

A Visual Guide To Sheff vs. O'Neill Progress

Ten years after the landmark Sheff vs. O'Neill desegregation case ruling, the racial make-up of Hartford's schools is little changed.

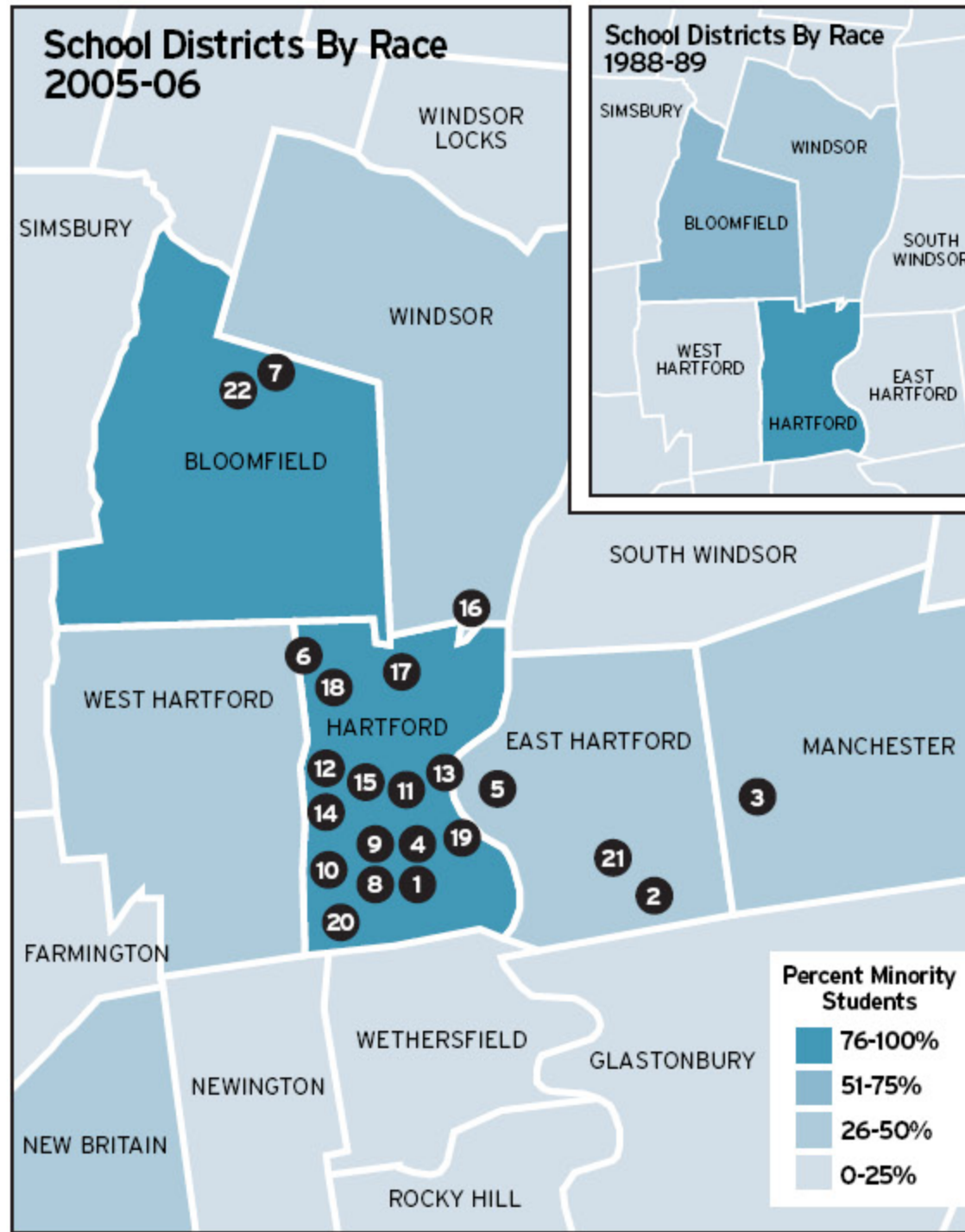
Some of the region's 22 magnet schools have achieved integration beyond the levels of their surrounding student populations. But others have minority enrollments too high to qualify as "integrated" under the terms of the court-set goal.

Magnet schools have increased educational opportunities for Hartford's minority students. But nearly 40 percent of minorities in magnet schools in 2005-06 lived in suburbs. Suburban minority students are enrolling at magnet schools in higher proportions than suburban whites.

Most Hartford students in magnet schools in 2005-06 cannot be counted under the Sheff criteria because the proportion of minority students at their schools exceeded the standard defined in the settlement, according to an analysis by Trinity College and University of Connecticut researchers.

Five magnet schools currently shown as meeting the integration standard only qualified under a start-up grace period ending when the school enters its third year of operation.

(See list at right.)



Measuring Magnet Schools Against The Integration Standard

The numbers beside the magnet schools listed below correspond with those on the map at left. Nine of the schools meet or exceed the integration standard outlined by the Sheff settlement, but six others do not. Five are in danger of not qualifying when their three-year grace periods expire. Hartford minority students attending "integrated" schools are counted toward the Sheff desegregation goal.

2005-2006 DATA

Capitol Region Ed Council Magnet Schools

	YEAR OPENED	TOTAL STUDENTS	PERCENT MINORITY	STUDENTS MEETING SHEFF STANDARD	SCHOOL QUALIFIES AS INTEGRATED	
1	Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts	1989	388	25%	44	YES
2	East Hartford/Glast'bury Elem Magnet School	1992	249	40%	0	YES
3	Great Path Academy at Manchester CC	2002	84	43%	12	YES
4	Greater Hartford Academy of Math & Science	2000	204	45%	42	YES
5	Two Rivers Magnet Middle School	2002	581	50%	128	YES
6	University of Hartford Magnet School	2001	378	70%	197	YES
7	Metropolitan Learning Center	1998	674	75%	0	NO
8	Montessori Magnet School	1990	330	80%	0	NO

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9	Hartford Magnet Middle School	2002	605	73%	338	YES
10	Breakthrough Magnet School	2002	215	75%	0	NO
11	Sport & Medical Sciences Academy	2002	400	78%	0	NO
12	University HS of Science & Engineering	2004	197	81%	121*	YES*
13	Capital Preparatory Magnet School	2005	209	83%	85*	YES*
14	Noah Webster MicroSociety Magnet School	2004	264	86%	167*	YES*
15	Greater Hartford Classical Magnet School	2003	484	87%	0	NO
16	Pathways to Technology	2003	231	92%	0	NO
17	Simpson-Waverly Classical Magnet	2004	197	93%	139*	YES*
18	Annie Fisher Magnet Sch of Multiple Intelligences	2005	149	95%	94*	YES*
19	R.J. Kinsella Magnet School of the Arts	2006	na**	na**	na**	**
20	Mary Hooker Environmental Studies Mag Sch	2006	na**	na**	na**	**

Other Magnet Schools

21	Conn. Intl. Baccalureate Academy (East Hartford)	1999	173	50%	29	YES
22	Big Picture High School (Bloomfield)	2005	30	73%	0	YES

TOTAL **6,042** **1,396**

* Currently meets standard because school not yet in third year of operation

** Magnet School does not open until fall 2006