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The California Department of Education releases the 2018 California Dashboard

Today the California Department of Education released statewide results of the 2018 California School Dashboard. The Dashboard shows how well students within a district or school are performing on a variety of indicators, including test scores, graduation rates, suspension rates, chronic absenteeism, and college/career readiness. This accountability system provides a wealth of information to assist parents, educators, and the general public in evaluating schools and districts. To view the California School Dashboard [click here](#). Review the Fast Start Guide or Video Tutorial before searching for your school district or specific school.

Background

The California School Dashboard provides key metrics at both the district and school levels. Information is presented in terms of both status and change as compared to the previous year. It further breaks down how student groups, such as ethnic and racial groups, low-income students, English learners, foster youth, and students with special needs, are performing on the various measures. The indicators, presented as gauges, are color-coded: blue is the highest rating, followed by green, then yellow, orange, and red is the lowest. In turn, these metrics contribute information that assist PUSD staff in building on successful practices and identifying areas of needed improvement.



How did PUSD perform? (The following are results for All Students for Fall 2018)



Our **English Language Arts** and **mathematics indicators** were deemed to be at the “very high” blue status level. In the area of mathematics, our student performance improved from the green performance level last year to the blue this year.



Blue

In the **college/career indicator**, Poway Unified was determined to be at the “very high” blue performance level with 71% of last year’s twelfth grade students determined to be “Prepared” to engage in college level work.



Blue

Based on a four-year cohort **graduation rate**, 95.2% of our students from this group graduated in 2018. This percentage placed our district at the “very high” blue performance level.



Yellow

Poway Unified was reported to have a “low” **suspension rate** of 1.6% of our student body. However, because this is an increase in the suspension rate from the previous year, this places PUSD at the yellow performance level.



Orange

PUSD was reported to have a “medium” **chronic absenteeism rate**, with 5.8% of our students being absent for 10% of the year. However, in comparison to the previous year, this rate increased by 1.4%, and this placed our district at the orange performance level.

Local Indicators

PUSD met all of the requirements of the local indicators which measures basic needs (teachers, instructional materials, facilities), implementation of academic standards, parent engagement, school climate, and student access to a broad course of study.

Areas for Improvement

While we are proud of our students’ accomplishments, the Dashboard data denotes areas of improvement needed in meeting the needs of our individual students and specific student groups. In analyzing the Dashboard, some of our student groups’ performance placed them in the orange and red levels. PUSD is refining and aligning our curricular, instructional, and assessment practices in our ongoing efforts to support all students. In addition, PUSD will be focusing on improving our chronic attendance rates and reducing suspensions for many of our student groups. Poway Unified is committed to strengthening our system-wide collaboration with parents, teachers, and school staff to facilitate the success of our students. The California School Dashboard assists us in charting this mission for all students.

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