

## California Department of Education

# Comprehensive Student Support

The program currently called Comprehensive Student Support (CSS) was originally called Motivation & Maintenance (M&M) in Senate Bill 65 (SB65). Over the past 23 years, California schools implementing this program have found that the synergy of the program elements transforms the culture of the school and has wide-ranging benefits in addition to dropout prevention.

The CSS program provides for an outreach consultant, who ensures that community resources flow into the school, in order to increase the school's capacity to respond to student needs.

CSS strategies have a significant positive impact on school climate and culture. CSS schools are consistently improving both student retention rates and the academic and social performance of students.

CSS schools make up less than 4% of the schools in California. In 2007-08, the CSS program operated in 376 schools in 65 California school districts.

School Year	Schools with CSS	Districts with CSS
2007-08	376	65

In 2007-08, CSS schools in California raised an average of \$177,791 per school from community partners providing resources and in-kind support.

School Year	Support Raised from Community
2007-08	\$177,791 per CSS school

Over the past three years, the daily attendance at CSS schools has increased 0.46 %, from 94.76 % in 2005-06 to 95.22 % in 2007-08. CSS schools consistently outperform their district's daily attendance, doing so by an average of 0.19 % since the 2005-06 school year.

School Year	Daily Attendance: CSS Schools	Daily Attendance: School Districts
2005-06	94.76 %	94.54 %
2006-07	95.18 %	94.93 %
2007-08	95.22 %	95.13 %

Over the past three years, CSS schools have an average API growth of 13.76 points. The average API score for CSS schools has increased by a total of 24.7 points in that time, from 674.99 points in 2005-06 to 699.69 points in 2007-08.

School Year	API Score: CSS Schools	API Growth: CSS Schools
2005-06	674.99	13.21
2006-07	684.87	11.35
2007-08	699.69	16.72

In the 2007-08 school year, 72.27 % of CSS schools met or exceeded their API growth targets. The API growth for CSS schools was 2.72 points more than the statewide API growth — 16.72 points for CSS schools compared to 14 points statewide.

School Year	API Growth Target Met: CSS Schools	API Growth: CSS Schools	API Growth: Statewide
2007-08	72.27 %	16.72	14