

California

California Department of Education

[California State Education Statute](#)
[State Policy Summary](#)

Chief School Officer

Jack O'Connell, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Board of Education

The [State Board of Education](#) sets K-12 education policy in the areas of standards, instructional materials, assessment, and accountability. The SBE adopts textbooks for grades K-8, adopts regulations to implement legislation, and has authority to grant waivers of the Education Code.

Initiatives

[Closing the Achievement Gap](#)
[P-16 Council](#)
[Accountability](#)
[Data Quest](#)

State Professional Organizations

[California Teachers' Association](#)
[Association of California School Administrators](#)
[California Elementary Education Association](#)
[California School Boards Association](#)

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TA & D Networks

[California Comprehensive Center](#)
[Western Regional Resource Center](#)
[Regional Education Laboratory – West](#)
[Equity Alliance at ASU](#) – Region IX Equity Assistance Center

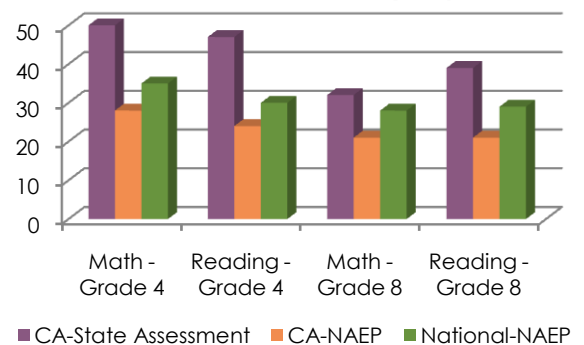
Equity Issues

[Eliezer Williams, et al., vs. State of California, et al.](#)
[Education of Students Who Are English Language Learners](#)

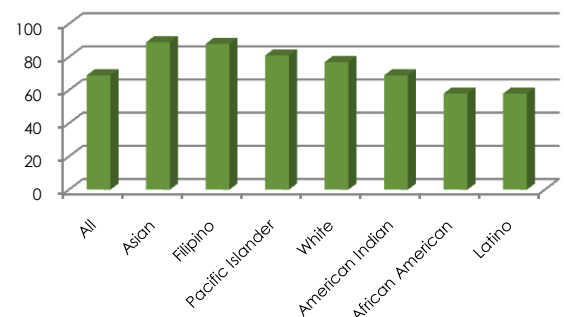
2007-2008 State Data¹

Number of Districts	1,353
Number of Schools	9,920
Per Pupil Funding	\$8,952 ² (Range \$5,706-16,163)
Total Enrollment	6,275,469
Female	3,049,795 49%
Male	3,225,674 51%
Student with IEPs	677,895 11%
Students Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	47%
English Learners	1,568,661 25%
African American	466,141 7%
Latino	3,056,616 49%
Native American	47,543 .8%
Asian	516,253 8%
White	1,790,513 29%
Pacific Islander	39,693 .6%
Filipino	167,385 3%
Multiple Ethnicities	191,325 3%

Percentage of Students at or above Proficient on State Assessment & NAEP (2005)



California's Graduation Rates by Group, 2001³



¹From <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>
²From the National Center for Educational Statistics
³From WestEd's *California's Graduation Rate: The Hidden Crisis*