

LAS Links Growth Model Report Notes

Who is included in/excluded from the growth calculations?

Students who meet the following criteria are included:

- Students with Oral and/or Literacy scale scores in grades K through 11, inclusive, in 2015-16 and in a higher grade in 2016-17;
- Students enrolled in the same school (for school-level) or same district (for district-level) on October 1, 2016 and at time of testing in Spring 2017;

Students with significant cognitive disabilities who were designated to take the CT Alternate Assessment (CTAA) or who would qualify to take it if they were in a grade required to take the standardized ELA and Math assessments and those who are medically exempt from assessment are excluded from the SB Assessment Growth Report.

Report Terminology

- Grade: This is the grade in year 2 (2016-17).
- Number of Matched Students: This is count of students who have met the inclusion criteria stated above.
- Average Vertical Scale Score (VSS):
- Growth Rate: The percentage of students meeting their respective growth target.
- Average Percentage of Target Achieved: This is the average percentage of the growth target that is achieved by all students in the group.

District and School Level Tables

A student is included in the district that reported the student to the CSDE in the Public School Information System or PSIS. This district is referred to as the "CSDE Reporting District." Each CSDE Reporting District has a unique seven-digit code. A student is included in the school where he/she is enrolled during the testing window in 2016-17 as reported to the CSDE in PSIS. This school is referred to as "CSDE Facility 1." Each CSDE Facility 1 has a unique seven-digit code. School level tables exclude nonpublic organizations such as approved private special education programs. Students enrolled in these programs are included in the district level analyses based on the CSDE Reporting District.

Data Sources

- 2015-16 LAS Links Oral and Literacy scale score and performance level results.
- 2016-17 LAS Links Oral and Literacy scale score and performance level results.