

A NEW AND BETTER WAY TO CHECK PROGRESS AT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

California's future depends on all students, no matter where they live, reaching their full potential so they can graduate ready for college, careers, and life. That's why the state has rolled out a series of major, exciting changes to the public education system that help educators and parents talk and plan together to improve your local schools.

THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL DASHBOARD – A POWERFUL NEW TOOL

The online School Dashboard is the latest tool for discovering important information about your school and your school district. Parents and many others worked hard to make sure this new tool shows in more detail how well schools are serving all students. The Dashboard represents a leap forward in measuring students and schools beyond a single test score, showcasing the wide variety of factors that contribute to the success of students and schools.

California School
DASHBOARD



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The Dashboard shines a light on what's working well and where improvement is needed. Easy-to-use color codes show a school and school district's progress on several important "indicators," including high school graduation rates, academics, English learner progress, suspension and attendance data, and readiness for college and careers. Information about parental engagement, school climate (which includes safety) and basic services are also reported locally by school districts. It's a much more complete way to view how schools are doing.

The Dashboard also focuses everyone's attention on "equity"-- a concept that means all students, no matter who they are or what their circumstances, get the support they deserve. By showing where differences exist among student groups, the Dashboard helps parents, educators, community members and the state pinpoint where more attention and resources should be directed.

You can use the Dashboard to see where your school is doing well and where it needs improvement.

Information from the Dashboard can help when you talk with your principal, superintendent or school board members about how your school is doing. And it will help you to participate more actively in your district's planning process – like the Local Control Accountability Plan.



YOU MATTER TO THE SUCCESS OF YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

The Dashboard is part of a larger effort – along with the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAPs) – to give all of us in local school communities a stronger voice in shaping the educational experience of our students. By working together and focusing on helping every school continue to improve, we can meet the needs of all students, no matter where they live, so that every child is prepared for college, careers, and life.

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