

New Dashboard Release Timelines



Dashboard Reporting Timeline

In an effort to respond to requests from schools and districts to release the California School Dashboard (Dashboard) earlier in the year, Senate Bill 114 (Chapter 28, Statutes of 2023) was signed into law in July 2023. The intent of SB 114 is to make the data more actionable for supporting students, especially for those charter schools, districts, and county offices of education eligible for Differentiated Assistance through California’s System of Support. SB 114 requires the California Department of Education (CDE) to publish the Dashboard by the following dates:

- **2023 Dashboard:** December 15, 2023
- **2024 Dashboard:** December 1, 2024
- **2025 Dashboard:** November 15, 2025
- **2026 Dashboard:** October 15, 2026

The Dashboard will be released on October 15 every year after 2026.

CALPADS Reporting Timeline

As the deadline to release the Dashboard adjusts earlier each year through 2026, the CDE anticipates the End-of-Year (EOY) data submission certification deadlines for the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) to shift as well. Since the Dashboard is based largely on data local educational agencies (LEAs) certify as part of the CALPADS EOY submissions, this requires the CALPADS EOY certification deadlines to also become progressively earlier. The CALPADS EOY deadline for 2023–24 will be August 16, 2024. This is approximately one week earlier than the 2022–23 EOY deadlines.

Summer Graduate Cut-Off Date: The CDE supports and applauds the work LEAs do to enable students to graduate from high school and receive a diploma, which often includes providing credit recovery opportunities after the official end of the school year for the fourth year of high school. While the US Department of Education permits states to include “summer graduates” in the Four-Year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR), this inclusion cannot delay other required reporting. Given the new state statutory requirement to move up the Dashboard reporting timelines, the CDE has determined that “summer graduates” will no longer be included in the Four-Year ACGR, effective in the **2024–25** academic year.

With this in mind, it is increasingly important that LEAs keep CALPADS updated with student enrollments and exits, and program data, along with certifying accurate data by the new deadlines because of the use of the data in mission critical functions and for high stakes purposes to assist with improving student outcomes.

The CDE will provide specific guidance as to how LEAs must report “summer graduates” in CALPADS (i.e., students who complete graduation requirements and graduate on or between July 1 and August 15). It will be critical that LEAs follow this guidance for the CDE to ensure that LEAs’ Graduate Rate Indicator data on the 2025 Dashboard are comparable with the data collected for the 2024 Dashboard.

Resources

The CDE offers the following resources that LEAs can use to keep themselves apprised:

- The CDE CALPADS Calendar web page contains snapshot collection window and certification deadlines: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sp/cl/rptcalendar.asp>
- The CDE CALPADS Communications web page provides system and correspondence updates through Flashes and letters: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sp/cl/communications.asp>
- The CDE Dashboard Communications Toolkit web page contains helpful summary flyers that inform the public and LEAs about the latest Dashboard: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/dashboardtoolkit.asp>
- The Connecting CALPADS to Dashboard Handbook centers on which CALPADS Reports can be used to validate your data prior to being used for specific Dashboard indicators: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/documents/caldashhandbook23.docx>

For more information, please visit the CDE California School Dashboard and System of Support web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/index.asp>.

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