California’s accountability and continuous improvement system is called the California School Dashboard. It provides information about how districts and schools are meeting the needs of California’s diverse student population based on multiple measures. The Dashboard shows performance of districts, schools, and student groups on a set of state and local measures that assist in identifying strengths, weaknesses, and areas in need of improvement.

**How does the Dashboard display performance?**

Performance is based on two factors:

- Current data on the measure
- Improvement or lack of improvement from prior year results

These calculations are done for each state measure and intersect on a 5x5 grid. The grid layout will vary for each measure.

In the 5x5 grid, current year data levels are displayed in the left column, while the difference between current year and prior year data levels are displayed in the top row. The performance level, or color, is determined by the point at which these two levels intersect.

In the example shown, the district’s current year data falls into the high level. It maintained this level, which means that there was no significant increase or decrease in results from the prior year. “High” and “Maintained” meet for an overall performance level of green.

For more information, please visit the California Accountability Model & School Dashboard web page at [https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/index.asp](https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/index.asp).