

## Additional Key Terms and Definitions

TERM	DEFINITION
<b>Elementary School</b>	Generally refers to performance in grades K to 5. For schools where grade 6 is the highest grade, grade 6 is included in elementary school performance.
<b>Middle School</b>	Generally refers to performance in grades 6 to 8. For schools where grade 5 is the lowest grade, grade 5 is included in middle school performance. For schools where grade 9 is the highest grade, grade 9 is included in middle school performance. For schools where grade 6 is the highest grade, grade 6 is included in elementary school performance.
<b>High School</b>	Generally refers to performance in grades 9 to 12. For schools where grade 9 is the highest grade, grade 9 is included in middle school performance.
<b>API Type</b>	In California's API files, all schools are given one school type - elementary, middle or high.
<b>Lowest Performing Racial/Ethnic Subgroup</b>	Identifies the racial/ethnic subgroup for the result in question with the lowest Index level and weakest performance.
<b>English Learner</b>	Includes current English Learners, as well as select Reclassified Fluent English Proficient students (e.g. those who have not yet demonstrated consistent grade level performance on standardized ELA assessments).
<b>Students with Disabilities</b>	Includes all students in special education during the year in question.
<b>Socio-Economically Disadvantaged</b>	All students who are either free or reduced priced lunch or whose parents who have not received a high school diploma.

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