



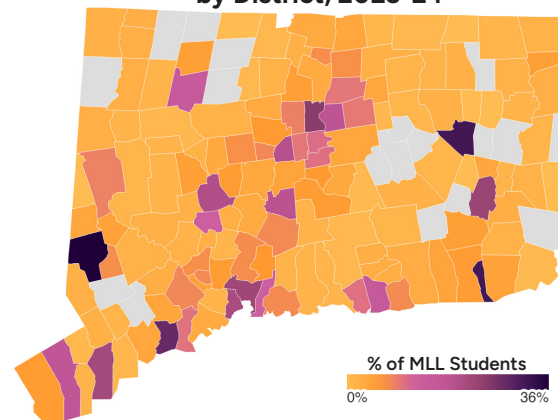
## Multilingual Learner Fast Facts

- **54,078** multilingual learner students in Connecticut
- **10.6%** of students are multilingual learners
- Number of multilingual learners has grown by **34,900 students (55%)** over the past 10 years
- **145** native languages spoken by multilingual learners

### Districts with the highest % of MLL students:

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| 1. Danbury (36%)      | 5. Hartford (24.9%)  | 9. West Haven (20.9%) |
| 2. Windham (31.9%)    | 6. Norwich (23%)     | 10. Waterbury (19.8%) |
| 3. New London (31.8%) | 7. New Haven (22.4%) |                       |
| 4. Bridgeport (28.3%) | 8. Norwalk (21.6%)   |                       |

% of Multilingual Learner Students  
by District, 2023-24



## Funding for Multilingual Learners

### STATE FUNDING SOURCES

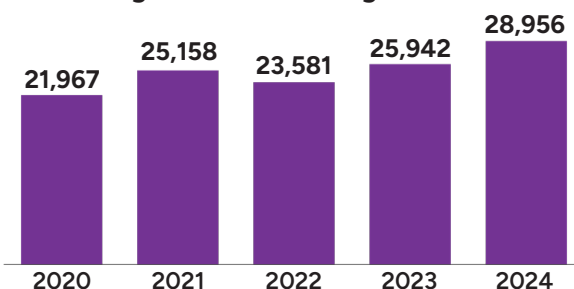
#### Education Cost Sharing (ECS) Formula

- Includes a **weight for multilingual learners**
- **Increases foundation amount** (\$11,525) by (25%) for each multilingual learner student a district educates
- No requirement that funds generated by the weight be **used for educating multilingual learners**

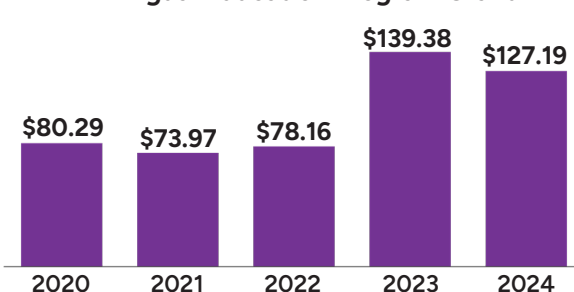
#### Bilingual Education Program Grant

- **Allocates funding to schools** for bilingual programs
- Schools **must have 20 or more eligible multilingual learners** who speak the same language to be eligible
- **\$3.8 million is appropriated** annually to the grant
- # of students receiving funding from grant: **29,000**
- # of districts eligible for grant: **58**

Students Receiving Funding from the  
Bilingual Education Program Grant



Funding Per Student from the  
Bilingual Education Program Grant



### FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES

#### Title III

- **Created to improve and enhance educational programs** for multilingual learners and newly immigrated students
- Allocated to **each state based on its portion** of the national population of multilingual learners and immigrant children
- CT received **\$7.5 million in Title III funding** in FY 2023 for multilingual learners and immigrant students

**Title III funds can be used to enhance the educational experiences of multilingual learners so they...**

- Achieve high levels of English proficiency
- Reach high levels of academic achievement
- Have educators that are able to provide effective language instruction
- Have parents, families, and communities able to participate in language programs