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Education Summary

Indicator	Measurement	California	San Luis Obispo County	County Trend
Family Reading	Percentage of parent telephone survey respondents who reported reading stories or looking at picture books every day with their child(ren) under age 12	NA	56.5%	
Child Care Learning Program Enrollment	Percentage of 3 and 4 year olds enrolled in school	48.8%	46.7%	
Student Enrollment	Student enrollment in public k-12 schools	6,226,989	34,674	
English Learner Students	Percentage of English Learner Students	22.3%	14.9%	
Test Scores – STAR (California Standards Test)	Percentage of 3 rd grade students scoring proficient or above in the English-Language Arts subject area	46%	52%	
Test Scores – Academic Performance Index (API)	Number of schools receiving the highest level of state ranking, level 9 or 10 (of 10)	NA	11	NA
Test Scores – California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)	Percentage of students passing the English-Language Arts section of the CAHSEE	83%	87%	
Test Scores – SAT	Average total SAT score (out of 2400 possible points)	1,492	1,603	
School Attendance	Truancy rate	28.5%	36.7%	
Suspension and Expulsion	Suspension rate	5.7	5.6	NA
High School Dropout Rates	High school dropout rate	13.1%	7.7%	
High School Graduation Rates	High school graduation rate	78.7%	87.6%	
Community College Preparation and Placement	Percentage of high school graduates completing UC/CSU required courses	36.9%	37.7%	


 Increasing (Upward) trend;
  Declining (Downward) trend;
  Inconclusive; variable; no clear trend;
 NA Not applicable or data unavailable.
 Green colored arrow indicates positive trend; Red colored arrow indicates negative trend.

Note: Data presented in table are the most recent data available.

Family Reading


Family reading is crucial for children to learn early literacy skills. Pre-school age children who have early literacy skills such as letter recognition, word knowledge and knowledge of sounds tend to be far more successful in later school achievement, especially in the areas of reading and oral language skills. Children who have early learning skills as they enter kindergarten do better in school, are more likely to graduate with a high school diploma, are more successful in their careers, and are less likely to be involved in crime and drugs.⁵ It is recommended that parents read to children every day.

In 2013, 82% of the families with children under the age of 12 read to their children 3-7 days a week, similar to 2010 (83%).

 **In a usual week, about how many days do you or any other family members read stories or look at picture books with your child(ren) under 12 years old?**

Response	2010	2013
Every Day	60.1%	56.5%
3 to 6 Times a Week	22.4%	25.8%
Once or Twice a Week	13.2%	12.8%
Never	4.3%	5.0%
Total Respondents	233	256

Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 2010 and 2013.

 **In a usual week, about how many days do you or any other family members read stories or look at picture books with your child(ren) under 12 years old? By Region**

	North Coast		North County		San Luis Obispo		South County	
	2010	2013	2010	2013	2010	2013	2010	2013
Every Day	62.4%	75.9%	56.2%	49.8%	54.6%	58.0%	62.2%	57.2%
3 to 6 Times a Week	19.7%	17.1%	28.6%	21.4%	24.7%	39.5%	20.5%	27.4%
Once or Twice a Week	15.2%	7.0%	8.5%	24.3%	13.4%	0.0%	14.2%	6.6%
Never	2.7%	0.0%	6.7%	4.5%	7.2%	2.5%	3.0%	8.8%
Total Respondents	52	56	76	84	45	51	61	60

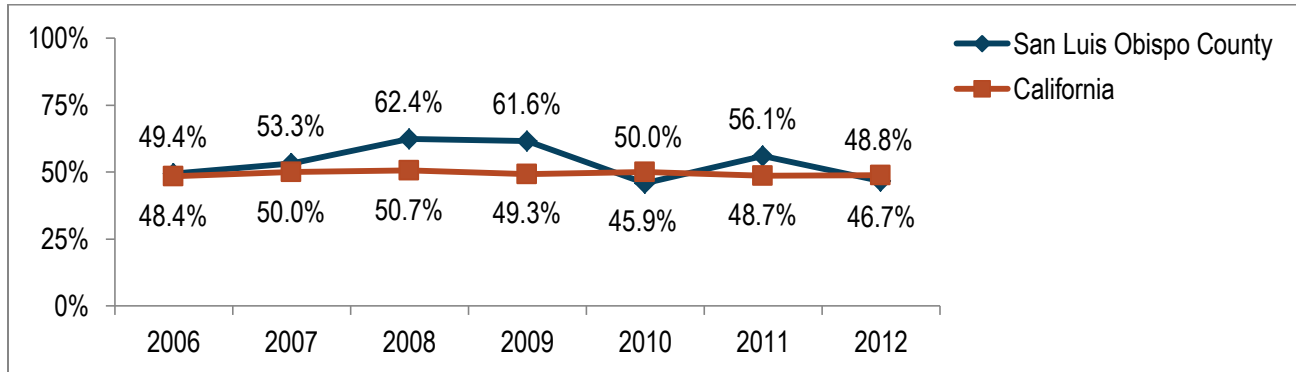
Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 2010 and 2013.

⁵ Rolnick, A., & Grunewald, R. (2003). *Early Childhood Development: Economic Development with a High Public Return. Big Ideas for Children. First Focus, Washington, DC.*

Child Care Learning Program Enrollment

Forty-seven percent of children 3 and 4 years old in San Luis Obispo County were enrolled in school in 2012, compared to 49% of all California’s 3 and 4 year olds. Sixty-six children were on the waiting list for state funded preschool, and 601 children were on waiting lists for 3 Head Start programs in 2012-13.

Percentage of Children 3 and 4 Years Old Enrolled in School



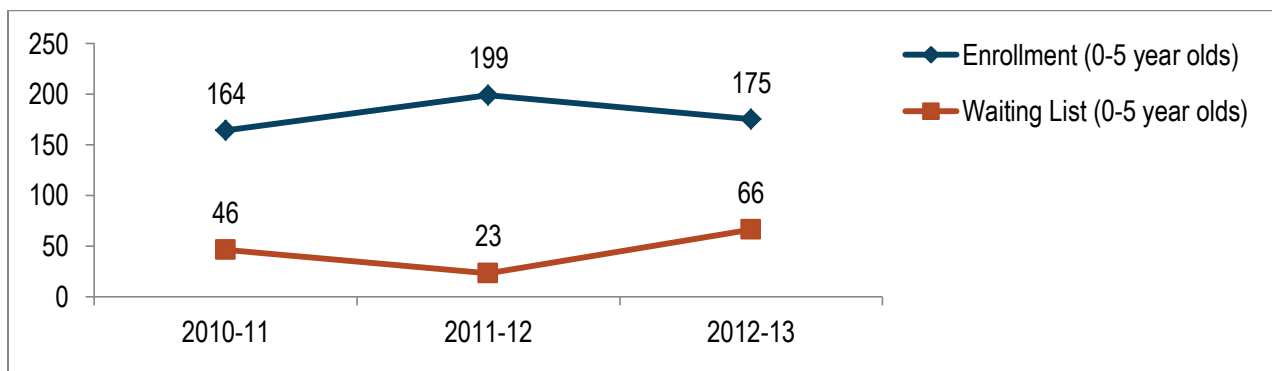
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 1-year estimates 2006-2012, Table S1401 2013.

Enrollment in State Funded Preschool Programs, San Luis Obispo County

Program	2010	2011	2012	2013
San Luis Obispo County Office of Education	262	242	225	220
First 5 Programs	40	40	37	40

Source: San Luis Obispo County Office of Education, 2013.

Enrollment in State Funded Child Development Programs, San Luis Obispo County



Source: Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County, Inc. (CAPSLO), 2010-13.

Note: Enrollment numbers include both center based care and family child care.

Head Start Program Enrollment, San Luis Obispo County

Response	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Enrollment (3-5 year olds)	387	387	387	387	387	387	387
Waiting List (3-5 year olds)	186	221	236	273	356	300	372

Source: Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County, Inc. (CAPSLO), 2010.

Note: The Head Start Program is a federally-funded child and family development program for low-income children aged 0-5 years.

Early Head Start Program Enrollment, San Luis Obispo County

Response	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Enrollment (0-3 year-olds)	76	76	76	164	254	254	218
Waiting List (0-3 year-olds)	65	75	39	50	133	163	209

Source: Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County, Inc. (CAPSLO), 2013.

Note: The Early Head Start Program is a federally-funded child and family development program for low-income children aged 0-5 years.

Migrant/Seasonal Head Start Program Enrollment, San Luis Obispo County

Response	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Enrollment	57	59	51	52	61	51	52
Waiting List (0-5 year olds)	11	6	4	3	11	21	20

Source: Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County, Inc. (CAPSLO), 2013.

Note: The Migrant/Seasonal Head Start Program is a federally-funded child and family development program for children aged 0-5 years whose families are migrant or seasonal farm workers.

Student Enrollment

Between the 2006/07 and 2012/013 school years, the percentage of students enrolled in public k-12 schools decreased by 2% in San Luis Obispo County. Seventy-seven percent of survey respondents had children in San Luis Obispo County schools.

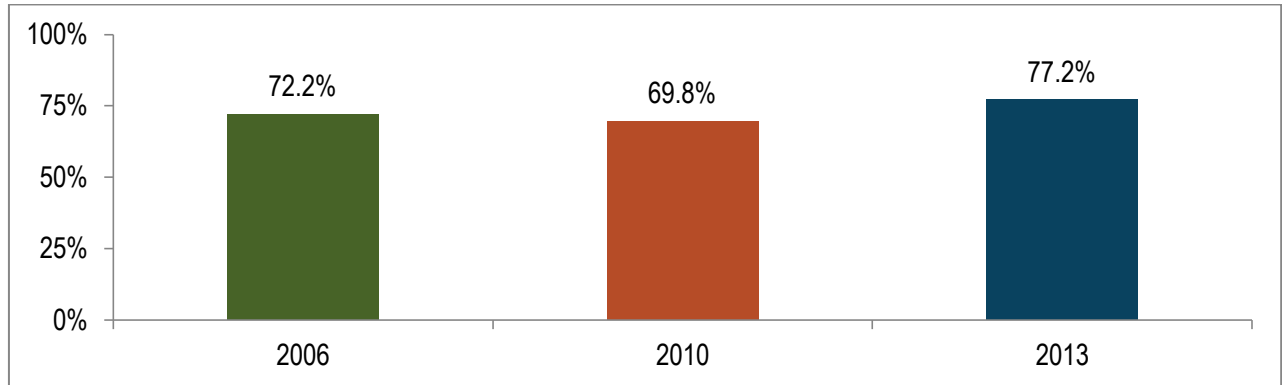
Student Enrollment by District, San Luis Obispo County

District	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	06-12 % Change
County Office of Education	804	739	741	782	632	674	667	-17.0%
Atascadero Unified	5,037	5,036	4,971	4,895	4,898	4,905	4,784	-5.0%
Cayucos Elementary	193	175	187	210	214	226	217	12.4%
Coast Unified	861	799	763	754	763	745	762	-11.5%
Lucia Mar Unified	10,866	10,820	10,770	10,716	10,562	10,591	10,565	-2.8%
Paso Robles Joint Unified	6,906	6,916	6,895	6,826	6,815	6,750	6,604	-4.4%
Pleasant Valley Joint Union Elementary	137	161	134	121	110	115	126	-8.0%
San Luis Coastal Unified	7,239	7,150	7,134	7,241	7,234	7,350	7,535	4.1%
San Miguel Joint Union Elementary	460	493	563	550	552	610	746	62.2%
Shandon Joint Unified	382	347	314	298	312	304	308	-19.4%
Templeton Unified	2,563	2,430	2,371	2,334	2,258	2,294	2,360	-7.9%
San Luis Obispo County	35,448	35,066	34,843	34,727	34,350	34,564	34,674	-2.2%

Source: California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System, CBEDS Enrollment Comparison, 2013.

Note: In early 2010 a newly created charter school in San Miguel JUSD has led to students transferring from Paso Robles JUSD to enroll in the newly created Almond Acres Charter Academy.

📞 Do you have children in San Luis Obispo County Schools? (Respondents Answering “Yes”)



2006 n: 136, 2010 n: 359, 2013 n: 371

Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 2006, 2010, and 2013.

Note: For additional information on regional breakdowns, please see Appendix D.

📞 Are they in:

Response	2006	2010	2013
Elementary School	58.3%	58.7%	62.1%
Middle School/Junior High	34.3%	26.6%	31.2%
High School	44.7%	49.7%	44.6%
Total Respondents	98	246	281
Total Responses	135	333	387

Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 2006, 2010 and 2013.

Note: This was a multiple response question which enabled respondents to select more than one response.

English Learner Students

The percentage of English Learner students in San Luis Obispo County has increased 2% from the 2005-06 to 2011-12 school year, while the percentage in California has decreased by 3%.

Percentage of English Learner Students by District, San Luis Obispo County

District	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	05-12 Net Change
County Office of Education	17.1%	14.8%	11.9%	18.4%	14.7%	19.5%	18.6%	1.5
Atascadero Unified	5.0%	6.1%	6.8%	6.6%	6.9%	7.6%	7.4%	2.4
Cayucos Elementary	2.0%	1.9%	3.4%	3.7%	1.4%	0.0%	4.0%	2.0
Coast Unified	26.4%	28.5%	32.7%	34.2%	36.5%	35.3%	37.9%	11.5
Lucia Mar Unified	14.5%	15.8%	15.6%	16.4%	17.5%	15.5%	14.4%	-0.1
Paso Robles Joint Unified	19.7%	21.1%	21.0%	20.3%	22.0%	19.7%	20.3%	0.6
Pleasant Valley Joint Union	23.5%	21.9%	20.5%	15.7%	18.2%	26.4%	26.1%	2.6
San Luis Coastal Unified	8.9%	9.8%	11.0%	12.7%	13.8%	14.3%	14.6%	5.7
San Miguel Joint Union Elementary	30.6%	23.8%	33.6%	26.0%	30.6%	31.1%	29.8%	-0.8
Shandon Joint Unified	34.3%	33.3%	40.1%	36.3%	38.5%	32.9%	33.2%	-1.1
Templeton Unified	2.2%	2.5%	2.6%	3.0%	3.8%	3.6%	3.9%	1.7
San Luis Obispo County	13.0%	13.9%	14.4%	14.8%	15.9%	15.0%	14.9%	1.9
California	24.9%	25.0%	24.7%	24.2%	23.7%	17.0%	22.3%	-2.6

Source: California Department of Education, Data Quest, 2013.

Note: EL students are those students for whom there is a primary language other than English on the state-approved Home Language Survey and who, on the basis of the state approved oral language (grades K-12) assessment procedures and including literacy (grades 3-12 only), have been determined to lack the clearly defined English language skills of listening comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing necessary to succeed in the school's regular instructional programs.

Test Scores – STAR (California Standards Test)

The California Standards Tests in English-Language arts, mathematics, science and history-social science are administered only to students in California public schools. These tests were developed specifically to assess students' knowledge of the California academic content standards.

Third grade reading scores are one of the most important predictors of later school success, including high school graduation rates. San Luis Obispo County saw an overall increase in the percentage of 3rd grade students scoring proficient or above in English-Language Arts on the California Standards Test, from 45% in 2007 to 52% in 2013. San Luis Obispo County consistently had a higher percentage of 3rd grade students scoring proficient or above in the English-Language Arts than that of California overall.

High School Math proficiency, however, remained relatively low, although it was generally higher than California overall. For example, 13%-18% of 11th graders were proficient in Algebra I and II, and Geometry, compared to California at 8%-15% proficient.

3rd Grade: Percent Scoring Proficient or Above

Subject	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	07-13 Net Change
English-Language Arts								
San Luis Obispo County	45%	46%	54%	49%	50%	51%	52%	7
California	37%	38%	44%	44%	46%	48%	46%	9
Mathematics								
San Luis Obispo County	62%	67%	70%	69%	70%	72%	72%	10
California	58%	61%	64%	65%	68%	69%	66%	8

Source: California Department of Education, Statewide Assessment Division, 2013.

Note: Data by district are available at the California Department of Education's DataQuest website at: <http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

5th Grade: Percent Scoring Proficient or Above

Subject	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	07-13 Net Change
English-Language Arts								
San Luis Obispo County	56%	57%	62%	66%	67%	69%	65%	9
California	44%	48%	54%	58%	59%	63%	60%	16
Mathematics								
San Luis Obispo County	56%	55%	59%	66%	66%	69%	69%	13
California	49%	51%	57%	60%	63%	66%	65%	16
Science								
San Luis Obispo County	49%	58%	58%	64%	63%	63%	62%	13
California	37%	46%	49%	56%	58%	60%	57%	20

Source: California Department of Education, Statewide Assessment Division, 2013.

Note: Data by district are available at the California Department of Education's DataQuest website at: <http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

7th Grade: Percent Scoring Proficient or Above

Subject	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	07-13 Net Change
English-Language Arts								
San Luis Obispo County	61%	59%	65%	65%	68%	72%	68%	7
California	46%	49%	54%	55%	67%	62%	60%	14
Mathematics								
San Luis Obispo County	51%	52%	54%	57%	57%	62%	59%	8
California	39%	41%	43%	49%	50%	52%	52%	13

Source: California Department of Education, Statewide Assessment Division, 2013.

Note: Data by district are available at the California Department of Education's DataQuest website at: <http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

9th Grade: Percent Scoring Proficient or Above

Subject	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	07-13 Net Change
English-Language Arts								
San Luis Obispo County	61%	61%	65%	65%	64%	64%	67%	6
California	47%	49%	50%	54%	55%	57%	62%	15
General Mathematics								
San Luis Obispo County	19%	20%	15%	13%	27%	29%	26%	7
California	13%	18%	17%	17%	18%	18%	16%	3
Algebra I								
San Luis Obispo County	31%	22%	26%	27%	31%	32%	27%	-4
California	17%	18%	21%	22%	23%	25%	25%	8
Geometry								
San Luis Obispo County	61%	55%	56%	47%	57%	55%	48%	-13
California	44%	43%	47%	45%	49%	48%	45%	1
Biology								
San Luis Obispo County	47%	55%	57%	52%	58%	57%	54%	7
California	47%	52%	51%	55%	57%	60%	58%	11

Source: California Department of Education, Statewide Assessment Division, 2013.

Note: Data by district are available at the California Department of Education’s DataQuest website at: <http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

11th Grade: Percent Scoring Proficient or Above

Subject	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	07-13 Net Change
English-Language Arts								
San Luis Obispo County	47%	46%	49%	52%	52%	53%	51%	4
California	37%	37%	40%	43%	45%	48%	48%	11
Algebra I								
San Luis Obispo County	12%	9%	15%	17%	22%	15%	16%	4
California	5%	5%	8%	9%	9%	10%	10%	5
Geometry								
San Luis Obispo County	17%	15%	17%	15%	18%	17%	13%	-4
California	6%	6%	7%	7%	9%	9%	8%	2
Algebra II								
San Luis Obispo County	25%	21%	25%	25%	18%	18%	18%	-7
California	12%	11%	12%	14%	16%	15%	15%	3
Summative High School Mathematics								
San Luis Obispo County	55%	47%	54%	54%	47%	48%	46%	-9
California	44%	43%	47%	50%	50%	49%	49%	5
U.S. History								
San Luis Obispo County	42%	47%	52%	52%	53%	51%	52%	10
California	35%	38%	44%	45%	48%	48%	50%	15
Biology								
San Luis Obispo County	47%	44%	50%	53%	65%	58%	51%	4
California	36%	39%	41%	46%	49%	53%	51%	15
Chemistry								
San Luis Obispo County	43%	37%	46%	45%	40%	46%	44%	1
California	26%	25%	27%	29%	29%	34%	32%	6
Physics								
San Luis Obispo County	44%	54%	59%	59%	67%	63%	66%	22
California	42%	47%	50%	53%	56%	56%	58%	16

Source: California Department of Education, Statewide Assessment Division, 2013.

Note: Data by district are available at the California Department of Education's DataQuest website at: <http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

Test Scores – Academic Performance Index (API)

A school's API is a number that ranges from 200 to 1,000 and the state has set 800 as the API target for all schools to meet. According to the California Department of Education, 78% of schools in San Luis Obispo County in 2012 had an API score of 800 or above.

San Luis Obispo County Office of Education

Response	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	06-12 % Change	2012 Statewide Rank
San Luis Obispo – Special Education	616	633	639	775	786	771	792 ²	28.6%	NA ¹

Source: California Department of Education, Assessment, Accountability and Awards Division, 2013.

¹ Statewide rank is not applicable to special education schools.

² This school was reported as a "small school," meaning that the API score was based on small numbers of students and is less reliable, and therefore should be interpreted carefully.

Atascadero Unified School District

Response	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	06-12 % Change	2012 Statewide Rank
Elementary Schools									
Fine Arts Academy ¹	865	859	839	846	836	839	869	0.5%	8
Monterey Road	840	834	837	855	852	839	840	0.0%	7
San Benito	830	832	828	838	828	839	813	-2.0%	5
San Gabriel	837	843	830	835	810	804	818	-2.3%	6
Santa Margarita	844	815	831	815	814	823	821	-2.7%	6
Santa Rosa Road Academic Academy	815	794	800	799	781	794	803	-1.5%	5
Middle Schools									
Atascadero	784	776	771	775	812	840	846	7.9%	7
High Schools									
Atascadero	772	766	764	794	798	796	804	4.1%	8

Source: California Department of Education, Assessment, Accountability and Awards Division, 2013.

¹ Starting in 2004, Fine Arts Academy was reported as a middle school.

Cayucos Elementary District

Response	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	06-12 % Change	2012 Statewide Rank
Cayucos Elementary	883	867	874	930	896	873	908	2.8%	9

Source: California Department of Education, Assessment, Accountability and Awards Division, 2013.

Coast Unified School District

Response	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	06-12 % Change	2012 Statewide Rank
Elementary Schools									
Cambria Grammar	757	768	762	790	790	813	813	7.4%	5
Middle Schools									
Santa Lucia	757	785	793	784	772	825	859	13.5%	8
High Schools									
Coast Union	800	804	778	809	800	789	798	-0.3%	7

Source: California Department of Education, Assessment, Accountability and Awards Division, 2013.

Lucia Mar Unified School District

Response	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	06-12 % Change	2012 Statewide Rank
Elementary Schools									
Branch	882	870	868	897	904	907	890	0.9%	9
Dana	765	776	796	814	795	816	813	6.3%	5
Fairgrove	NA	NA	776	804	821	821	828	NA	6
Grover Beach	735	760	731	758	798	826	788	7.2%	4
Grover Heights	808	815	823	835	841	846	862	6.7%	8
Harloe	819	839	818	842	864	872	855	4.4%	7
Lange (Dorothea)	NA	774	759	777	773	NA	821	NA	6
Nipomo	727	725	709	730	798	813	802	10.3%	5
North Oceano	764	774	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Ocean View	886	866	884	890	879	902	900	1.6%	9
Oceano	737	706	754	766	769	771	771	4.6%	3
Shell Beach	887	880	888	903	903	897	902	1.7%	9
Middle Schools									
Judkins	785	783	806	816	828	825	849	8.2%	7
Mesa	779	767	795	778	780	782	810	4.0%	6
Paulding	816	827	829	831	834	838	867	6.3%	8
High Schools									
Arroyo Grande	763	762	773	795	809	798	798	4.6%	7
Nipomo	705	781	771	771	794	783	778	10.4%	6

Source: California Department of Education, Assessment, Accountability and Awards Division, 2013.

Paso Robles Joint Unified School District

Response	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	06-12 % Change	2012 Statewide Rank
Elementary Schools									
Bauer/Speck	759	743	751	761	785	788	746	-1.7%	2
Brown	727	718	766	798	784	786	798	9.8%	4
Butler	844	826	837	828	815	836	845	0.1%	7
Kermit King	812	851	825	836	839	818	847	4.3%	7
Peterson	754	783	803	798	824	825	803	6.5%	5
Pifer	777	755	760	784	811	828	814	4.8%	5
Middle Schools									
Flamson	696	712	737	761	797	820	827	18.8%	7
Lewis	789	777	826	803	821	810	851	7.9%	7
High Schools									
Paso Robles	720	744	741	747	775	777	775	7.6%	6
Paso Robles Independent Study Center ¹	561	599	591	653	787	845	781	39.2%	4

Source: California Department of Education, Assessment, Accountability and Awards Division, 2013.

¹ This school was reported as a “small school,” meaning that the API score was based on small numbers of students and is less reliable, and therefore should be interpreted carefully.

Pleasant Valley Joint Union Elementary School District

Response	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	06-12 % Change	2012 Statewide Rank
Pleasant Valley ¹	798	815	803	826	806	825	834	4.5%	6

Source: California Department of Education, Assessment, Accountability and Awards Division, 2013.

¹ This school was reported as a “small school,” meaning that the API score was based on small numbers of students and is less reliable, and therefore should be interpreted carefully.

San Luis Coastal Unified School District

Response	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	06-12 % Change	2012 Statewide Rank
Elementary Schools									
Baywood	823	818	807	809	791	809	794	-3.5%	4
Bellevue-Santa Fe Charter	885	884	908	936	914	909	915	3.4%	9
Bishop’s Peak	860	857	856	880	873	900	912	6.0%	9
Del Mar	838	834	831	833	832	811	844	0.7%	7
Hawthorne	800	800	783	772	807	817	840	5.0%	7
Los Ranchos	897	914	887	894	917	917	912	1.7%	9
Monarch Grove	832	827	802	848	863	869	868	4.3%	8
Pacheco	817	790	805	811	817	839	856	4.8%	7
Sinsheimer	887	885	850	873	854	866	883	-0.5%	8
Smith	774	783	783	775	777	791	828	7.0%	6
Teach ¹	977	980	990	990	992	984	975	-0.2%	10
Middle Schools									
Laguna	829	824	817	846	826	852	867	4.6%	8
Los Osos	813	801	804	811	822	801	838	3.1%	7
High Schools									
Morro Bay	825	825	831	825	825	807	824	-0.1%	8
San Luis Obispo	790	797	818	823	820	824	832	5.3%	9

Source: California Department of Education, Assessment, Accountability and Awards Division, 2013.

¹ This school was reported as a “small school,” meaning that the API score was based on small numbers of students and is less reliable, and therefore should be interpreted carefully.

San Miguel Joint Union Elementary School District

Response	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	06-12 % Change	2012 Statewide Rank
Larsen Elementary	691	696	726	723	732	751	767	11.0%	3
Cappy Culver Elementary	748 ¹	759 ¹	747 ¹	749 ¹	823 ¹	810	834	11.5%	6

Source: California Department of Education, Assessment, Accountability and Awards Division, 2013.

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Shandon Joint Unified School District

Response	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	06-12 % Change	2012 Statewide Rank
Elementary Schools									
Shandon	739	732	741	757 ¹	761	752	789	6.8%	4
High Schools									
Shandon	699	716	700	706	749 ¹	661 ¹	701 ¹	0.3%	3

Source: California Department of Education, Assessment, Accountability and Awards Division, 2013.

¹ This school was reported as a “small school,” meaning that the API score was based on small numbers of students and is less reliable, and therefore should be interpreted carefully.

Templeton Unified School District

Response	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	06-12 % Change	2012 Statewide Rank
Elementary Schools									
Templeton	894	889	876	845	849	804	874	-2.2%	8
Vineyard	825	849	853	861	843	863	870	5.5%	8
Middle Schools									
Templeton	851	847	865	877	880	884	898	5.5%	9
High Schools									
Templeton	810	766	798	809	857	861	848	4.7%	9

Source: California Department of Education, Assessment, Accountability and Awards Division, 2013.

Test Scores – California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)

In California, all high school students must pass a test to earn a high school diploma. The test is called the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE). The test helps to ensure that students graduate from high school with grade level skills in reading, writing, and math. Students first take this test in grade ten. If they do not pass the test in grade ten, they have more chances to take the test. In grade eleven, they can take the test two times. In grade twelve, they have up to five times to take the test.

Since 2007, the percentage of San Luis Obispo County students who passed the English-Language Arts subject area of the California High School Exit Exam has ranged from 84% to 88% and has consistently remained higher than the state overall (77%-83%). During the same time period, the percentage of San Luis Obispo County students who passed the Math subject area of the California High School Exit Exam has ranged from 84% to 89% and has also remained higher than the state overall (76%-84%).

English-Language Arts

District	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
County Office of Education							
Number tested	136	134	119	91	96	87	90
Percent passing	47%	43%	48%	54%	51%	47%	46%
Atascadero Unified							
Number tested	429	395	362	437	395	372	372
Percent passing	84%	89%	85%	86%	92%	89%	91%
Coast Unified							
Number tested	97	65	83	53	61	69	59
Percent passing	86%	88%	89%	89%	82%	91%	86%
Lucia Mar Unified							
Number tested	907	881	834	863	872	826	845
Percent passing	86%	88%	82%	87%	88%	88%	86%
Paso Robles Joint Unified							
Number tested	643	582	553	549	581	540	551
Percent passing	80%	83%	83%	81%	86%	86%	87%
San Luis Coastal Unified							
Number tested	593	593	590	588	576	533	585
Percent passing	92%	94%	92%	92%	91%	95%	91%
Shandon Joint Unified							
Number tested	26	25	26	28	21	16	11
Percent passing	85%	84%	73%	100%	57%	81%	91%
Templeton Unified							
Number tested	216	224	199	224	203	192	231
Percent passing	91%	94%	91%	94%	95%	94%	95%
San Luis Obispo County							
Number tested	3,047	2,899	2,766	2,833	2,805	2,635	2,744
Percent passing	84%	87%	84%	86%	88%	88%	87%
California							
Number tested	480,902	476,813	476,830	478,113	475,801	467,654	461,150
Percent passing	77%	79%	79%	81%	82%	83%	83%

Source: California Department of Education, High School Exit Exam Office, 2013.

Note: Data are for 10th grade students.

Math

District	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
County Office of Education							
Number tested	133	128	122	90	95	80	88
Percent passing	38%	39%	52%	52%	39%	53%	42%
Atascadero Unified							
Number tested	431	395	363	435	405	368	368
Percent passing	85%	87%	87%	91%	92%	88%	89%
Coast Unified							
Number tested	95	67	82	52	59	71	59
Percent passing	89%	90%	89%	87%	88%	92%	83%
Lucia Mar Unified							
Number tested	900	878	832	862	871	823	850
Percent passing	84%	87%	85%	89%	89%	89%	88%
Paso Robles Joint Unified							
Number tested	630	572	553	553	578	539	549
Percent passing	82%	83%	84%	83%	84%	86%	87%
San Luis Coastal Unified							
Number tested	590	593	583	581	558	510	560
Percent passing	92%	94%	93%	95%	93%	95%	94%
Shandon Joint Unified							
Number tested	25	26	26	28	21	17	11
Percent passing	92%	62%	69%	93%	62%	76%	91%
Templeton Unified							
Number tested	221	235	200	226	207	196	231
Percent passing	87%	89%	91%	92%	93%	94%	96%
San Luis Obispo County							
Number tested	3,025	2,894	2,761	2,827	2,794	2,604	2,716
Percent passing	84%	85%	86%	89%	88%	89%	88%
California							
Number tested	479,030	474,917	474,327	475,464	473,428	465,414	459,159
Percent passing	76%	78%	80%	81%	83%	84%	84%

Source: California Department of Education, High School Exit Exam Office, 2013.

Note: Data are for 10th grade students.

Test Scores – SAT

From 2007-08 to 2011-12, the percentage of San Luis Obispo County students who took the SAT increased from 32% to 37%; the average total SAT score remained stable for San Luis Obispo County students (1602 and 1603). Although the SAT score is out of 2400 possible points (800 per section), caution must be taken when interpreting scores. The College Board applies a bell curve that changes the score distribution to make the average score roughly 1500 (500 per section). For example, a score of 510 on the Writing Section for 2012 college-bound seniors indicates that the student did better than 58% of all other 2012 college-bound seniors that took the test on that section.

Percentage of Students Who Took the SAT by District and High School, San Luis Obispo County

District/High School	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	07-12 Net Change
Atascadero Unified	27.3%	29.4%	27.8%	40.2%	33.6%	6.3
Atascadero High	32.7%	35.0%	32.7%	46.4%	40.2%	7.5
Del Rio Continuation High	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0
West Mall Alternative	9.5%	3.7%	5.3%	5.6%	9.1%	-0.4
Coast Unified	45.8%	46.4%	35.3%	42.7%	35.3%	-10.5
Coast Union High	52.9%	55.7%	40.7%	51.5%	40.9%	-12.0
Leffingwell Continuation	7.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-7.7
Lucia Mar Unified	32.8%	30.3%	33.3%	35.9%	38.1%	5.3
Arroyo Grande High	37.9%	39.7%	40.9%	46.1%	47.5%	9.6
Lopez Continuation High	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0
Nipomo High	37.7%	26.3%	30.8%	31.7%	34.1%	-3.6
Paso Robles Joint Unified	26.5%	27.7%	17.9%	34.8%	33.0%	6.5
Liberty High Continuation	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0
Paso Robles High	36.7%	37.9%	25.7%	46.5%	43.6%	6.9
San Luis Coastal Unified	44.9%	44.3%	44.1%	51.4%	52.2%	7.3
Morro Bay High	39.7%	42.1%	39.9%	45.5%	41.8%	2.1
Pacific Beach High	0.0%	2.0%	2.9%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0
San Luis Obispo High	52.5%	51.4%	50.4%	61.1%	63.6%	11.1
Shandon Joint Unified	31.3%	24.1%	8.7%	19.1%	20.0%	-11.3
Shandon High/Middle	31.3%	25.0%	8.7%	19.1%	21.7%	-9.6
Templeton Unified	34.4%	28.7%	31.4%	43.1%	48.4%	14.0
Eagle Canyon High	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0
Templeton High	44.5%	36.4%	40.2%	53.0%	61.1%	16.6
Templeton Independent	0.0%	2.2%	1.9%	2.4%	3.8%	3.8
San Luis Obispo County	31.5%	30.9%	29.2%	37.6%	37.1%	5.6
California	35.9%	34.7%	33.3%	38.0%	39.3%	3.4

Source: California Department of Education, SAT Report, 2013.

Note: Data prior to the 2007-2008 school year is unavailable because the "Verbal" section changed to the "Critical Reading" section after the 2006-2007 year. The content of the section is different, and therefore the data are not comparable.

Average Section Score (Out of 800 Possible Points Each) and Average Total Score (Out of 2400 Possible Points) by High School, San Luis Obispo County

District/School	Critical Reading		Math		Writing		Average Total	
	2010/ 2011	2011/ 2012	2010/ 2011	2011/ 2012	2010/ 2011	2011/ 2012	2010/ 2011	2011/ 2012
Atascadero Unified	531	526	535	533	523	524	1589	1583
Atascadero High	531	526	535	533	523	524	1589	1583
Coast Unified	507	554	494	497	512	537	1513	1588
Coast Union High	507	554	494	497	512	537	1513	1588
Lucia Mar Unified	526	531	544	549	517	526	1587	1606
Arroyo Grande High	531	542	554	559	524	535	1609	1636
Nipomo High	514	503	517	524	497	504	1528	1531
Paso Robles Joint Unified	520	513	519	510	504	502	1543	1525
Paso Robles High	520	513	519	511	504	502	1543	1526
San Luis Coastal Unified	556	555	563	555	553	539	1672	1649
Morro Bay High	541	552	564	554	536	537	1641	1643
San Luis Obispo High	563	556	564	555	560	540	1687	1651
Templeton Unified	543	545	537	543	535	536	1615	1624
Templeton High	544	546	538	544	536	536	1618	1626
San Luis Obispo County	535	536	541	540	526	527	1602	1603
California	495	491	513	510	494	491	1502	1492

Source: California Department of Education, SAT Report, 2013.

Note: Data prior to the 2007-2008 school year is unavailable because the "Verbal" section changed to the "Critical Reading" section after the 2006-2007 year. The content of the section is different, and therefore the data are not comparable.

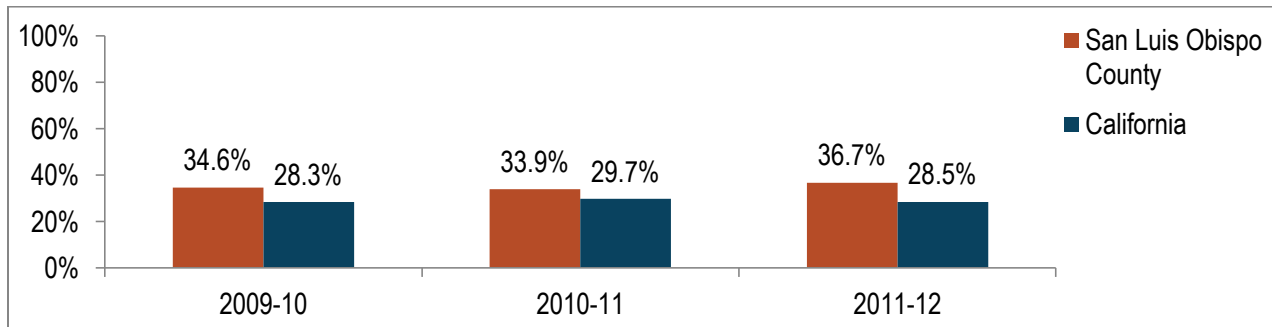
Note: School districts and schools where the results are for 10 or fewer students are not reported to protect the student's privacy.

School Attendance

Research overwhelmingly shows that school attendance is directly correlated to student success, school attachment and graduation rates. This is true "regardless of gender, ethnicity or socioeconomic status." Frequent excused and unexcused absences lead to lower academic performance and higher dropout rates. As one study showed, "when students are chronically absent during kindergarten, these students perform lower academically in first grade. The relationship is especially strong for Latino children who had much lower first grade reading scores if they were chronically absent in kindergarten."⁶

San Luis Obispo County has had a higher truancy rate than the state of California from 2009-10 to 2011-12. In addition, students in San Luis Obispo County missed an average of 12 days each during the 2012-13 school year.

Truancy Rate¹, Grades K-12



Source: San Luis Obispo County Office of Education, 2013.

¹Percentage of students with 3 or more unexcused absences.

Absence (without regard to the reason), Grades K-12, 2012-13

County	Empty Seats	Number of Students	Average Number of Absences per Student	Positive Attendance Rate
San Luis Obispo County	422,039	35,000	12	93%

Source: San Luis Obispo County Office of Education (2013). *Getting a handle on dropping out.*

⁶ National Gang Center, *Implementation Manual, OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model Planning for Implementation*. Retrieved from: <http://www.nationalgangcenter.gov/Content/Documents/Implementation-Manual/Implementation-Manual.pdf>

Suspension and Expulsion

A total of 2,034 students in San Luis Obispo County school districts were suspended and 90 students were expelled in the 2011-12 school year.

Total Number of Students Suspended by District, San Luis Obispo County

District	2011-12
San Luis Obispo County Office of Education	119
Atascadero Unified	258
Cayucos Elementary	1
Coast Unified	16
Lucia Mar Unified	606
Paso Robles Joint Unified	598
Pleasant Valley Joint Union Elementary	1
San Luis Coastal Unified	332
San Miguel Joint Union Elementary	42
Shandon Joint Unified	16
Templeton Unified	68
Total Students Suspended	2,034
Total Number of Offenses	4,480
Suspension Rate	5.6
California Suspension Rate	5.7

Source: California Department of Education, Safe & Healthy Kids Program Office, 2013.

Note: Data prior to 2011-12 are not comparable.

Note: These data are the total number of students suspended in the county. Some students may have been suspended more than one time. Some districts offer "in-house" suspensions so that students are not out of school during the period of suspension. Districts are now required to document efforts they have made to intervene with suspended students.

Rate calculation: Suspensions divided by Cumulative Enrollment multiplied by 100.

Total Number of Students Expelled by District, San Luis Obispo County

District	2011-12
San Luis Obispo County Office of Education	0
Atascadero Unified	0
Cayucos Elementary	0
Coast Unified	1
Lucia Mar Unified	67
Paso Robles Joint Unified	1
Pleasant Valley Joint Union Elementary	0
San Luis Coastal Unified	13
San Miguel Joint Union Elementary	1
Shandon Joint Unified	2
Templeton Unified	5
Total Students Expelled	90
Total Number of Offenses	166
Expulsion Rate	0.2
California Expulsion Rate	0.1

Source: California Department of Education, Safe & Healthy Kids Program Office, 2013.

Note: Data prior to 2011-12 is not comparable.

Note: These data represent students who were formally expelled from a district, even if the expulsion was suspended. Students who are expelled are sent to county-level community school programs. Once they fulfill the requirements of the expulsion they may be allowed to return.

Rate calculation: Expulsions divided by Cumulative Enrollment multiplied by 100.

High School Dropout Rates

The cohort dropout rate is the rate of students that leave the 9-12 instructional system without a high school diploma, GED, or special education certificate of completion and do not remain enrolled after the end of the 4th year. From the 2009-2010 to 2011-2012 school year, San Luis Obispo County experienced a decrease in the cohort dropout rate (10% to 8%).

Cohort Dropout Rates by District, San Luis Obispo County

District	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	09-12 Net Change
Atascadero Unified	5.4%	4.6%	4.6%	-0.8
Coast Unified	1.6%	4.9%	4.1%	2.5
Lucia Mar Unified	8.5%	7.6%	5.5%	-3.0
Paso Robles Joint Unified	11.6%	9.1%	10.0%	-1.6
San Luis Coastal Unified	2.7%	1.9%	2.2%	-.5
Shandon Joint Unified	10.3%	9.5%	4.0%	-6.3
Templeton Unified	3.3%	0.5%	1.2%	-2.1
San Luis Obispo County	9.7%	8.2%	7.7%	-2.0
California	16.6%	14.7%	13.1%	-3.5

Source: California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Office, 2013.

Note: School sites document when a student drops out from school and track why they leave. Some of these reasons include: to enroll in Adult Education Programs, to attend community college, to complete a GED at a community college, and to attend Community Schools. However, there is not a way to document their completion of that program. Therefore, there is not a direct correlation between high school dropout rates and high school graduation rates.

High School Graduation Rates

High school graduates earn higher salaries, have better self-esteem, more personal life satisfaction, fewer health problems and less involvement in criminal activity as compared to high school dropouts.⁷ The high school graduation rate in San Luis Obispo County has increased from 86% in 2009-10 to 88% in 2011-12, and has consistently been higher than the state overall.

Cohort High School Graduation Rate by District and High School

District/High School	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	09-12 Net Change	Healthy People Objective 2020 Target
Atascadero Unified	92.6%	92.7%	93.6%	1.0	82.4%
Atascadero High	95.4%	97.3%	96.6%	1.2	
West Mall Alternative	72.0%	72.2%	86.7%	14.7	
Coast Unified	90.5%	92.7%	95.9%	5.4	
Coast Union High	96.2%	95.5%	97.7%	1.5	
Lucia Mar Unified School	89.2%	89.6%	89.9%	0.7	
Arroyo Grande High	95.2%	94.6%	94.3%	-0.9	
Nipomo High	92.4%	94.6%	97.8%	5.4	
Paso Robles Joint Unified	84.2%	87.1%	85.9%	1.7	
Paso Robles High	91.5%	91.9%	91.0%	-0.5	
San Luis Coastal Unified	94.7%	95.8%	95.3%	0.6	
Morro Bay High	95.1%	96.2%	95.5%	0.4	
San Luis Obispo High	96.3%	97.7%	96.0%	-0.3	
Shandon Joint Unified	86.2%	90.5%	96.0%	9.8	
Shandon High	86.2%	90.5%	95.8%	9.6	
Templeton Unified	94.6%	99.0%	97.1%	2.5	
Templeton High	98.4%	99.4%	98.9%	0.5	
Templeton Independent Study	82.0%	97.2%	91.2%	9.2	
San Luis Obispo County	85.6%	87.3%	87.6%	2.0	
California	74.7%	77.1%	78.7%	4.0	

Source: California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Office, 2013.

Note: Graduation Rate Formula is based on the NCES definition: Number of Graduates (Year 4) divided by Number of Graduates (Year 4) plus Grade 9 dropouts (Year 1) plus Grade 10 dropouts (Year 2) plus Grade 11 dropouts (Year 3) plus Grade 12 dropouts (Year 4).

Note: School sites document when a student drops out from school and track why they leave. Some of these reasons include: to enroll in Adult Education Programs, to attend community college, to complete a GED at a community college, and to attend Community Schools. However, there is not a way to document their completion of that program. Therefore, there is not a direct correlation between high school dropout rates and high school graduation rates.

⁷ Math and Reading Help. (n.d.). The importance of a high school diploma. Retrieved May 9th 2013 from http://mathandreadinghelp.org/articles/The_Importance_of_a_High_School_Diploma.html

Community College Preparation and Placement

The percentage of San Luis Obispo County high school graduates completing all UC/CSU required courses has increased from 30% in 2004-05 to 38% in 2011-12, while the state of California remained relatively stable during the same period, between 34% and 38%. The percentage of students who took the English placement test and placed into college-level English courses at Allan Hancock College increased from 32% in 2007 to 37% in 2013. The percentage of students who took a placement test and placed into college-level Math courses increased from 57% to 64%.

Percentage of High School Graduates with UC/CSU Required Courses Completed

District	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	04-11 Net Change
Atascadero Unified	44.3%	35.6%	29.9%	31.3%	30.2%	35.1%	42.9%	41.2%	-3.1
Coast Unified	51.2%	46.9%	NA	NA	50.0%	39.0%	46.1%	38.0%	-13.2
Lucia Mar Unified	29.0%	30.1%	31.5%	30.2%	8.6%	34.3%	33.1%	37.1%	8.1
Paso Robles Joint Unified	3.3%	33.5%	18.3%	12.2%	21.9%	19.5%	31.9%	32.8%	29.5
San Luis Coastal Unified	47.6%	40.3%	48.6%	47.6%	38.5%	55.6%	54.6%	54.3%	6.7
Shandon Joint Unified	12.5%	23.1%	25.0%	14.3%	23.1%	20.0%	15.0%	25.0%	12.5
Templeton Unified	36.9%	48.2%	37.1%	46.2%	37.6%	46.7%	44.3%	41.6%	4.7
San Luis Obispo County	30.3%	34.2%	30.7%	30.3%	23.5%	35.2%	37.7%	38.2%	7.9
California	35.2%	36.1%	35.5%	33.9%	35.3%	36.3%	36.9%	38.3%	3.1

Source: California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Office, 2013.

English Placement – College Level

Response	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	07-13 Net Change
Percentage of San Luis Obispo County High School Graduates¹								
Allan Hancock College	45%	39%	36%	NA	NA	47%	47%	2.0
Cuesta College	65%	66%	65%	66%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Percentage of All Students								
Allan Hancock College	32%	35%	37%	NA	NA	40%	37%	5.0
Cuesta College	67%	64%	65%	64%	NA	NA	NA	NA

Source: Allan Hancock College, Institutional Research and Planning, 2013. Cuesta College, Institutional Research and Assessment, 2013.

Note: Percentages reflect recommended placement of first-time students in A.A. degree courses and transfer-level courses in the Fall term.

¹ San Luis Obispo County high school graduates are those students who provided home zip codes that are located in San Luis Obispo County. AHC data beginning in 2012 reflects an average amongst Arroyo Grande & Nipomo High, the primary SLO County AHC feeder schools.

Math Placement – College Level

Response	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	07-13 Net Change
Percentage of San Luis Obispo County High School Graduates¹								
Allan Hancock College	63%	65%	65%	NA	NA	69%	65%	2.0
Cuesta College	83%	82%	82%	81%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Percentage of All Students								
Allan Hancock College	57%	64%	64%	NA	NA	62%	64%	7.0
Cuesta College	81%	80%	81%	79%	NA	NA	NA	NA

Source: Allan Hancock College, *Institutional Research and Planning*, 2013. Cuesta College, *Institutional Research and Assessment*, 2013.

Note: Percentages reflect recommended placement of first-time students in A.A. degree courses and transfer-level courses in the Fall term.

¹ San Luis Obispo County high school graduates are those students who provided home zip codes that are located in San Luis Obispo County. AHC data beginning in 2012 reflects an average amongst Arroyo Grande & Nipomo High, the primary SLO County AHC feeder schools.