

Struggling To Pass

At several of the state's 17 technical high schools, small percentages of seniors met the national average on the written portion of a test produced in their discipline by the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute. Below is the percentage of seniors meeting the national average in selected fields for 2002-2004:

School	Automotive Technology	Carpentry	Culinary	Electrical	Hairdressing
Abbott, Danbury	31	54.2	77.1	52.5	48.8
Bullard-Havens, Bridgeport	12.5	42.1	46.5	21.2	78.7
Cheney, Manchester	96.4	48.6	62.2	67.5	N/A
Ellis, Danielson	69.2	51.6	N/A*	77.5	51.4
Goodwin, New Britain	36.8	51.6	51.2	17.2	34.6
Grasso, Groton	38.5	64.3	66.7	41.7	76.9
Kaynor, Waterbury	53.6	70.3	73.8	70.6	59.6
Norwich, Norwich	61.3	59.1	N/A	52.9	43.3
O'Brien, Ansonia	53.6	33.4	86.5	20.7	47.8
Platt, Milford	50	63.2	61	75	50
Prince, Hartford	6	4.5	40.4	4.3	59.1
Vinal, Middletown	72.2	86.4	74.1	73	37.5
Whitney, Hamden	30	26.3	3.8	27.8	9.7
Wilcox, Meriden	61.1	62.5	N/A	50	70.8
Windham, Willimantic	80	87.5	73.8	90.3	N/A
Wright, Stamford	0	9	16.1	30.8	29.4
Wolcott, Torrington	85	97.3	81.5	78.1	78.4
Overall tech school system	49.3	55.6	60.4	52.6	53.4

*N/A - Not applicable because either the school doesn't offer the program or because seniors from that school have not yet taken the national test in that subject.

SOURCE: State Department of Education