

Study Overview

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Year 0: 2021-22

Year 1: 2022-23

Year 2: 2023-24

Year 3: 2024-25

Year 4: 2025-26

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Statewide CA data annually from Department of Education: Meal participation rate, average daily attendance, standardized test scores, high school graduation rate

