

College/Career Indicator

On the California School Dashboard (Dashboard), districts and schools that serve students in grade twelve receive the College/Career Indicator (CCI). This indicator looks at how well local educational agencies and schools are preparing graduates for college and/or career. Graduates who meet specific CCI “Prepared” criteria are included in the calculations of the CCI rate.

To access the preparedness criteria, refer to the [CCI: Measures of College Readiness flyer](#) and the [CCI: Measures of Career Readiness flyer](#) on the California Department of Education (CDE) website.

Calculating Current Year Data



Number of students who graduated “Prepared”

Divided by



Total number of students in the 2023–24 four-year graduation rate and “Prepared” students in the five-year graduation rate

Equals

CCI rate*

* The CCI rate is used to determine the Status level (i.e., Very High to Very Low) for this indicator.

Note: Only students who receive a regular high school diploma are counted as graduates. Students who earn a Special Education Certificate of Completion, a California High School Equivalency Certificate, an adult education diploma, or pass the California High School Proficiency Examination are included as non-graduates.

Comparing Current and Prior Year Data

We compare current and prior year data to see whether a school or district made improvement (i.e., had a higher CCI rate in 2024 than it did in 2023) or did worse (i.e., had a lower rate in 2024).

Current year Status
(2023–24 CCI rate)

Minus

Prior year Status
(2022–23 CCI rate)

Taken together—current year data and its comparison with prior year data—a Performance Level, or color, is given. Access the flyer about [How Colors Are Determined](#) on the CDE Dashboard Communications Toolkit web page and visit the [CDE CCI web page](#) for further information.

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

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