

Getting to Know the State Measures



The California School Dashboard (Dashboard) is an online tool designed to help communities across the state access important information about transitional kindergarten through grade twelve schools and districts. The Dashboard features multiple state measures that provide important information on how schools are serving their students. For information on local measures, please refer to the Getting to Know the Local Measures flyer available on the [California Department of Education \(CDE\) Dashboard Communications Toolkit web page](#). To access the Dashboard, please visit the [Dashboard website](#).

Chronic Absenteeism



The Chronic Absenteeism Indicator shows how many students were absent for 10 percent or more of the instructional days they were expected to attend. For example, if a student was expected to attend 180 instructional days and is absent 18 or more of those days, the student would be considered chronically absent. Students who are chronically absent miss out on important classroom instruction. Capturing this information on the Dashboard allows parents and educators to determine if chronic absenteeism is a problem at a school or district.

College/Career



The College/Career Indicator (CCI) shows how well local educational agencies and schools are preparing graduates for college and/or career. It uses many different measures, such as completion of coursework, work experience, and exam results. For more information on preparedness criteria in the CCI, refer to the [CDE College/Career Indicator web page](#).

English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics (Math)



The ELA Indicator and Math Indicator show how well students are meeting proficiency standards. They are based on student performance on the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments and the California Alternate Assessments (CAAs), which are taken each spring by students in grades three through eight and grade eleven.

ELA Growth and Math Growth



All students have the opportunity to demonstrate academic growth regardless of where they started. The ELA Growth Indicator and Math Growth Indicator show academic growth by measuring the average progress students make from one grade level to the next on the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments in grades four through eight.

English Learner Progress



Proficiency in the English language is a first step for students to do well in school. The English Learner Progress Indicator (ELPI) looks at the progress that English learner students are making toward achieving English proficiency. Each spring, English learner students take the Summative English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) or the Summative Alternate ELPAC which measures how well they know and understand English. Results from the ELPAC are used to calculate the ELPI.

Graduation Rate



Regardless of whether students go on to college, a high school diploma is the minimum requirement for most entry-level jobs in today's economy. It represents mastery of foundational skills in mathematics, reading, writing, and the completion of a course of study. The Graduation Rate Indicator shows the number of students who received a regular high school diploma by the end of grade twelve.

Science



A strong foundation in science encourages students to build the knowledge and skills needed for college and careers. The Science Indicator shows what students know and can do using the California Next Generation Science Standards. It is based on student performance on the California Science Test and the CAA for Science in grades five and eight and high school.

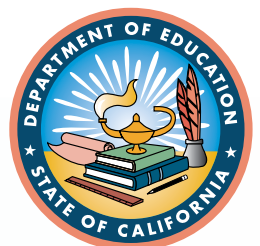
Suspension Rate



The Suspension Rate Indicator reflects the percentage of students with at least one full-day suspension. This measure highlights loss of instructional time and helps identify suspension patterns across schools, districts, and student groups. Please note, students are counted once, regardless of the number or duration of suspensions.

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

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