Measuring how students progress in their learning from one year to the next—their academic growth—is an advanced way to consider the progress students make in their learning each year.

This data allows us to better understand how well our schools are educating students.

Believe it or not, California is one of only two states that does not include academic growth data in elementary and middle school state accountability models.

How Can Academic Growth Data Help?

Academic growth data shows how much a student has improved in their learning over a given period of time, even if that student’s scores do not meet academic achievement benchmarks set by California.

And when looking at the school level, academic growth data provides a more holistic understanding of how well schools support our students.

Academic Growth Data:

- Provides a **MORE COMPLETE PICTURE OF STUDENT PROGRESS** than the Change indicator on the California School Dashboard because it accounts for students’ previous achievement scores, as well as important background characteristics.

- Enables educators to **IDENTIFY HIGH GROWTH SCHOOLS, LEARN ABOUT SUCCESSFUL STRATEGIES, AND DISCUSS EFFECTIVE APPROACHES** to teaching different student groups and related areas for improvement.

- Empowers parents, educators, and the community with the information we need to **CONTINUALLY IMPROVE OUR SCHOOLS** and work toward equitable outcomes for all students.

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What’s Special about the CORE Districts’ Academic Growth Model?

The CORE growth model uses valid and reliable methods for capturing the impact that schools have on students’ academic development over time.

Unlike other ways of measuring academic growth, CORE Districts’ expert-developed model enables comparisons of schools that are socio-economically and demographically similar, and it accounts for students’ prior test history and whether or not they are a low-income student, a student with a disability, an English learner, a homeless student or a student in foster care.

CORE’s academic growth data gives a more complete and accurate assessment of how schools help students achieve academic success than is available elsewhere.

This new data opens new doors to continually improve our schools and create equitable outcomes for all students.