

# 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 missing 10 percent or more of the school year. For accountability purposes, attendance recovered under California *Education Code* sections 46210 and 46211 is not included in the chronic absenteeism calculation.

For most state indicators, the desired outcome is a high percentage of performance in the current year and an increase from the prior year. However, for the Chronic Absenteeism Indicator, the desired outcome is having a low percentage of students chronically absent in the current year and a decrease from the prior year to receive a green or blue on the Dashboard.

Note: This indicator is not reported for high schools and does not include students in grades nine through twelve. However, chronic absenteeism rates for all grade levels (transitional kindergarten through grade twelve) 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

Equals

Chronic absenteeism rate

Number of enrolled students meeting the absenteeism enrollment requirement\*



\* 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

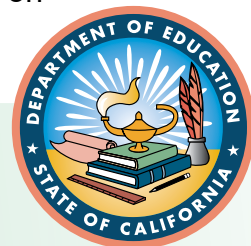
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Prior year Status

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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