

On the California School Dashboard (Dashboard), local educational agencies and schools that serve kindergarten (K) through grade eight students receive a Chronic Absenteeism Indicator. This indicator represents the percentage of students who were absent for 10 percent or more of the instructional days they were enrolled to attend. For example, if a student was enrolled to attend 180 instructional days and is absent 18 or more of those days, the student would be considered chronically absent.

For most state indicators, the desired outcome is to have a high percentage of performance in the current year. However, for the Chronic Absenteeism Indicator, the desired outcome is reversed, and the goal is to achieve a low chronic absenteeism rate.

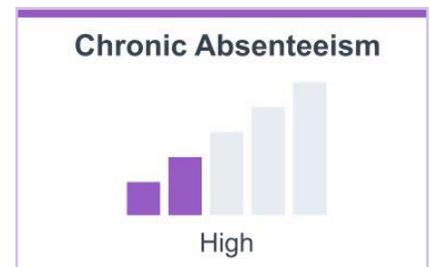
*Note that this indicator is not reported for high schools. However, chronic absenteeism rates for all grade levels (K through grade twelve) can be accessed through the California Department of Education (CDE) DataQuest web page at <https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.*

## Restarting Accountability

For the past two school years, California accountability requirements were waived or adjusted due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on education communities. Beginning with the 2021–22 school year, the requirements to hold districts and schools accountable for student outcomes is being resumed.

Due to the restrictions imposed by Assembly Bill 130, California is required to report only current year data (or Status) for the 2022 Dashboard. Therefore, unlike in prior years, the 2022 Dashboard will not display the difference from prior year (also known as Change) or performance level colors.

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



## Calculating Current Year Data Only

Status for the 2022 Chronic Absenteeism Rate Indicator will be calculated as follows:



**Number of Students  
Chronically Absent in  
the Current Year**

DIVIDED BY



**Number of Students  
Meeting the Absenteeism  
Enrollment Requirement\***

EQUALS

**Chronic  
Absenteeism  
Rate\*\***

\* Students must be enrolled for at least 31 instructional days to be counted in the denominator.

\*\* Chronic absenteeism rate is used to determine the Status level for this indicator.