



# How are Colors Determined in the Dashboard?

California's new 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 a concise set of 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?

Two calculations are performed for each of the state indicators.

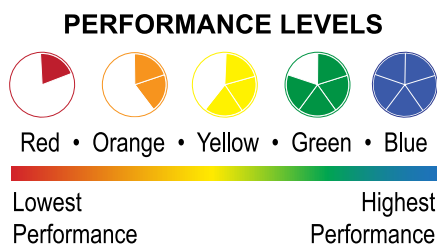
<p><b>Status</b></p> <p>The current or most recent data on the state indicator</p>	<p><b>Change</b></p> <p>The difference between the current and prior year data</p>
------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Status and Change are calculated for each state indicator and intersect on a 5x5 grid. The grid layout will vary for each indicator.

In the 5x5 grid, Status is displayed in the left column, and Change is displayed in the top row.

The performance level, or color, is determined by the point at which the Status and Change levels intersect.

Level	Declined Significantly (Change)	Declined (Change)	Maintained (Change)	Increased (Change)	Increased Significantly (Change)
Very High (Status)	Yellow	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue
High (Status)	Orange	Yellow	Green	Green	Blue
Medium (Status)	Orange	Orange	Yellow	Green	Green
Low (Status)	Red	Orange	Orange	Yellow	Yellow
Very Low (Status)	Red	Red	Red	Orange	Yellow



In the example shown, the district has a Status of “high” and a Change of “maintained,” which meet for an overall performance level of green.