

California K-12 Education: Challenges And Solutions

CALIFORNIA EDUCATION DASHBOARD

- Demographics:
 - 6.2 million students
 - 52% Hispanic
 - 30% White
 - 1.6 million Limited English
- Expenditures: Below average, but if adjusted for CA costs 45th in USA
- Teacher salaries: 1st, but 7th if cost adjusted

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- State Ratio of Total School Staff Per 1,000 Students: 50th (72% of national average)
 - Guidance, librarians, teachers: 50th
 - Better financial base is a top priority!
- Test Scores: Test Score Growth on State Tests is Impressive from 2003-2011
 - Hispanics: 20% to 42% proficiency in English
 - Whites: 53% to 71% proficiency in English

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- National assessment—CA among five lowest states in USA
- Higher education graduation rates
 - 4-year colleges in top 20 states
 - Overall bottom third in graduation: because community college graduation low (24%)
- New policy-making role for SBE
- Governor Brown seeks a “Fourth Way” of education policy

PRIORITIES FOR CALIFORNIA

- Simplify education funding, increase local flexibility, and adjust for pupil needs
- Develop a comprehensive system for implementing the Common Core college-ready standards.
 - Much CTE not covered by Common Core—need to develop pathways
- Align English Learner Standards with Common Core and new assessments
- Revamp assessment, cut tests, and diversify state accountability measures

PRIORITIES FOR CALIFORNIA (continued)

- Use CTC to focus on assessment at end of teacher preparation
 - AB5 teacher evaluation bill?
- Support innovation (charter schools), but ensure accountability for improved student outcomes.
- Facilitate and support the best uses of technology.