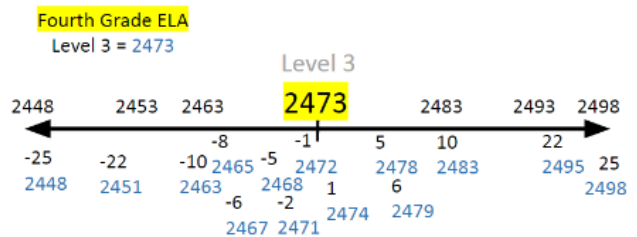


# FACT SHEET: **ACADEMIC INDICATOR**

This measure of student performance is part of the new **California School Dashboard**, a new website, that parents/guardians, educators and the public can use to see how districts and schools are meeting the needs of California students based on a concise set of measures. The Dashboard shows performance data under California's new accountability system which differs significantly from the former Academic Performance Index API.

This Academic Indicator graphs student performance at the district level on assessments of **English Language Arts**. The graph calculates student performance in **grades 3-8** in 2015-16 on



Using scale scores is a fairer way to provide equal weight to all student results when compared to percentages.

The state indicators are based on data that is collected consistently across the state and **allow comparison of performance**.

Schools and districts receive one of **five color-coded performance levels** on the state indicators. From highest to lowest, the five performance levels are: Blue, Green, Yellow, Orange, Red.

**District ELA Academic Indicator - Distance From Level 3**

Level	Change in Average Distance From Level 3				
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<b>Very High</b> 45 or more points above	1 (0.1%) Yellow	9 (0.6%) Green	35 (2.2%) Blue	93 (5.9%) Blue	22 (1.4%) Blue
<b>High</b> 10 above to less than 45 points above	3 (0.2%) Orange	26 (1.7%) Yellow	81 (5.2%) Green	147 (9.4%) Green	58 (3.7%) Blue
<b>Medium</b> 5 below to less than 10 points	3 (0.2%) Orange	25 (1.6%) Orange	58 (3.7%) Yellow	89 (5.7%) Green	25 (1.6%) Green
<b>Low</b> More than 5 below to 70	21 (1.3%) Red	130 (8.3%) Orange	221 (14.1%) Yellow	336 (21.5%) Yellow	103 (6.6%) Yellow
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the CAASPP assessment of ELA and the **change in scores** between 2014-15 and 2015-16.

Students' scale scores are compared to the fixed point of the "standard met" for his/her grade level. The distance results are averaged to produce a district-level average scale score. The results will show, on average, the needed improvement to bring the average student to Level 3 or the extent to which the average student exceeds Level 3.

Sample:

District	2015	2016	Change
	Average distance to Level 3	Average distance to Level 3	
District	-51	-40	11

A similar Academic Indicator is used for Mathematics as well. Both provide rankings at both the district and individual school level. The cut points for each indicator will remain the same for 3-5 years.

The California School Dashboard can be found at: <https://www.caschooldashboard.org>