

Beginning with the 2022 California School Dashboard (Dashboard), the Dashboard Alternative School Status (DASS) one-year graduation rate is being reported for informational purposes only. This critical data, exclusive to DASS schools, is being provided to local educational agencies (LEAs) for local planning and analyses. With the denial of California’s waiver in 2022 by the US Department of Education to continue the use of the DASS one-year graduation rate and modified methods, this rate is no longer being used for accountability purposes to determine DASS high schools for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) and Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI). Rather, the combined four- and five-year graduation rate is now applied. For more information on the combined four- and five-year graduation rate for all schools, including DASS schools, refer to the California Department of Education (CDE) Graduation Rate Indicator flyer at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/documents/graduationrate22.pdf>.

Calculating the DASS Graduation Rate

The DASS one-year graduation rate is the percentage of students who are enrolled in grade twelve (along with early grade eleven graduates) and meet specific enrollment requirements. Unlike the combined four- and five-year graduation rate—which only counts students who earned a standard high school diploma as graduates—students who completed specific certificates, earned the California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE), or earned an adult education diploma are counted as graduates in the one-year DASS graduation rate, as referenced in the figure below.

Total number of students who

- earned a regular High School Diploma;
- earned Special Education Certificate of Completion;
- earned the GED®;
- earned the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET®);
- earned the CHSPE; and
- earned an Adult Education Diploma.

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by

Total number of

- grade twelve graduates; and
- early grade eleven graduates.



For up-to-date information on the DASS, including when the application process opens, visit the CDE DASS web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/dass.asp>. For more information on CSI and ATSI, visit the CDE System of Support web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/sysofsupport.asp>.

