California School DASHBOARD 2022 Dashboard Toolkit

Suspension Rate Indicator

On the California School Dashboard (Dashboard), local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools that serve kindergarten through grade twelve students receive a Suspension Rate Indicator based on the number of students who have an aggregate suspension of at least one full day.

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

Note: A student is counted as suspended in the suspension rate only once regardless of multiple suspensions or multiple days of suspension.

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 current year data (or Status) only 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 Suspension Rate Indicator will be calculated as follows:

*Cumulative enrollment is the total number of students who were enrolled for at least one day at any time during the school year (e.g., 2021–22 school year).

**Suspension Rate is used to determine the Status level for this indicator.

For more information, please visit the California Department of Education California School Dashboard and System of Support web page at https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/index.asp.