

# Chronic Absenteeism Indicator



On the California School Dashboard (Dashboard), local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools serving students in transitional kindergarten through grade eight receive a Chronic Absenteeism Indicator. This indicator reflects the percentage of students who are chronically absent, defined as those who miss 10 percent or more of the school year.

For most state indicators, the desired outcome is to have a high percentage of performance in the current year. However, chronic absenteeism has a reverse goal of having a low percentage of students chronically absent in the current year.

Note: This indicator is not reported for high schools. However, chronic absenteeism rates for all grade levels (transitional kindergarten through grade twelve) and absenteeism by reason can be accessed through the [California Department of Education \(CDE\) Absenteeism Data web page](#).

## Calculating Current Year Data (Status)

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 numerator or denominator.

## Comparing Current and Prior Year Data (Change)

Current and prior year data are compared to determine how a school or district's chronic absenteeism changed.

Current year Status

Minus

Prior year Status

Taken together—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 [CDE Dashboard Communications Toolkit web page](#) and visit the [CDE Chronic Absenteeism Indicator web page](#) for further information.

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

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