



The Whole Child Spotlight Series highlights innovative work to improve student academic, social, emotional, behavioral, and physical health outcomes using the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) model.

This spotlight highlights East Hartford Public Schools' contribution to a panel at the CT WSCC Academy. The panel focused on integrating school wellness and school climate.

East Hartford's Whole Child Approach

- The district has an active Whole Child Team that meets quarterly and includes district administrators, town leaders, and community partners. The Executive Whole Child Team, a core working group from the larger team, meets monthly to work on district-wide goals.
- Each school building has a Whole Child Team that annually assesses practices across the WSCC model, develops whole child action plans, and implements these goals.
- The district leadership team is working to align district strategic planning, school climate, and whole child planning processes to reduce duplicative work and effectively coordinate initiatives.

“Our whole child work is the glue that holds everything together, and what prevents anything from falling through the cracks.”

- Ellen Delgado,
Assistant Superintendent

WHOLE SCHOOL, WHOLE COMMUNITY, WHOLE CHILD
A collaborative approach to learning and health

WSCC is the CDC's framework for addressing health in schools. It's student-centered, emphasizing the role of the community and the use of evidence-based policies and practices.



Impact of Integrated Efforts

East Hartford's District whole child meetings facilitate data sharing and collaboration across disciplines to support student academic success. Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, Ellen Delgado, explained how student focus group data shared at a recent Whole Child meeting prompted her to make immediate changes with her staff to reduce academic-related student anxiety.



East Hartford Public Schools receives the 2025 Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Award from the American School Health Association.