

## Suspension Rates

### Performance Categories for LEAs, Schools, and Student Groups

Although the cut scores determined for the Suspension Rate Indicator were different for LEAs and schools by type, the 25 grid performance categories are the same for all LEAs, schools, and student groups. Since low suspension rates are more desirable than high suspension rates, the scale for suspension is opposite from the other indicators (e.g., a significant increase in suspension rates will result in an overall performance category of red, yellow, or orange).

#### Suspension Change

	Level	Increased Significantly	Increased	Maintained	Declined	Declined Significantly
Suspension Status	Very Low	Gray	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue
	Low	Orange	Yellow	Green	Green	Blue
	Median	Orange	Orange	Yellow	Green	Green
	High	Red	Orange	Orange	Yellow	Yellow
	Very High	Red	Red	Red	Orange	Yellow

Gray colored cell=Not applicable

## School Level Performance Criteria

Status Level	Elementary School	Middle School	High School
Very Low	Suspension rate is 0.5% or less.	Suspension rate is 0.5% or less.	Suspension rate is 0.5% or less.
Low	Suspension rate is greater than 0.5% to 1.0%.	Suspension rate is greater than 0.5% to 2%.	Suspension rate is greater than 0.5% to 1.5%.
Median	Suspension rate is greater than 1% to 3%.	Suspension rate is greater than 2% to 8%.	Suspension rate is greater than 1.5% to 6%.
High	Suspension rate is greater than 3% to 6%.	Suspension rate is greater than 8% to 12%.	Suspension rate is greater than 6% to 10%.
Very High	Suspension rate is greater than 6%.	Suspension rate is greater than 12%.	Suspension rate is greater than 10%.

Change Level	Elementary School	Middle School	High School
Declined Significantly	Suspension rate declined by 1% or greater.	Suspension rate declined by 3% or greater.	Suspension rate declined by 2% or greater.
Declined	Suspension rate declined by 0.3% to less than 1%.	Suspension rate declined by 0.3% to less than 3%.	Suspension rate declined by 0.3% to less than 2%.
Maintained	Suspension rate declined or increased by less than 0.3%.	Suspension rate declined or increased by less than 0.3%.	Suspension rate declined or increased by less than 0.3%.
Increased	Suspension rate increased by 0.3% to less than 2%.	Suspension rate increased by 0.3% to less than 4%.	Suspension rate increased by 0.3% to less than 3%.
Increased Significantly	Suspension rate increased by more than 2%.	Suspension rate increased by more than 4%.	Suspension rate increased by more than 3%.

## LEA Level Performance Criteria

<b>Change Level</b>	<b>Elementary School District</b>	<b>High School District</b>	<b>Unified School District</b>
Declined Significantly	Suspension rate declined by 2% or greater.	Suspension rate declined by 3% or greater.	Suspension rate declined by 2% or greater.
Declined	Suspension rate declined by 0.3% to less than 2%.	Suspension rate declined by 0.5% to less than 3%.	Suspension rate declined by 0.3% to less than 2%
Maintained	Suspension rate declined or increased by less than 0.3%.	Suspension rate declined or increased by less than 0.5%.	Suspension rate declined or increased by less than 0.3%.
Increased	Suspension rate increased by 0.3% to 2%.	Suspension rate increased by 0.5% to 3%.	Suspension rate increased by 0.3% to 2%.
Increased Significantly	Suspension rate increased by greater than 2%.	Suspension rate increased by greater than 3%.	Suspension rate increased greater than 2%.

<b>Status Level</b>	<b>Elementary School District</b>	<b>High School District</b>	<b>Unified School District</b>
Very Low	Suspension rate is 0.5% or less.	Suspension rate is 1.5% or less.	Suspension rate is 1.0% or less.
Low	Suspension rate is greater than 0.5% to 1.5%.	Suspension rate is greater than 1.5% to 3.5%.	Suspension rate is greater than 1.0% to 2.5%.
Median	Suspension rate is greater than 1.5% to 3.0%.	Suspension rate is greater than 3.5% to 6.0%.	Suspension rate is greater than 2.5% to 4.5%.
High	Suspension rate is greater than 3.0% to 6.0%.	Suspension rate is greater than 6.0% to 9.0%.	Suspension rate is greater than 4.5% to 8.0%.
Very High	Suspension rate is greater than 6.0%.	Suspension rate is greater than 9.0%.	Suspension rate is greater than 8.0%.