

State Indicator Quick Guide

Performance for state indicators is calculated based on the combination of current performance (Status) and improvement over time (Change), resulting in five color-coded performance levels for each indicator. From highest to lowest the performance levels are: Blue, Green, Yellow, Orange, and Red.

The five color-coded performance levels are calculated using percentiles to create a five-by-five colored table (giving 25 results) that combine Status and Change.

This Quick Guide provides the five-by-five colored tables for the following state indicators:

- Suspension Rate
- English Learner Progress Indicator
- Graduation Rate Indicator
- Academic Indicator

Note: Chronic Absence. The State Board of Education has not yet approved performance standards for Chronic Absence. State data on chronic absence will be available for the first time in fall 2017.

Note: College/Career Indicator. The College/Career Indicator will be reported as a state indicator for the first time in fall 2017.

Suspension Rate

Unlike other indicators, which use LEA-level distributions to set the cut scores for Status and Change, the Suspension Rate Indicator is based on multiple distributions. Therefore, multiple suspension cut scores were set for both LEAs and schools, based on their type. This resulted in six different sets of cut scores for Status and Change:

- Three sets based on LEA type distributions (elementary, high, and unified)
- Three sets based on school type distributions (elementary, middle, and high)

LEA Suspension: Elementary School District

Suspension Change

Suspension Status	Level	Increased Significantly	Increased	Maintained	Declined	Declined Significantly
		by greater than 2.0%	by 0.3% to 2.0%	Declined or increased by less than 0.3%	by 0.3% to less than 2.0%	by 2.0% or greater
Very Low 0.5% or less		N/A	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue
Low Greater than 0.5% to 1.5%		N/A	Yellow	Green	Green	Blue
Medium Greater than 1.5% to 3.0%		Orange	Orange	Yellow	Green	Green
High Greater than 3.0% to 6.0%		Red	Orange	Orange	Yellow	Yellow
Very High Greater than 6.0%		Red	Red	Red	Orange	Yellow

LEA Suspension: High School District

Suspension Change

Suspension Status	Level	Increased Significantly	Increased	Maintained	Declined	Declined Significantly
		by greater than 3.0%	by 0.5% to 3.0%	Declined or increased by less than 0.5%	by 0.5% to less than 3.0%	by 3.0% or greater
Very Low 1.5% or less		N/A	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue
Low Greater than 1.5% to 3.5%		Orange	Yellow	Green	Green	Blue
Medium Greater than 3.5% to 6.0%		Orange	Orange	Yellow	Green	Green
High Greater than 6.0% to 9.0%		Red	Orange	Orange	Yellow	Yellow
Very High Greater than 9.0%		Red	Red	Red	Orange	Yellow

LEA Suspension: Unified School District

Suspension Change

Suspension Status	Level	Increased Significantly by greater than 2.0%	Increased by 0.3% to 2.0%	Maintained Declined or increased by less than 0.3%	Declined by 0.3% to less than 2.0%	Declined Significantly by 2.0% or greater
	Very Low 1.0% or less	N/A	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue
	Low Greater than 1.0% to 2.5%	Orange	Yellow	Green	Green	Blue
	Medium Greater than 2.5% to 4.5%	Orange	Orange	Yellow	Green	Green
	High Greater than 4.5% to 8.0%	Red	Orange	Orange	Yellow	Yellow
	Very High Greater than 8.0%	Red	Red	Red	Orange	Yellow

School Suspension: Elementary School

Suspension Change

Suspension Status	Level	Increased Significantly by greater than 2.0%	Increased by 0.3% to 2.0%	Maintained Declined or increased by less than 0.3%	Declined by 0.3% to less than 1.0%	Declined Significantly by 1.0% or greater
	Very Low 0.5% or less	N/A	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue
	Low Greater than 0.5% to 1.0%	N/A	Yellow	Green	Green	Blue
	Medium Greater than 1.0% to 3.0%	Orange	Orange	Yellow	Green	Green
	High Greater than 3.0% to 6.0%	Red	Orange	Orange	Yellow	Yellow
	Very High Greater than 6.0%	Red	Red	Red	Orange	Yellow

School Suspension: Middle School

Suspension Change

Suspension Status	Level	Increased Significantly by greater than 4.0%	Increased by 0.3% to 4.0%	Maintained Declined or increased by less than 0.3%	Declined by 0.3% to less than 3.0%	Declined Significantly by 3.0% or greater
	Very Low 0.5% or less	N/A	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue
	Low Greater than 0.5% to 2.0%	N/A	Yellow	Green	Green	Blue
	Medium Greater than 2.0% to 8.0%	Orange	Orange	Yellow	Green	Green
	High Greater than 8.0% to 12.0%	Red	Orange	Orange	Yellow	Yellow
	Very High Greater than 12.0%	Red	Red	Red	Orange	Yellow

School Suspension: High School

Suspension Change

Suspension Status	Level	Increased Significantly by greater than 3.0%	Increased by 0.3% to 3.0%	Maintained Declined or increased by less than 0.3%	Declined by 0.3% to less than 2.0%	Declined Significantly by 2.0% or greater
	Very Low 0.5% or less	N/A	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue
	Low Greater than 0.5% to 1.5%	N/A	Yellow	Green	Green	Blue
	Medium Greater than 1.5% to 6.0%	Orange	Orange	Yellow	Green	Green
	High Greater than 6.0% to 10.0%	Red	Orange	Orange	Yellow	Yellow
	Very High Greater than 10.0%	Red	Red	Red	Orange	Yellow

English Learner Progress Indicator

The English Learner Progress Indicator measures the percent of English learners who are making progress toward language proficiency. The English Learner Progress Indicator currently combines the number of ELs who make progress from year to year on the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) and the number of ELs who are reclassified in the prior year.

English Learner Progress Change (Change in Percent Progressing and Reclassified)

English Learner Progress Status (Percent Progressing Plus Reclassified)	Level	Declined Significantly by greater than 10.0%	Declined by 1.5% to 10.0%	Maintained Declined or increased by less than 1.5%	Increased by 1.5% to less than 10.0%	Increased Significantly by 10.0% or greater
	Very High 85.0% or greater	Yellow	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue
High 75.0% to less than 85.0%	Orange	Yellow	Green	Green	Blue	
Medium 67.0% to less than 75.0%	Orange	Orange	Yellow	Green	Green	
Low 60.0% to less than 67.0%	Red	Orange	Orange	Yellow	Yellow	
Very Low Less than 60.0%	Red	Red	Red	Orange	Yellow	

Graduation Rate

The Graduation Rate Indicator is based on the graduation rate for high school students who could potentially graduate during a four-year time period (grade nine through grade twelve).

Graduation Rate Change

Level	Declined Significantly	Declined	Maintained	Increased	Increased Significantly
	by greater than 5.0%	by 1.0% to 5.0%	Declined or increased by less than 1.0%	by 1.0% to less than 5.0%	by 5.0% or greater
Very High 95.0% or greater	N/A	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
High 90.0% to less than 95.0%	Orange	Yellow	Green	Green	Blue
Medium 85.0% to less than 90.0%	Orange	Orange	Yellow	Green	Green
Low 67.0% to less than 85.0%	Red	Orange	Orange	Yellow	Yellow
Very Low Less than 67.0%	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red

Graduation Rate Status

Academic Indicator

The Academic Indicator measures student progress on statewide assessments using the scale score for all students in grades three through eight with valid scores.

English Language Arts/Literacy Assessment

Change in Average Distance from Level 3

Level	Declined Significantly	Declined	Maintained	Increased	Increased Significantly
	by more than 15 points	by 1 to 15 Points	Declined by less than 1 point or increased by less than 7 points	by 7 to less than 20 points	by 20 points or more
Very High 45 or more points above	Yellow	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue
High 10 points above to less than 45 points above	Orange	Yellow	Green	Green	Blue
Medium 5 points below to less than 10 points above	Orange	Orange	Yellow	Green	Green
Low More than 5 points below to 70 points below	Red	Orange	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Very Low More than 70 points below	Red	Red	Red	Orange	Yellow

Mathematics Assessment

Change in Average Distance from Level 3

Average Distance from Level 3 (Status)	Level	Declined Significantly by more than 10 points	Declined by 1 to 10 Points	Maintained Declined by less than 1 point or increased by less than 5 points	Increased by 5 to less than 15 points	Increased Significantly by 15 points or more
	Very High 35 or more points above	Yellow	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue
	High 5 points below to less than 35 points above	Orange	Yellow	Green	Green	Blue
	Medium More than 5 points below to 25 points below	Orange	Orange	Yellow	Green	Green
	Low More than 25 points below to 95 points below	Red	Orange	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
	Very Low More than 95 points below	Red	Red	Red	Orange	Yellow