actual school work for a minimum of 900 hours.

On the basis of the October 1, 2003 student census report submitted to the State Department of Education, there are 32 school districts with full-day kindergarten for all children. Those districts are:

Ansonia	New Haven	Winchester
Bethany	North Canaan	Windham
Bloomfield	North Haven	Wolcott
Bridgeport	Norwalk	Woodbridge
Chaplin	Old Saybrook	Regional Dist. # 18
Eastford	Putnam	CREC
Greenwich	Scotland	Education Connection
Hampton	Stamford	CES
Hartford	Waterbury	ACES
Middletown	West Hartford	LEARN
Milford	Weston	

In addition, 5 Charter Schools provide full-day kindergarten for all children.

New Beginnings Family Academy	Bridgeport
Highville Mustard	Hamden
Jumoke Academy	Hartford
Side-By-Side Community School	Norwalk
Integrated Day	Norwich

In 10 school districts, the majority of the children are in full-day kindergarten programs with the rest in half-day or extended day kindergarten programs. These districts and the percentage of children in full-day kindergarten programs are:

Clinton	98.9%	Thomaston	87.9%
Newington	98.2%	Woodstock	74.7%
New London	95.4%	West Haven	65.6%
Kent	93.1%	Danbury	59.0%
Windsor Locks	88.0%	Thompson	52.6%

In 33 school districts the majority of the children are **not in** full-day kindergarten programs, but rather half-day or extended day kindergarten programs. These districts and the percentage of children in full-day kindergarten programs are:

New Britain	44.7%	Willington *	16.7%	Southington *	1.8%
Stratford	43.8%	Cromwell	20.3%	Plainville *	1.7%
Windsor	42.7%	Seymour	9.6%	Columbia *	1.6%
Hamden	41.6%	Meriden	9.1%	Waterford *	1.1%
Watertown	39.7%	Enfield	8.4%	Berlin *	0.8%
Fairfield	37.2%	Lebanon *	6.8%	New Milford	0.8%
Manchester	37.1%	East Hampton *	5.6%	Portland *	0.8%
Derby	36.1%	East Haddam *	3.3%	Shelton *	0.7%
Sterling	35.4%	District No. 15 *	2.9%	Vernon	0.7%
Groton	21.2%	Guilford *	2.6%	Glastonbury *	0.4%
East Hartford	20.5%	Montville *	2.5%		
		Ridgefield *	2.0%		

\* 10 or less children in full-day kindergarten programs.



## **EXTENDED DAY**

**An *extended-day* kindergarten program provides more than four hundred and fifty hours but less than nine hundred hours of actual schoolwork for a minimum of 180 days.**

In 27 school districts, all of the children are in extended-day programs.

Bozrah	Easton	Orange	Somers
Brookfield	East Haven	Plymouth	Suffield
Canaan	Ellington	Preston	Tolland
Colebrook	New Canaan	Redding	Westbrook
Cornwall	Newtown	Region # 17	Westport
Coventry	Norfolk	Salisbury	Wilton
Darien	Norwich	Sherman	

## **HALF DAY**

**A *half-day* kindergarten program provides four hundred and fifty hours of actual schoolwork for a minimum of 180 days.**

There are 61 school districts that offer half-day kindergarten programs. The districts listed in **bold** with an asterisk (\*) provide service to some children in extended-day programs but the majority of the children are in half-day programs.

Andover	East Windsor	Naugatuck	Stonington
Ashford	Essex	New Fairfield	Torrington
Avon	Farmington	New Hartford	Trumbull
Barkhamsted	Franklin	North Branford	Union
Bethel	Granby	North Canaan	Voluntown
Bolton	Griswold	North Stonington	Wallingford
Branford	Hartland	Oxford*	Wethersfield
Bristol	Hebron	Plainfield	Regional District # 6
Brooklyn	Killingly	Pomfret	Regional District #10
Canterbury	Ledyard	Rocky Hill	Regional District #12
Canton	Lisbon	Salem	Regional District #13
Cheshire *	Litchfield	Sharon	Regional District #14
Colchester	Madison	Simsbury	Regional District #16
Deep River *	Mansfield	South Windsor *	
East Granby	Marlborough *	Sprague	
<b>East Lyme *</b>	Monroe	Stafford	