

East Granby Public Schools Ed-lines Budget Supplemental Edition –2016

Vision Statement

The East Granby Public Schools is a learning community where students are inspired and engaged in rigorous and authentic learning experiences that prepare them to meet the demands of a changing world. Students pursue knowledge in 21st century learning environments that foster individual talents, skills, and interests so they may achieve their personal and career goals. Educators, parents, students, and community partners are important stakeholders in the success of the East Granby Public Schools. Together we work to ensure that students achieve high expectations and actualize their full potential to contribute to society.

East Granby Public Schools Accolades

- Elementary Schools - District of Distinction in CT. Invention Convention
- R. D. Seymour School – School of Distinction for performance on SBAC
- R. D. Seymour School Odyssey of the Mind State Champions and 3rd place finish in World Competition
- Middle School Students – 6 years winners in DAR Essay Contest – highest number of participants in CT Invention Convention
- Middle School Students win top honors in the 2016 University of Connecticut Student Writers Contest
- EGHS – 2013 Excelling School of Distinction
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- EGHS – 2015 School of Distinction (1 of only 5 high schools on the state list)
- EGPS – 2013 14 Best Bang for the Buck School District
- East Granby - Top 5 small Town for education – 2013 (CT magazine)
- EGHS – 2014 AP Honor Roll
- EGHS – 2015 AP Honor Roll
- EGHS - 2015 Newsweek Top 500 High School
- EGHS - 2015 Newsweek Top 10 High School in CT
- Students at EGHS consistently outperform DRG D peers on state assessments
- EGPS – SS meets all SPED indicators each year
- Pre-School enrollment has increased, expanded to three classrooms
- District has maintained stable enrollment and high performance
- Superintendent Award - District of Distinction for Associates of Science degree program

East Granby High School



Carl D. Allgrove Elementary



R.D. Seymour Elementary School



East Granby Middle School



Budget Message

EAST GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEWS **Message to East Granby Community**

On Thursday, March 24, 2016, at 7:30 p.m., the East Granby Board of Finance directed the East Granby Board of Education to prepare and present a 2.98% (increase of \$465,000) budget at the Public Hearing scheduled for April 5, 2016. The Board of Education approved 3.22% budget was presented at the Board of Finance meeting on March 15, 2016.

The 2.98% budget presents several risks associated with the operation of the school system in 2016-2017. The major areas driving the increase in the operating budget include the town approved contractual obligations for the certified bargaining units – teachers and administration - pending non-certified contract negotiations, business insurance, Special Education, and out-of-district magnet school enrollments. A complete list of line items affected was shared with the Board of Finance. The district anticipates that it will receive \$891,249 in grants from federal and state sources in the 2016-2017 fiscal year to support personnel after school programs, academic interventions, technology, special education, and academic programs.

The Board of Education's operating budget expenditures support the basic educational goals and programs in all four district schools. The primary goals to provide high quality educational experiences that prepare students to achieve at high levels in each grade be competitive, college and career ready, and successful in their future endeavors.

The administration works diligently each year to pursue any and all appropriate operational efficiencies that include:

- Re-negotiating new contracts with vendors;
- Taking advantage of collaborative opportunities for, professional development, special education services, and transportation;
- Pursuit of additional grant funding where eligible;
- Combined purchasing with the town;
- Continuing a comprehensive preventative maintenance plan for mechanical systems, and;
- Upgrading the infrastructure in the schools to achieve operating efficiencies and safety.

The 2.98% budget reflects a reduction of one retiring elementary teacher, a paraprofessional, zero percent increases on most line items, and reductions in another ten line items. In recent years we have increased fee structures for participation in extra-curricular activities and parking, benefited from additional funding from OPEN CHOICE to support technology integration, and pursued other state and local grants that help offset expenses related to security improvement initiatives. In the past few years, we have seen increasing enrollment, increased expenditures for students leaving East Granby to enroll in magnet schools, and expenses related to requirements to provide for our students with special needs.

In spite of our operating with restricted budgets, student performance has improved significantly as we continue to be judicious and creative in using the operating budget. Our practice of deliberately incorporating value added programs has helped tremendously in the effort to address the unique and diverse needs of our students and increase student and school performance. Grants and school-community partnerships have provided resources to enhance the curriculum, and provide academic assistance to students in need. Recent accolades at every school level are evidence that students are benefiting and succeeding.

The Board of Education requested funding level at 3.22% for the 2016-2017 school year is critical to achieving the educational goals established for students and schools. We must maintain our momentum and continue to provide high quality and authentic educational experiences that will allow us to continue to

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attract new residents to the town to strengthen the tax base. We continue to take advantage of our assets and partnerships with the business community and higher education to ensure that our students graduate from the East Granby Public Schools with meaningful credentials earned while participating in our high quality educational program.

“The community public schools are the greatest discovery – and the cornerstone – of our democratic society.” – Horace Mann

The high performing East Granby Public Schools are the cornerstone of East Granby and must be adequately supported in order for the community as a whole to thrive.

We invite you to join the conversation and the effort to ensure that the East Granby Public Schools continue to provide learning experiences of the highest caliber and the community continues to be proud of its public schools.

On April 5, 2016, the Board of Education will present the 2016-2017 budget at the Public Hearing.

The Board of Selectmen will set the date and time for the referendum at the Town Meeting. The Board of Education has no opportunity to advocate for the budget after the referendum date is set. Therefore, it is imperative that you engage in the process well before that date. Official Board of Education documents will be posted on line at the official district website www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us after budget related meetings. Thank you for the many ways you have expressed your appreciation for the total educational program, and supported all students.

Christine F. A. S. Mahoney, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools

2.98% Directed Budget

	Amount
Contractual Obligations (Salary & Benefits)	\$270,050
Special Education	\$233,400
All Other Line Items	(\$38,450)
TOTAL	\$465,000

Message from Joe Doering East Granby Board of Education Chairperson

As many of you are aware, we are now well into the budget preparation process. There are some very important factors that I hope all of you will keep in mind as the process continues. The first is that after looking at all of the budget drivers and the cost of maintaining an excellent education for all of the students in the East Granby Public School system, the Board of Education presented the Granby Board of Finance with a 3.21% recommended budget. The total request was for \$15,610,000. Budget drivers, such as contractual obligations and union negotiations, as well as special education costs make up the majority of that number.

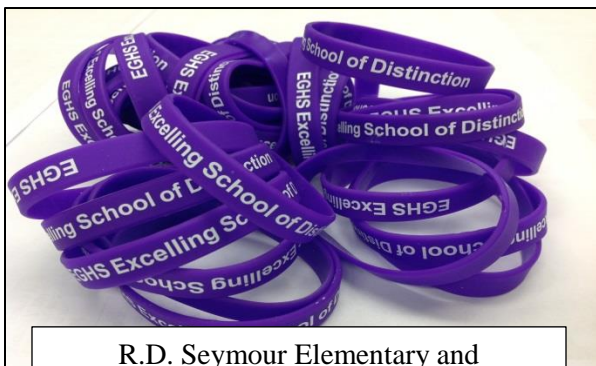
On March 24, 2016, the Board of Finance came back to the school board with a 2.98% budget. While that may not seem like much from a percentage point perspective, it is frankly not sufficient to maintain an award winning and innovative school system, which our students, faculty and our entire community deserve. That number basically flat lines our education spending.

Some of the many risks associated with the Board of Finances recommended budget, will mean that we will not have the ability to meet the needs of the Technology Education department. It does not protect us from negative effects of employee turnover and frankly the 2.98% number does not sufficiently support the needs of our award winning and nationally recognized school district.

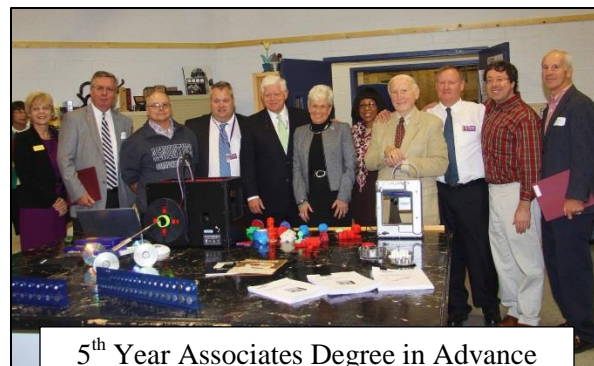
We are also one of the few towns in our state that is not dealing with declining enrollment. People are moving to East Granby and children are thriving, due in large part to the quality of our educators and our reputation for providing students with an excellent education.

That is what the East Granby Board of Education wants for the future as well, to provide each and every student the education they deserve. While many have shown their support for our schools, which is very much appreciated, now more than ever we need your voices to be heard in support of the board's original budget proposal.

I ask you to please plan on attending the public hearing on April 5, 2016 at 7:30 that will be held at the East Granby High School Auditorium and allow your voices to be heard before the window of opportunity for all of us to do what is right for the future of public education in our community closes. Thank you for your continued support.



R.D. Seymour Elementary and
East Granby High School
Schools of Distinction



5th Year Associates Degree in Advance
Manufacturing Technology
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

2016-2017 Board of Education Budget 2.98%

		EAST GRANBY BOARD OF EDUCATION			
		2016-2017 DIRECTED BUDGET			
		SUMMARY REPORT	SUMMARY REPORT		
		DIRECTED	CURRENT YEAR		
		2016-2017	2015-2016	Inc(Decr) \$	Inc(Dec) %
2.98%	Description	Budget	Budget	15-16 Budget	15-16 Budget
111	Certified Salaries	7,559,007	7,454,010	104,997	1.41%
112	Non Certified Salaries	1,446,630	1,431,972	14,658	1.02%
121	Certified Salaries-Substitutes	124,279	124,279	0	0.00%
122	Non Certified Salaries-Substitutes	7,500	7,500	0	0.00%
125	Certified Substitutes - Contracted	19,110	19,110	0	0.00%
131	Other Salaries	233,894	261,792	(27,898)	-10.66%
210	Group Health & Life Insurance	2,381,110	2,315,074	66,036	2.85%
220	Employer FICA	110,812	112,552	(1,740)	-1.55%
221	Employer Medicare	131,767	126,352	5,415	4.29%
230	Employer Pension	65,918	53,089	12,829	24.16%
250	Unemployment	20,000	20,000	0	0.00%
260	Workers Compensation	109,228	107,031	2,197	2.05%
320	Professional Development	72,000	85,739	(13,739)	-16.02%
322	Assessment Services	1,039	1,039	0	0.00%
330	Professional Services	402,865	402,865	0	0.00%
340	Data Processing Services	24,719	24,719	0	0.00%
411	Water / Sewage	24,950	26,950	(2,000)	-7.42%
421	Rubbish Removal	10,515	10,515	0	0.00%
430	Contracted Maintenance Services	199,159	231,302	(32,143)	-13.90%
435	Repairs to Buildings	53,200	53,200	0	0.00%
440	Rental - Gas Cylinders	175	175	0	0.00%
510	Pupil Transportation	848,961	788,354	60,607	7.69%
520	Property Insurance	29,113	30,015	(902)	-3.01%
521	Liability Insurance	30,524	29,024	1,500	5.17%
523	Errors & Omissions Insurance	19,642	18,398	1,244	6.76%
530	Telephone and Internet	38,867	38,867	0	0.00%
531	Postage	10,200	9,190	1,010	10.99%
540	Advertising	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
550	Job Printing & Binding	9,470	5,995	3,475	57.98%
561	Public School Tuition	263,139	469,340	(206,201)	-43.93%
563	Private School Tuition	883,755	410,025	473,730	115.54%
580	Travel & Conferences	12,541	13,354	(813)	-6.09%
582	Field Trips	2,500	3,005	(505)	-16.81%
610	Instructional Supplies	101,299	101,299	0	0.00%
612	Custodial Supplies	30,250	26,000	4,250	16.35%
621	Natural Gas	25,500	25,500	0	0.00%
622	Electricity	311,118	311,118	0	0.00%
623	Propane Gas	525	525	0	0.00%
624	Heating Oil	97,850	115,680	(17,830)	-15.41%
640	Books/Textbooks/Workbooks	105,454	105,454	0	0.00%
643	Subscriptions/Licenses	142,466	110,323	32,143	29.14%
730	Equipment	25,063	25,062	0	0.00%
810	Memberships & Special Programs	57,888	68,207	(10,319)	-15.13%
811	Legal Expenses	30,000	35,000	(5,000)	-14.29%
	Total Expenditures	16,075,000	15,610,000	465,000	

The 2016-2017 2.98% Budget with Risks

2016-2017 BOARD OF EDUCATION

2015-2016 Board of Education Budget is \$15,610,000. The Board of Finance has given us a directive of 2.98% or an additional \$465,000. With this directive, the Board of Education has prepared a budget that reflects cost adjustments as well as risks affecting several line items:

THE 2.98% BUDGET INCLUDES (with RISKS)

- Meets the contractual obligations of the certified and administrative unions.
 - (RISK): reduces money for In School Suspension and 504 Tutors
 - (RISK): reduces one Para Professional position and retired elementary teacher
- The non-certified contract is presently under negotiations.
 - (RISK): the negotiations are in the initial stages and the outcome is unknown at this time
 - Legal fees have been adjusted to reflect two bargaining units in negotiations.
- Includes anticipated increases in Business Insurances of 7%, Worker's Compensation 10%
- Includes the increase for **known** Special Education Tuition and Transportation costs
 - (RISK): Does not budget for any changes to the tuition or transportation lines
- Includes continuation of the Late Bus
- Includes reduction of #2 fuel oil costs to \$1.90/gallon.
- Includes the continuation of our electricity contract at \$.0985

REDUCTIONS MADE

- Reduction to the Professional Development line
 - (RISK): requires the continuation of grants to support Professional Development
- Reduction to the following line:
 - Water and Sewage
 - Travel and Conferences
 - Field Trips
 - Memberships and Special Programs
 - (RISK): reductions do not allow for any changes

CRITICAL NEEDS NOT ADDRESSED WITH THE 2.98%

- Zero Percent increase on multiple line items that have historically exceeded the budgeted amount:
 - Substitute teacher lines
 - Assessment Services
 - Professional Services
 - Rubbish Removal
 - Contracted Maintenance Services
 - Repairs to Buildings
 - Telephone and Internet
 - Advertising
 - Instructional Supplies
 - Natural Gas, Electricity, Propane Gas
 - Books/Textbooks/Workbooks
 - Subscriptions/Licenses
 - Equipment
- No additional funds for students going out to Magnet Schools
- No additional funds to support growing needs in Special Education

East Granby Public Schools Grants 2015-2016

Grant	Duration	Grant Amount	Grant Used for
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)	7/1/2015-6/30/17	\$147,639	Funds and supports the education of students with special needs—paraprofessional salaries, special education teacher (part-time), technology and software to support students with reading disabilities
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Preschool	7/1/2015-6/30/17	\$763	Supports Preschool students with special needs and parent workshops
Title I	7/1/2015-6/30/17	\$54,383	Supports basic academic improvement programs—Literacy and Math Interventions, professional services, parent activities, early literacy
Title II	7/1/2015-6/30/17	\$10,694	Teacher and principal training, teacher professional development, materials for teacher training
Title III	7/1/2015-6/30/16	\$2,399	English Language Acquisition and Language Enhancements—instructional materials for professional development for ELL tutors
CHOICE Tuition	7/1/2015-6/30/16	\$485,576	Funds to support the educational program in East Granby Public Schools including curriculum personnel and academic support tutors, supplies and technology
CHOICE Academic and Social Support Grant (CASS)	7/1/2015-6/30/16	\$160,075	Academic and structured social supports for students
CSDE Technology Grant 2016	1 Time Only	\$19,250	Supports the acquisition of technology for instructional assessment
Carl Perkins Grant	Consortium	\$6,375	Supports Technology Education, Consumer Science and Business
Rockbestos	Annual	\$5,000	Supports equipment and instructional supplies
TOTAL	5.7% of E.G. Budget	\$891,249	
Security Grant 7/1/2014-7/30/15	1 Time Only	\$176,465	Capital grant for security initiatives. State portion \$176,465, Town Portion \$228,550, Total \$405,015
2015-16 Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Contribution		\$25,000+	
NOTE Two Year Grants—The amount shown is spent over the two years.			

East Granby Public Schools...

- 52% of East Granby Teachers are on the 2 highest steps in the teacher’s salary grid.
- 88% of East Granby Teachers have a Master’s Degree or above.
- The average experience of an East Granby Teacher is 12 years.
- 54 East Granby students participate in magnet school programs, 8 in Bloomfield & Suffield Vo-Ag, and 11 in technical schools
- East Granby is in District Reference Group (DRG) D.
- 2014-2015 Per Pupil Expenditure is \$17,552

INDICATORS OF EDUCATIONAL NEED



INDICATOR	OUR DISTRICT
Students eligible for free/reduced lunch	118
Students not fluent in English	11
Students identified as Gifted or Talented	6
Students receiving Special Ed and 504 services	158
Homeless	0
Juniors or Seniors working >16 hours per week	30

- ☞ Is one of the smallest Pre-K-12 districts in Connecticut
- ☞ **Instituted Connecticut’s First Fifth Year High School Associates in Science Degree program in Advanced Manufacturing Technology.**
- ☞ Participates in the *College Now, and College Connections* programs
- ☞ Has a vibrant Family Resource Center that serves students in an Integrated Pre-School
- ☞ High School is #1 in DRG-D for percentage of students taking and succeeding in Advance Placement courses
- ☞ Offers Tech Prep and Articulated courses for college credit from Asnuntuck Community College
- ☞ Enrolls 57 CHOICE students
- ☞ **East Granby High School and R. D. Seymour School named “Schools of Distinction”**
- ☞ Collaborates with the town on projects and initiatives as appropriate
- ☞ Is a member of Farmington Valley Education Resource Collaborative (ERC)
- ☞ Collaborates with Windsor Locks to provide Adult Education
- ☞ **High school is recognized by the American Red Cross for successful blood drives**
- ☞ **High school yearly takes top honors in the Greater Hartford County Mathematics League**
- ☞ Has an award winning high school band
- ☞ **Has more than 70% of enrolled students on athletic teams**
- ☞ Has received SDE recognition for compliance with Special Education requirements

EGHS Class of 2015 College & University Acceptance and Attendance

	Army		
	Asnuntuck Community College		University of New Hampshire
	Becker College		
	Central Connecticut State University		
	Clark University		
	Connecticut School of Broadcasting		
	Dean College		
	Eastern Connecticut State University		
	Elmira College		
	Emerson College		
	Fordham University		
	George Mason University	UMASS AMHERST	Connecticut School of Broadcasting
	Gordon College		
	Hamilton College		
	Holyoke Community College		
	Keene State University		
	Manchester Community College		
	Marinello Schools of Beauty		
	Messiah College		FORDHAM UNIVERSITY THE JESUIT UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
	Monmouth University		
UNIVERSITY OF Rhode Island	Navy		
	New England Institute of Technology		
	Northeastern University		
	Rochester Institute of Technology	HOLYOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE Futures Inspired	UNH UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN
	Roger Williams University		
	Southern Connecticut State University		
	University of Connecticut		
	University of Massachusetts		
	University of New Hampshire		
	University of New Haven		
	University of Rhode Island		
	University of Vermont	GORDON COLLEGE	KEENE STATE
	Westfield State University		
			
			
			
	EMERSON COLLEGE	DEAN COLLEGE A.D. 1865	UNITED STATES NAVY
			
The UNIVERSITY of VERMONT			Rochester INSTITUTE of TECHNOLOGY 1829
			
	MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY		
			
UCONN	U.S. ARMY	NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY CENTER FOR TECHNOLOGY & INDUSTRY	Westfield STATE UNIVERSITY Founded 1838
			
		Roger Williams University	GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

Giving Back to the Community

- 🏠 Carl Allgrove School's traditional **Labors of Love** project raised \$1,125.00 (2015) which was used to purchase children's winter coats, hats, gloves, and scarves. The clothing items were donated to the Internal House in Hartford and The Network Against Domestic Abuse in Enfield.
- 🏠 Carl Allgrove School promotes lifelong reading by inviting community members to read to students as part of the yearly "**Readers and Leaders**" activity.
- 🏠 Carl Allgrove School recognized the service, honor and bravery of Veterans from the East Granby community and our Allgrove families with an assembly and special classroom presentations for **Veterans Day**.
- 🏠 In the spring (2015), Carl Allgrove students participated in "**Jump Rope for Hearts**". Students raised \$9,454.00 which was donated to the American Heart Association.
- 🏠 At Halloween, Carl Allgrove and R. D. Seymour students collected \$370.90 for **UNICEF**.
- 🏠 In the spring, the children of Carl Allgrove School conducted a food drive to benefit the **East Granby Food Pantry**. We even had two students who were inspired to initiate with their Boy Scout Troops.
- 🏠 In December, R. D. Seymour Student Council held a canned food drive to support the East Granby Food Bank. In all, they collected over 300 items to help families in need in East Granby.
- 🏠 The Middle School Language Arts department hosts an annual Poetry Café Night where friends and family enjoy original poetry written and delivered by 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.
- 🏠 Two East Granby Middle School students are holding a "Hat Day" to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation in February.
- 🏠 "Top Turkey"- For the second year in a row, EGMS students spearheaded the Top Turkey food drive resulting in hundreds of food items, as well as monetary donations being collected for the East Granby Food Pantry. This year's drive was led by eighth graders Grace Hall and Leah Langhoff.
- 🏠 This winter the students from East Granby Middle School conducted a food drive to benefit the East Granby food Pantry.
- 🏠 East Granby Middle School students helped to organize and implement the annual Veteran's Day Program. Students served as guides throughout the day and helped make the Veteran's Day luncheon a success.
- 🏠 East Granby Middle School staff participated in the "Passionately Pink for the Cure" fundraiser in October 2015.
- 🏠 Technology Education students build bluebird houses every year in the Middle School. This work increases the bluebird population in East Granby and makes life more enjoyable for all our citizens and the bluebirds!
- 🏠 East Granby Middle School students are participating in the Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program by raising salmon eggs in the 8th grade science classroom. Baby fish will be released in the spring to stock Salmon Brook.
- 🏠 East Granby Middle School 8th grade students continue to spearhead and improve the school's recycling program. This year, the funds collected from recycled bottles and cans are being donated to the Make a Wish Foundation and a local animal shelter.

Giving Back to the Community

- 🏠 EGMS students organized a Skiathon in order to raise funds for the Make a Wish Foundation. Last winter, EGMS students organized a Skiathon which raised a considerable amount of funds for the same charitable organization.
- 🏠 As part of their twenty hour community service requirement, East Granby High School students volunteered at a number of local organizations including: Hoops for Heart (with students at Seymour School), Windsor First Congregational Church Youth Mission, East Granby Parks and Recreation, FAVARH (providing animal contact therapy for individuals with disabilities), The Hartford Project, East Granby Public Library, Super Sneaker Fun Camp, East Granby Congregational Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, EquiStrides, animal therapy, Best Buddies (academic mentoring), East Granby Volunteer Fire Department, East Granby Police Cadet Program, St. Francis Hospital, East Granby Land Trust, Heads Up Hartford, South Park Inn Shelter, and House of Bread. Each year, East Granby students provide several thousand hours of community service.
- 🏠 The East Granby High School Student Council organized a “giving tree” which donated mittens, hats, and gloves to local shelter.
- 🏠 East Granby High School Spanish students work with elementary students each spring as they study “Mariposas”. They also host a Senior Citizen Day each May, when local senior citizens are treated to a concert and luncheon at the school.
- 🏠 Each spring, the East Granby drama club puts on a show for the community.
- 🏠 Every Veterans Day, East Granby High School holds a ceremony in recognition of the veterans’ service and sacrifice, followed by guest speakers and a luncheon.
- 🏠 The East Granby High School band and choir perform each year at the East Granby Women’s Club “Winter Wonderland”.
- 🏠 East Granby High School also supports the East Granby Land Trust.
- 🏠 East Granby High School students are engaged in our community in the following ways: students from our manufacturing and business classes tour local industries such as CBS Manufacturing and Minolta. Guest speakers from the community come in and share their expertise in our business and foods classes, we partner with the Bradley Regional Chamber of Commerce, the local Rotary Club, and Farmington Valley Health District to create community gardens. Lastly, F.B.L.A. is partnering with “Friend to Friend” thrift shop.
- 🏠 The East Granby High School band performs each year at the Big E, Memorial Day Parade, and graduation.



Achievements

Over the years, students in the East Granby Public Schools have met or exceeded performance expectations both in and out of the classroom, earning a respectable list of accolades that demonstrate their talents, academic and athletic prowess. Each subsequent year, the list of accomplishments grow, further demonstrating that the educators and learners in the East Granby learning community have embraced a learning culture grounded in expectations for high performance. The districts' students and schools have excelled in many different ways:

- ☞ Carl Allgrove School held its Fourth Annual Invention Convention in the spring 2015. Six students participated and one was selected to represent our school at the statewide Connecticut Invention Convention which was held at UCONN in May. In addition, all the students had the opportunity to showcase their inventions at the State Capitol and in our community.
- ☞ The annual Carl Allgrove/R.D. Seymour Art Show is a community highlight each spring. Every student in both schools is represented at the show with several pieces of art work. The Art Show is an exciting and valuable experience for our children and their families as it is a *celebration of the artistic achievements of all of our elementary students.*
- ☞ Art work from the students at Allgrove and Seymour Schools will be proudly displayed in the Connecticut Culture Gallery at the Bradley International Airport again this spring. This will be our third opportunity to share the creativity and talent of our young and talented artists. Mrs. Goff, our shared art teacher, was again contacted by the Connecticut Office of the Arts (Department of Economic and Community and Development; Offices of the Culture and Tourism) to invite us to showcase our students' art.
- ☞ Mural Mosaic Project: Allgrove received a generous donation from the Caitlin Roy and Matthew Fournier Memorial Fund to complete a large scale art project. A committee of interested staff put together design ideas which were submitted to the artists from The Art Spot. The artists captured our ideas and created a design. They then spent three full days at Allgrove School in the spring teaching the children about the mosaic technique. Every individual both children and adults assembled the mosaic piece by piece. The result is a stunning art work that represents the heart of Allgrove Elementary School. We are sincerely grateful for the generous donation from the families of Caitlin Roy and Matthew Fournier.
- ☞ Allgrove Blooms Readers has become an annual event. Classrooms put together a spring flowering planter for sale at the art show. The proceeds are used to purchase books for the classrooms.
- ☞ Based on 2014-15 data, R.D. Seymour School was named "School of Distinction" by the Connecticut State Department of Education.
- ☞ Congratulations to last year's Odyssey of the Mind team at R. D. Seymour School for going to the World Level.
- ☞ R. D. Seymour School is proud of the additional programs it offers its students to help them achieve success including: M.A.C. (Morning Activity Club), Seymour Mileage Club, Children's Stage Adventures, Star Reader Program, Norman Rockwell Museum In-School Presentation, Math Fact Fluency Club, Homework Club, Drawing Club, Crocheting Club, Invention Convention, Chess Club, Scrapbooking Club, Fitness Club, and Yearbook Club.

Achievements

- ☞ East Granby Middle School sends three teams every January to the Kids' Lit Quiz held at Central Connecticut State University. This is an international literature quiz held in the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Canada, Singapore, Hong Kong and the USA.
- ☞ Congratulations to EGMS students for winning first and second place in the Abigail Phelps Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Competition! One student's essay has been entered into the state competition. Both students will be recognized by members of the Abigail Phelps Chapter at a meeting and reception in March. EGMS 8th graders have won the Abigail Phelps chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution essay competition five years in a row.
- ☞ Seven EGMS students were invited by their English teachers to enter the 2016 University of Connecticut Student Writers Contest which receives thousands of submissions a year. One seventh grader won the non-fiction category and her work will be published in the Connecticut Student Writers magazine. Three students received Honorable Mentions for their submissions of poetry and non-fiction. They will be recognized at UConn's Recognition Ceremony in May.
- ☞ In the 2015-2016 school year, all seventh and eighth graders are participating in EGMS's Invention Convention and ten percent of our students will once again go on to the state convention.
- ☞ The band and chorus students have had several amazing concerts each year for the community which are free and open to the public.
- ☞ The band and chorus students have attended a number of music festivals where individual students have won awards for their outstanding performances.
- ☞ East Granby Middle School 8th graders won the Abigail Phelps chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution essay competition five years in a row
- ☞ Four East Granby Middle School 7th graders placed first in the group documentary division in the regional competition of National History Day and one 8th grader placed 1st in the 2014 Individual Research Paper Division
- ☞ The first Annual Middle School Invention Convention was focused on student imagination and creativity. We had more State recognized inventors than any other school with a total of 9. One of our inventors won the 'Promising Young Women Inventor' Award. We had a winner of the 'CASE Sponsor' Award. An East Granby Middle School inventor also won the 'CT Environmental Forum Award' and the 'Northeast Utilities Energy Award'
- ☞ The Student Support Services Department annually meets all the indicators in the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) District Performance Profile
- ☞ *New Program In East Granby Offers 5-Year Associate in Science Degree In Manufacturing Technology (Hartford Courant, Nov. 2014)* – CT's First High School Fifth Year Associates in Science in Advanced Manufacturing Technology was started at East Granby High School. The manufacturing training program in collaboration with **Asnuntuck Community College** and East Granby Manufacturers was launched in 2014. The model is being replicated in other Connecticut school districts and Community Colleges.
- ☞ The Connecticut State Department of Education named East Granby High School as a "School of Distinction" in 2013 and 2015, and R.D. Seymour School as a "School of Distinction" in 2015.
- ☞ In 2014 and 2015, East Granby High School was on the College Board Honor Roll, and named College Board Top Ten in 2014.

Achievements

- 🏆 Newsweek rated East Granby High School as one of the “Top 500 High Schools in America” in 2015.
- 🏆 In 2015 out of 230 high schools in Connecticut, East Granby High School ranked #11 in Math, #11 in Reading, and #22 in Writing in SAT’s.
- 🏆 East Granby High School was recognized in 2013 for being Connecticut CAPT Exemplary School.
- 🏆 Ten East Granby High School students earned NCCC all-conference honors, and four students earned all-state honors.
- 🏆 There are five East Granby High School alumni currently participating in collegiate sports, including one in football, 2 in baseball, and 2 in basketball. Two current athletes have signed letters of intent to participate in swimming and softball at the collegiate level.
- 🏆 Each year, many members of the East Granby High School band and choir earn all NCCC honors. We have had several musicians who earned all-state honors as well.

We are grateful for the community’s support in so many ways, especially the efforts and financial support of the variety of parent organizations in the district, the business partners who donate unselfishly, and our manufacturing partners who have extended themselves in meaningful ways into the classroom. As a district, we are extremely proud of the accomplishments in our Pre-K – 12 comprehensive school system and we are grateful for the recognition of our relentless efforts to improve. We have much more work ahead of us as we work to ensure that all students meet higher expectations for academic performance.

