

Using Ed-Data to Locate School Data

This tip sheet will assist you in locating critical data related to your school or

district or data to compare your school or district to others by using the information compiled at the Education Data Partnersip (Ed-Data) web site.

Step 1

Begin by locating the icon for your browser of choice. (This tip uses Netscape Communicator as its example browser.)

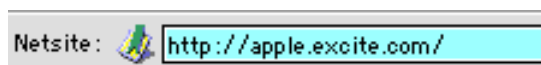


Step 2

Double-click the icon to open the browser. (If you have more than one user configured to use your computer, the User Profile window will appear, and you must select a user, and proceed. Otherwise, Netscape will automatically open the browser window.)

Step 3

Locate the Netsite field near the top of the window. The address of the default home page will be listed there and highlighted.



Step 4

Insert the address of the Ed-Data web site listed below:

<http://www.ed-data.k12.ca.us/>

Step 5

Press the Return or Enter key.

Step 6

Your browser will take you to the home page of the Ed-Data web site.



Step 7

The Ed-Data home page contains five main sections:

- **New at this Site**
- **The Partnership**
- **Profiles and Reports**
- **Education Information**
- **API**

Step 8

In the bottom left corner of the page, the logo of each member in the Ed-Data partnership is linked to its home page. You can visit any of the partner organizations by clicking on their logo.



Step 9

At the bottom of the page, a link is provided to the 2000 API scores. Click the link to find your scores or the scores of other schools.



Step 10

Once you reach the API page, you will need to indicate the county, district, school, type of report, and year for the information you are seeking.

Report / Profile Navigation	
County	Alameda
District	Alameda City Unified School District
School	Alameda High

Step 11

When you use the County pulldown menu to select your county of choice, the choices of districts and schools will change to match your county. You can then select the appropriate district and school from the pulldown menus.

Report	(API) Academic Performance Index
Year	Most Current Year

Step 12

After selecting the district and school, you can choose from three reports, and from the school years 1999, 2000, or most current year.

Select Report ... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (API) Academic Performance Index <input type="checkbox"/> School Profile <input type="checkbox"/> STAR Test Results
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Most Current Year <input type="checkbox"/> 2000 <input type="checkbox"/> 1999

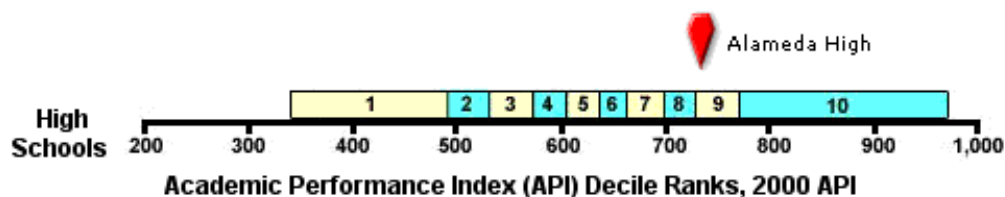
Step 13

Once you have made your choices, a banner with the name of your school will appear.

Alameda High 2000 Academic Performance Index (API)

Step 14

Beneath the banner you will find an API Decile Rank Graphic showing the ranking of your school compared to other schools.



Step 15

A large chart appears at the bottom of the page with information about Base API, Growth Target, Growth API Target, Statewide Rank, and Similar Schools Rank.

API Score, Ranks and Targets		
Click on the underlined words below for more detailed information.		
Base Information		
2000 <u>Base API</u> *	731	Scale of 200 to 1,000
2000-01 <u>Growth Target</u> **	3	5% of the difference between 800 and the school's 2000 Base API, with exceptions
2001 <u>Growth API Target</u>	734	2000 Base API plus the 2000-2001 growth target
2000 <u>Statewide Rank</u>	9	Each rank has 10% of all schools of the same type; 1 is lowest, 10 is highest.
2000 <u>Similar Schools Rank</u>	5	Each rank has 10% of the 100 most similar schools; 1 is lowest, 10 is highest.
Growth Information (data available late fall 2001)		
Additional Data		
2000 API School Type	High School	Schools are designated as elementary, middle, high or small.
2000 Percent Tested	96%	Number of students tested compared to enrollment in grades 2-11 on first day of testing minus excused special education students and those with parent requests for exemption.
<u>Underperforming Schools</u>	No	The ID/USP grants are usually for 3 consecutive years.
*Schools with 11 to 99 students with valid test scores will have an API but no rankings or growth targets. **A school with an API of 800 or above has no growth target, but it must maintain an API of at least 800.		

Step 16

Each of the linked sections above will take you to a narrative web page that will help you to understand the API indexing system.

Step 17

Return to the Ed-Data home Page by clicking the link at the top of the page.



Step 18

Now that you are back at the home page, locate the Profiles and Reports section.

Profiles & Reports

Step 19

Click the link for State Profile and Reports.



State Profile
& Reports

Step 20

A window will appear titled "Report/Profile Navigation." Use the pop-up window to select the report you would like to see.

Report/Profile Navigation	
Report	Select Report . . .
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Select Report . . . Statewide STAR Test Results Statewide Profile California Student Trends California School Trends Academic Performance Index

Step 21

Begin by selecting the Statewide STAR Test Results. A new window will appear allowing you to choose between years 1998, 1999, and 2000.

Report/Profile Navigation	
Report	Statewide STAR Test Results
YEAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 2000 1999 1998

Step 21

After selecting your year of choice, you may select from the options available in the Statewide Star Test Results window.

Statewide STAR Test Results

SAT-9 Results

- [2000 National Percentile Ranking \(NPR\)](#)
- [2000 Percent Scoring At or Above the 50th Percentile](#)
- [Comparison of Scoring At or Above the 50th Percentile \(2000 vs 1999\)](#)

Standards-Based Augmented Results

- [2000 California Standards-Based Augmented STAR Results](#)
- [Comparison of Standards-Based Augmented Results \(2000 vs 1999\)](#)

Step 22

Select the SAT-9 Results for 2000 National Percentile Ranking. The following table will appear.

Statewide 2000 National Percentile Ranking																		
Grade	Reading			Math			Language			Spelling			Science			Social Science		
	All*	Not LEP*	LEP*	All	Not LEP	LEP	All	Not LEP	LEP	All	Not LEP	LEP	All	Not LEP	LEP	All	Not LEP	LEP
2	48	58	28	58	65	41	50	62	28	49	57	33						
3	44	55	21	57	65	39	50	59	29	49	56	33						
4	45	56	20	51	59	30	50	58	29	45	54	22						
5	44	54	17	51	59	28	49	58	25	44	52	22						
6	47	56	19	57	64	31	52	59	26	46	54	20						
7	48	54	18	51	57	27	54	62	23	45	54	17						
8	47	55	18	50	56	27	51	58	22	39	46	16						
9	36	42	12	54	58	31	50	56	25				45	49	25	45	49	25
10	33	39	9	47	51	28	40	46	14				45	50	22	38	43	17
11	37	43	11	50	54	30	47	51	19				46	50	21	56	60	30

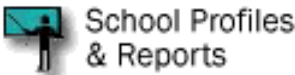
LEPs: Limited English Proficient

*In addition to the "All" category, which includes every student tested, data is also shown for subgroups of students who are proficient in English (Not LEP) or have limited English skills (LEP). For the small number of students not identified during testing as part of either group, "Not LEP" or "LEP," their scores are only included in "All."

You can continue making selections using the previous navigation window to view additional statewide results.

Step 23

Return to the Ed-Data Home page, then click the link for School Profiles and Reports. Use this link when you want to find out any data about a particular school site.



Step 24

You will notice that the navigational structure is identical to the API link you connected to earlier.

Report / Profile Navigation	
County	Alameda
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Report	Select Report . . .
Year	Most Current Year

Step 25

As before, select the county and school you would like, then select the report and year.

Select Report . . .
✓ (API) Academic Performance Index
School Profile
STAR Test Results

Step 26

This time, select the School Profile for the most current year. The following chart appears, with three recipe menus at the top. The first menu provides general information about the school in the following series of charts:

General Information	Students	Staffing
School Profile		
ALAMEDA HIGH FISCAL YEAR: 1998-99		
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Alameda County • CDS CODE: 01 - 61119 - 0130229		
School Profile Definitions		

Legislative Members

	District	Member
State Assembly	16	Audie Elizabeth Bock
State Senate	9	Don Perata
U.S. Representative	9	Barbara Lee

Source: California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit - CBEDS.

School Description, 1998-99

Type of School	High School
Grade Levels	9-12
Year Round School	No
Title I SWP School (97/98)	No
Charter School	No
Total Enrollment	1,700

Source: California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit - CBEDS

Average Class Size, 1998-99

Schoolwide Average	29.0
English	24.8
Mathematics	28.3
Social Science	30.4
Science	32.3

Source: California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit - CBEDS

Technology, 1998-99

Number of Computers	0
Number of Students per Computer	0.0
Number of Classrooms on the Internet	0

Source: California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit - CBEDS

Special Population Counts, 1998-99			
		As % of Enrollment	
	Count	School	District
EL (formerly LEP): English Learner Students, Spring Count	299	17.6%	19.7%
Free/Reduced Price Meals for Children	418	24.4%	41.1%
CalWORKs (formerly AFDC): California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids, October Count	103	6.0%	9.4%
Compensatory Education (97/98)	0	0.0%	--

Source: California Department of Education; Educational Demographics Unit - Language Census; School Fiscal Services Division - CalWORKs Report; School and District Accountability Division - Consolidated Application

Alternative Education Enrollment, 1998-99	
	Enrollment
Continuation Classes	0
Community/Experience Based Program	0
Opportunity Program	0
Magnet Program	0
Pregnant/Parenting Program	0
Independent Study	0
Home Independent Study	0
Other	0

Source: California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit - CBEDS

Step 26

To receive similar charts of information dealing with the specifics of student data and staffing data, click the menu headings at the top of the School Profile window.

General Information

Students

Staffing

Step 27

Return to the Ed-Data home page. In the Profiles and Reports section, you can also find similar information for counties and districts by clicking the appropriate links.



County Profiles
& Reports



District Profiles
& Reports

Step 28

The next section of interest on the Ed-Data home page is the Education Information column. The first section provides a snapshot on how California schools compare with others. Click that link.

A Snapshot of the California Public School System

How California schools compare with others in the nation in enrollment growth, pupils enrolled per teacher, and expenditures per pupil.

Step 28

A number of options are available from the snapshot page. Select the link for California's rankings.

- **California's Rankings, 1998-99**
- **Expenditures per Pupil**
- **Enrollments**
- **Pupils Enrolled per Teacher**
- **Other States: Ratios and Expenditures**

Step 29

This page provides a general narrative about how California compares with other states, along with the following graphs:

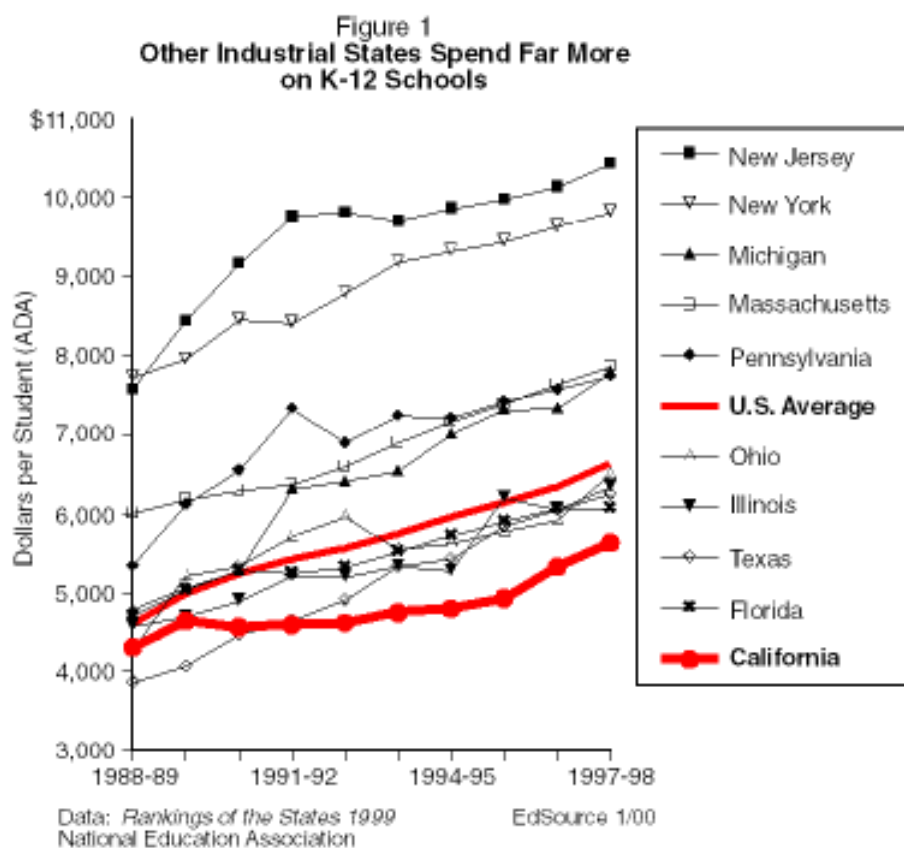


Figure 2
California's K-12 Expenditures per Student (ADA)
Remain Below U.S. Average

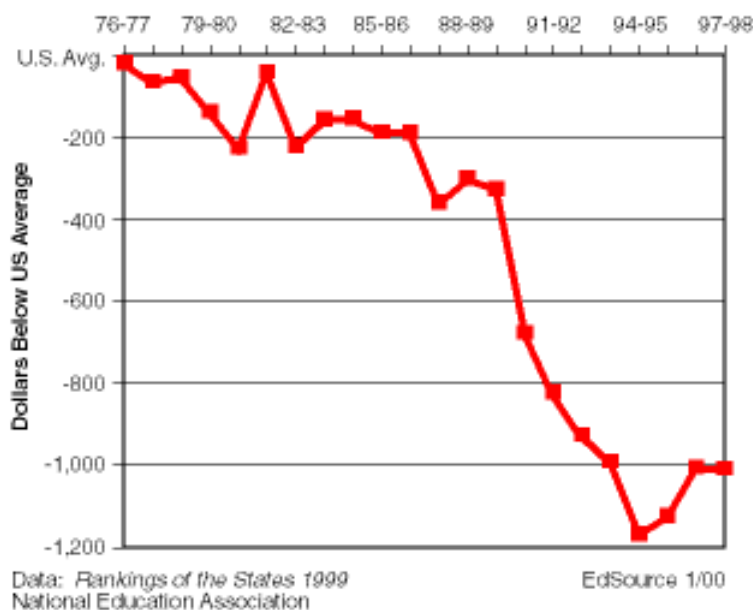
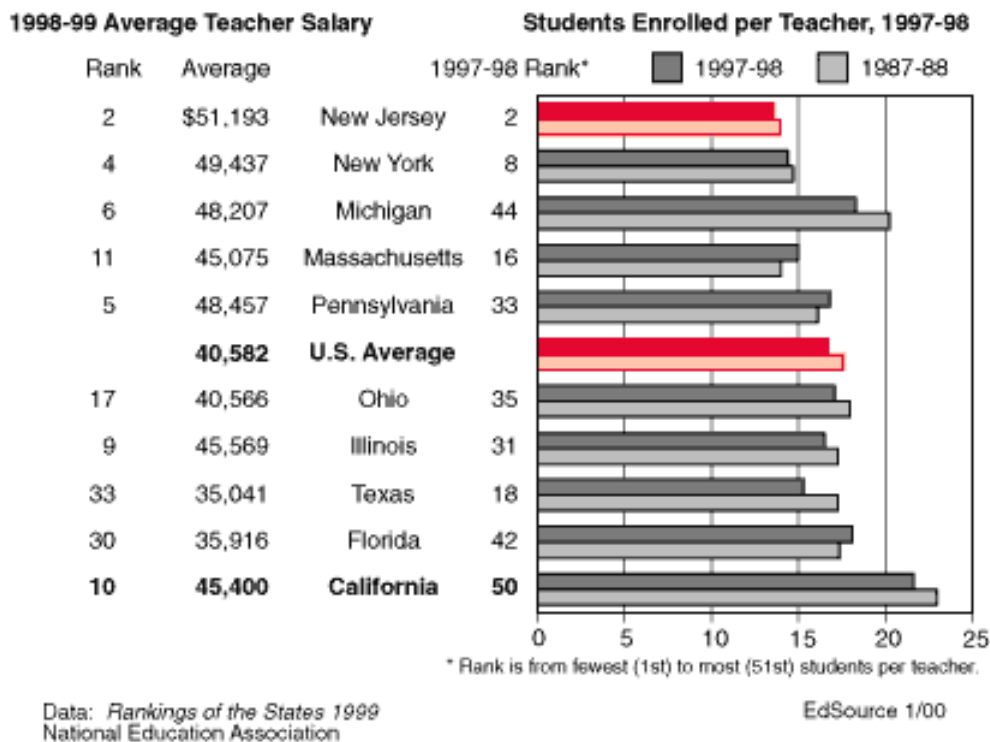


Figure 3
California's Student-Teacher Ratio Second Highest in Nation,
Teacher Salaries Rank 10th

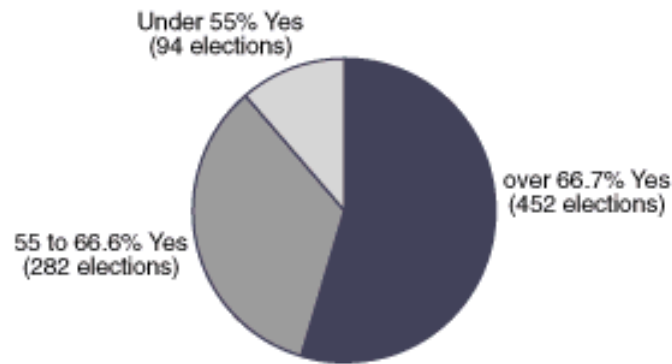


The additional links on the snapshot page also provide numerous graphs comparing California educational data to other states.

Step 29

Return to the Ed-Data home page and select the Education Issues and Background link. This page contains over a dozen narrative articles discussing educational issues, complete with supporting graphs. Click the link to School District Bond and Tax Elections to view the narrative and the following graphs:

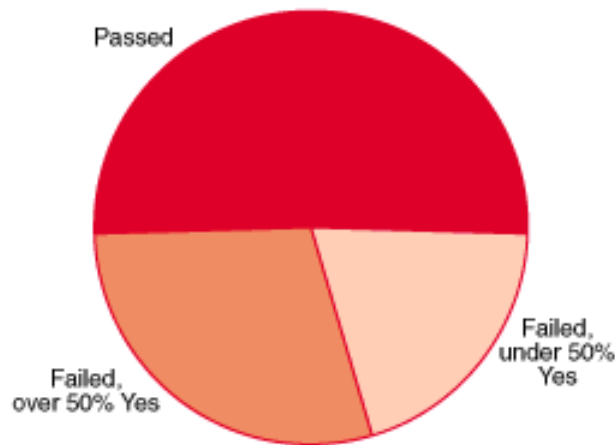
General Obligation Bond Elections



Source: EdSource, School Services of California, Inc.

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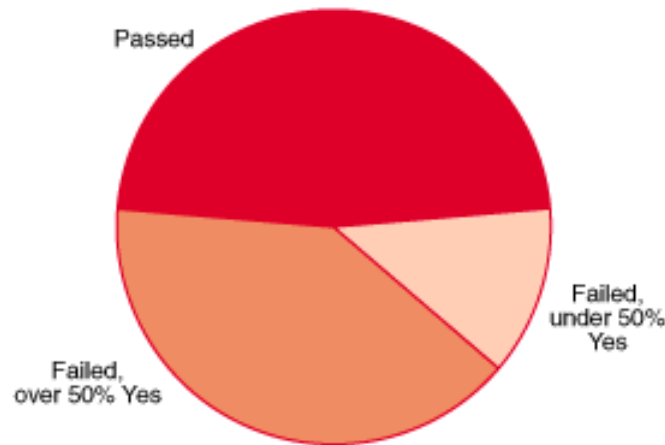
Mello-Roos District Elections



Source: EdSource, School Services of California

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Parcel Tax Elections

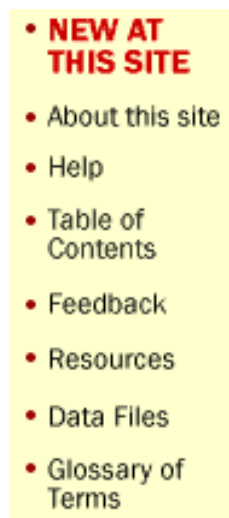


Source: EdSource, School Services of California

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Step 30

Return to the Ed-Data home page and find the New at this Site section in the upper left corner. This section contains a variety of information about the web site, including a Help menu, an index, and more. One of the more valuable links in this section is the Data Files. The databases on the Ed-Data site are not downloadable by the general public, but the links from the Data Files page will take you to the sources of data where many files are downloadable. Visit the Data Files link.



Most of the downloadable files are available through California Department of Education links.

That concludes your tour of the Education Data Partnership (Ed-Data) site. We hope this information helps you with your daily tasks as an administrator as they apply to data-driven decision making.