



Area School District Spending

December 4, 2018

Area School Districts 2016-17 Per-Pupil Spending¹

Weston	20,888
New Canaan	20,162
Westport	20,387
Darien	20,159
Wilton	19,873
Stamford ²	18,591
Norwalk	16,981

Notes:
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 2. Comparison towns border Norwalk, with the exception of Stamford. Stamford and Norwalk are in the same State of CT District Reference Group (DRG), which groups districts based on similar socio-economic factors.



Area School Districts 2017-18 Per-Pupil Spending¹

Weston	22,374
Westport	21,302
Darien	21,122
New Canaan	20,575
Wilton	20,378
Stamford ²	18,873
Norwalk	17,589

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Area School Districts 2017-18 High Needs Students³

New Canaan	14%
Weston	15%
Westport	16%
Darien	18%
Wilton	20%
Norwalk	61%
Stamford ²	65%

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Area School Districts 2017-18 Per-Pupil Spending¹ & High Needs Students³

	Per Pupil	High Needs
Weston	22,374	15%
Westport	21,302	16%
Darien	21,122	18%
New Canaan	20,575	14%
Wilton	20,378	20%
Stamford ²	18,873	65%
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Municipal Fund Balance Comparison

Audited Financial Statements - 2016-2017				
CITY/TOWN	ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	TOTAL FUND BALANCE	GENERAL FUND REVENUE
NORWALK	\$ 2,992,441	\$ 51,248,747	\$ 55,599,775	\$ 375,524,450
STAMFORD	\$ 25,934,717	\$ 1,055,167	\$ 42,596,722	\$ 596,637,921
WESTPORT	\$ 9,619,196	\$ 26,062,008	\$ 37,348,936	\$ 225,615,629
NEW CANAAN	\$ 5,468,274	\$ 23,471,390	\$ 29,286,241	\$ 158,064,161
WILTON	\$ 6,152,309	\$ 13,310,275	\$ 20,270,573	\$ 136,918,218
DARIEN	\$ 1,198,642	\$ 18,426,967	\$ 20,009,700	\$ 158,931,205
WESTON	\$ 42,993	\$ 13,352,984	\$ 14,372,299	\$ 79,294,490

