

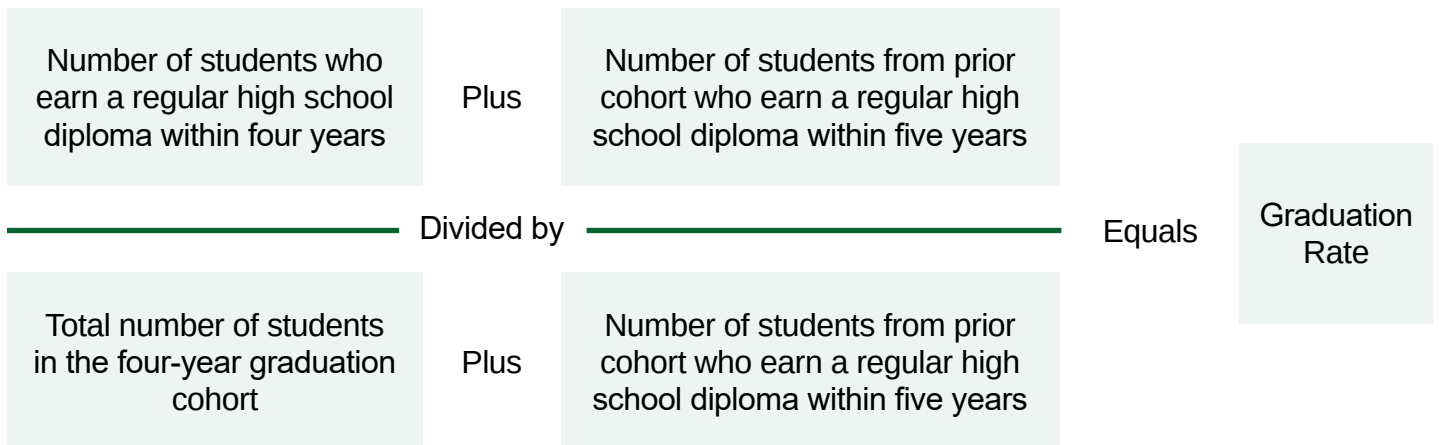
Graduation Rate Indicator



On the California School Dashboard (Dashboard), local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools that serve students in grade twelve receive a combined four- and five-year graduation rate for the Graduation Rate Indicator. This rate is based on the number of high school students who graduate with a regular high school diploma in either four or five years. The 2026 Graduation Rate Indicator includes students from the most recent graduation cohort (Class of 2026) as well as students from the prior cohort (Class of 2025) who graduated in their fifth year of high school in 2025–26.

Note: Students who earn a Special Education Certificate of Completion, a California High School Equivalency Certificate, an adult education diploma, or pass the California Proficiency Program are not included as graduates.

Calculating Current Year Data (Status)



Results will fall into one of five levels, ranging from “Very High” to “Very Low.”

Comparing Current and Prior Year Data (Change)

Current and prior year data are compared to determine how a school or district’s Graduation Rate changed.



Results will fall into one of five levels, ranging from “Increased Significantly” to “Declined Significantly.”

After combining current year data and its comparison with prior year data, a Performance Level—or color—is assigned. Access the flyer about How Dashboard Colors are Determined 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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