

West Hill School Recognized as a School of Distinction!



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Rocky Hill, CT – The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) recently released the *Next Generation Accountability Report* for the 2015-2016 school year. Each school is awarded an Accountability Index derived from a variety of measures, including standardized test scores both in achievement levels and growth, along with absenteeism rates and physical fitness.

As required by state law, schools are placed into one of five categories. Schools in the top quartile, based on their Accountability Index, are placed in Category 1. **I am happy to report that both West Hill and Stevens are *CATEGORY 1* schools, placing us in the top tier of all elementary and middle schools in the state!**

In addition, **West Hill School has been recognized as a *SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION for Highest Growth of High Needs Students!*** This honor was given to schools in the top 10% of points earned in academic growth for the *High Needs* student group.

Mrs. Adamow and I are honored to be a part of such a wonderful school community. This is truly a reflection of the hard work and high achievement of our students and staff as well as the support of our parent community.

For more information, please click on the links below:



Next Generation Accountability System Frequently Asked Questions

<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/evalresearch/nextgenfaq.pdf>

Connecticut School Categories

<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/evalresearch/schoolcategories2015-16.pdf>

Schools of Distinction

<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/evalresearch/2015-16schoolsofdistinction.pdf>