

The College Ready Promise Growth Model (Quick Start Guide)

The College Ready Promise growth model provides a powerful tool to understand students' learning progress. Using the California Standards Tests (CSTs) and a statistical approach called Student Growth Percentiles, The College Ready Promise will report the yearly academic progress of schools, teachers and students.

What are Student Growth Percentiles?

Student Growth Percentiles, or SGP, measure how much a student has learned compared to his or her *academic peers*. *Academic peers* are students who have similar initial CST test scores. SGP allows educators to see whether a student has progressed similar to, greater than, or less than comparable students.

Why is comparison to academic peers important?

Comparing students to other students with similar CST scores creates a fairer picture of their growth, because the comparison takes into account each student's starting point. TCRP students' growth will be compared to over 400,000 second to eleventh grade students in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

How does SGP show a student's growth?

SGP measures the rate of change students make in relation to their *academic peers*. This rate of change is reported as a percentile from 1 to 99. Higher percentiles indicate more growth; lower percentiles show less progress. Much like in other normative scales, the 50th growth percentile suggests average or moderate growth.

Who receives growth percentiles?

Growth percentiles will be calculated for students and teachers in grades 3 to 11 that have CST scores for ELA and Mathematics. In 2011, other subject areas will be added. Administrators and teachers in College Ready Promise Schools can access their Student Growth Percentile (SGP) results in January 2011 at <http://thevaanetwork.com>.

How will TCRP use Student Growth Percentile data?

TCRP intends to use SGP data to:

- *evaluate teachers;*
- *determine how much growth schools, teachers, and students make;*
- *analyze if students are growing enough to exceed state standards; and*
- *explore if students grow similarly across content areas, grade levels, and classrooms?*

Where can I learn more about Student Growth Percentiles?

You can learn more about student growth percentiles through a series of face-to-face presentations delivered by TCRP staff, recorded Webinars at <http://thevaanetwork.com>, and by reading the TCRP Growth Model FAQ.