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New State Accountability Dashboard Debuts; Poway Unified Scores at Highest Possible Levels in Several Areas

The new Evaluation Rubrics and the California School Dashboard released today by the California Department of Education look at multiple measures of student performance and will also give a more comprehensive look at district and school performance.

The rubrics analyze 10 indicators of student performance. These state measures will be rolled out gradually and will determine a district and school's performance based on the current rate and whether there was improvement over past years. These indicators are:

1. graduation rates
2. student performance in English language arts and math
3. parent engagement
4. school climate
5. progress of English learners
6. college and career readiness
7. implementation of state standards
8. services, materials, and facilities
9. chronic absenteeism
10. suspension rates

In several areas, Poway Unified scored at the highest possible levels including graduation rates and student performance in English language arts and mathematics for grades 3rd through 8th. PUSD students overall increased their performance by over 9 points in Language Arts and over six points Mathematics.

In the other two areas reported this year, the District met the state target in reducing the number of students suspended during the year and in measuring how well English Language Learners are progressing. However the percentage of students achieving fluency in English decreased slightly over the last year,

resulting in a state ranking of 3 out of 5 possible levels on the rubric. Acting Superintendent Dr. Mel Robertson addressed the results, “We are pleased with the level of performance our students have made in these new measures, and are always appreciative of the dedication our staff undertakes to use these results to ensure that all our students are progressing and are ready for career and college.”

This is the first year of these new accountability scores. In the Fall, the State will include a new report showing the percentage of students indicated as Career and College Ready. The report will also include data from parent, student and staff surveys, as well as reports focusing on the involvement of parents, degree in which students are exposed to a broad array of course work and attendance data.

District staff, principals and site staff will be analyzing these results next fall when the full results are reported. Each year as part of the state Local Control Accountability Plan, staff develops school and district improvement goals and plans based upon these results.

To search Poway Unified or an individual school’s results, go here:
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