

HOW TO DETERMINE GRADES 7 AND 8 DROPOUT COUNTS

1. Go to the DataQuest website: <http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/dataquest.asp> (you may want to Bookmark this page).
2. In the Level dropdown select District.
3. In the Subject dropdown, under Student Demographics, select Dropouts.
4. Click the Submit button.
5. The year under 1) indicates the most recent year of data. If you would like to view previous years' data, you can change the year. However, there is a chance to do this later.
6. Type in a portion of your district's name (i.e., alum rock for Alum Rock Union School District).
7. Click the Submit button.
8. Verify that it is your district showing in the Select District box. If it's not, click in the box to see a list that should have your district in it.
9. Under Select a Report, choose the last report: Dropouts by Grade (with school data).
10. Click the Submit button.
11. The report shows your district's Grades 7 and 8 dropouts by school and gives your district's total below.
12. If you like, you can change the school year in the Year dropdown to view previous years' data.
Note – the Subgroup dropdown doesn't appear to work on this report. Most likely, your district's grade 7 and 8 dropout counts are so low, in order to protect confidentiality, CDE wouldn't display them by subgroup even if the dropdown was working.

Please note that the data CDE provides for grades 7 and 8 are strictly counts and not rates. The Cohort Dropout Rates – California's established dropout rates methodology - are based on cohorts of students in grades 9 – 12.

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