

# California School Dashboard Fact Sheet

California has a website designed to help communities across the state access important information about K–12 districts and schools called:

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http://www.caschooldashboard.org/ - View the Dashboard. The site features easy-to-read reports on multiple measures of school success in 10 areas critical to student performance, including graduation rates, attendance, readiness for college and careers, test scores, and progress of English learners.

http://www.mvwsd.org/dashboard - Information on Dashboard and MVWSD

The Dashboard is part of California's new school accountability system based on 2013's Local Control Funding Formula. The new accountability system replaces the federal AYP system from NCLB and the outdated California Academic Performance Index (API), which relied exclusively on test scores to measure progress.

# Why a new system and new tool?

The Dashboard is a key part of California's commitment to transparency and continuous improvement. As an accountability tool, the Dashboard will help the state identify schools (including charter schools) and districts needing targeted assistance. The Dashboard will also help districts and schools identify areas of strength and target areas that need additional support.

#### What's different?

In the past, accountability systems for districts and schools relied solely on test scores. The Dashboard provides information on different aspects of student performance - including academic achievement, English learner progress, attendance and suspension rates - which will give a more complete picture of a school's progress. The Dashboard also reports on growth to show a school's trajectory over time.

#### What does it look like?

The Dashboard shows the performance levels using the color-coded images below.



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LOWEST PERFORMANCE

HIGHEST PERFORMANCE



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#### What's measured?

### **State Indicators**

- High School Graduation Rate (does not apply to MVWSD)
- Academic Performance
- Suspension Rate
- English Learner Progress (baseline data)
- College/Career Readiness (does not apply to MVWSD)
- Chronic Absenteeism (baseline data)

#### **Local Indicators**

- Basics: Teachers, Instructional Materials, Facilities
- Implementation of Academic Standards
- Parent Engagement
- Local Climate Survey
- Access to a Broad Course of Study



### Reports

Parents can use the Dashboard to compare student performance (at district or school level) to state-level performance. These comparisons include information on equity, and detailed student-level performance data.

# How does this Dashboard relate to the District's LCAP (Local Control Accountability Plan)?

The district and school leaders, staff members, families, and community stakeholders will be able to use the dashboard to help determine what areas of focus are needed in the LCAP to achieve better results. The LCAP outlines how the district plans to support student achievement and how it is using its financial resources to get results.