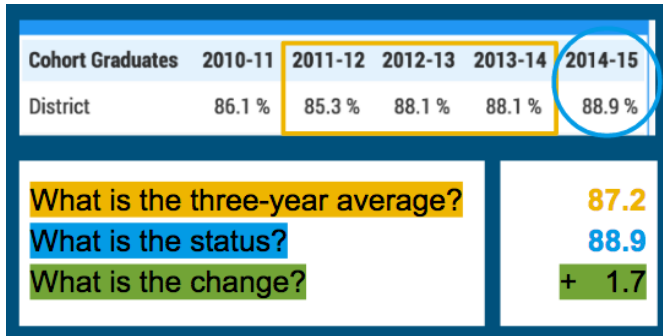


FACT SHEET: GRADUATION INDICATOR

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 Graduation Indicator graphs the percent of students who graduated with a regular high school diploma in 2014-15 (labeled Graduation **Status**) and the increase or decrease in the 3-year average of graduates over the prior 3 years (labeled Graduation **Change**.)

In addition to reporting district-wide rates, the Graduation Indicator also reports school results for all students as well as specific student groups: low income students, English Learners, Foster Youth, and others in significant numbers within a school.

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.

Any school or district with a graduation rate of below 67% will automatically be placed in the red performance category and identified for support.

		Graduation Change				
Level		Declined Significantly by more than 5%	Declined by 1% to 5%	Maintained Declined or improved by less than 1%	Increased by 1% to less than 5%	Increased Significantly by 5% or more
Graduation Status	Very High 95% or greater					
	High 90% to less than 95%					
	Median 85% to less than 90%					
	Low 67% to less than 85%					
	Very Low Less than 67%					

Sample:

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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>

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