

How to Compare Schools on the Dashboard



Parents can use the California School Dashboard (Dashboard) to monitor how well their child's school is meeting the needs of all students. They can also compare their school's performance to the performance of other schools within the same district. These tools allow parents to engage in the school improvement process using data to begin understanding the strengths and areas of need at their school and in their district.

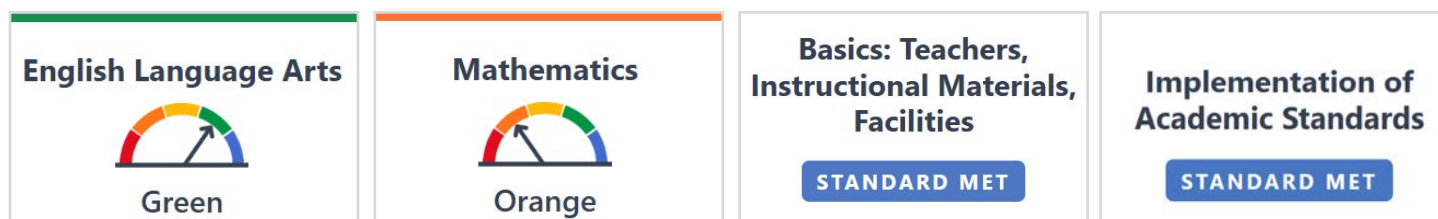
Instructions to Access the Comparison Features

1. Access the [California School Dashboard website](#).
2. To compare the results of all schools **within your district**, enter the district name into the **Find School or District** search bar. Then select the year.

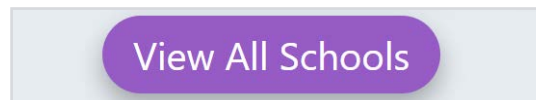
Explore information about your local school and district.

Find School or District	Near City or County	2026	🔍
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3. Once the district is selected, its performance on state and local measures will be displayed.



4. The **View All Schools** option displays results for all the schools within the district.



5. Once the **View All Schools** button is selected, each school's performance on applicable state measures—such as Chronic Absenteeism, Suspension Rate, English Language Arts, and Mathematics—will be displayed, as identified below.



6. Use the sorting options on the Dashboard to sort

- all schools in the district in alphabetical order (ascending or descending); or
- by a specific state measure in order of performance.

7. Filter reports (under the sorting options) by selecting the measures you would like to compare. Then select the **Apply Filter** button.

8. The Performance Levels and Categories for all of the state indicators are shown on the Dashboard. For indicators with colors, the lowest performance displays a gauge pointing to Red and the highest performance displays a gauge pointing to Blue. Growth Performance Categories, which range from “Minimal” to “Exceptional,” are separate and distinct from the five-by-five tables used to determine Performance Levels for other state measures.

Sort By

School Name

Sort Order

Ascending

Filter Reports

- ☒ Chronic Absenteeism
- ☒ Suspension Rate
- ☒ English Learner Progress
- ☒ Graduation Rate
- ☒ College/Career
- ☒ English Language Arts
- ☒ Mathematics
- ☒ Science
- ☒ English Language Arts Growth
- ☒ Mathematics Growth

Apply Filter



Red

Lowest
Performance



Orange



Yellow



Green



Blue

Highest
Performance

For more information on performance for all state indicators, refer to the Getting to the Know the California School Dashboard flyer on the [California Department of Education \(CDE\) Dashboard Communications Toolkit web page](#).

For more information, please visit the [CDE California School Dashboard and System of Support web page](#).

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