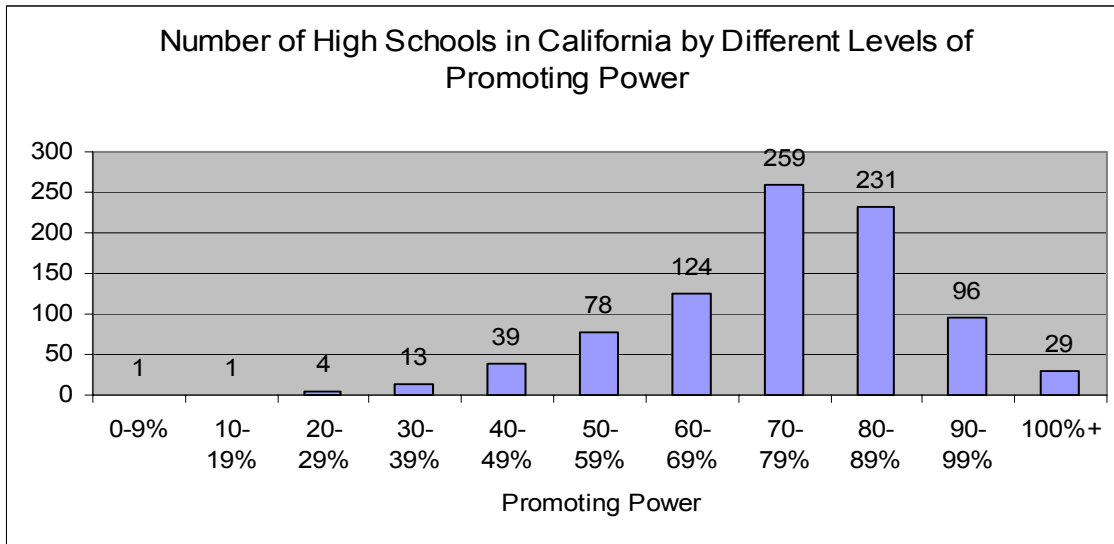


Promoting Power in California's High Schools

Promoting power compares the number of seniors enrolled in a high school to the number of 9th graders enrolled in the high school four years earlier. It provides a measure of how efficiently and effectively high schools promote their students from grade to grade. Promoting power is also a good indicator of high school's that have both high and low graduation rates. It is very likely that high schools which have 60% or fewer seniors than freshmen four years earlier will have unacceptably low graduation rates by state and national standards. The graph below shows the promoting power for all high schools in the state.* The tables that follow show how promoting power varies across the state's high schools by free lunch level, minority concentration, location, and school size. For more information on Promoting Power and national and regional trends see *Locating the Dropout Crisis* by Robert Balfanz and Nettie Legters, Johns Hopkins University (<http://www.csos.jhu.edu/news.htm>).

*Promoting Power data is based on three year average for the classes of 2000, 2001, and 2002.



Number and Percent of HS with Different Levels of Promoting Power

	Number of schools	Percent of schools	Number of students	Percent of students	Percent of minority students
HS with promoting power of 90% or more	125	14%	234,444	15%	11%
HS with promoting power of 60% or less	143	16%	313,817	20%	27%

Number of HS with Different Levels of Promoting Power by Percent of Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch

% eligible for free lunch	Promoting power		
	0-60%	61-89%	90% or more
Less than 20%	18	246	100
21-39%	32	165	11
40% or more	96	198	14
Total	146	609	125

Number of HS with Different Levels of Promoting Power by Percent Minority Students

% minority students	Promoting power		
	0-60%	61-89%	90% or more
Less than 10%	0	12	0
10-49%	18	282	73
50-80%	37	193	32
90% or more	67	62	7
Total	122	549	112

Number of HS with Different Levels of Promoting Power by Location

Location	Promoting power		
	0-60%	61-89%	90% or more
Cities	76	160	25
Suburbs	60	332	87
Towns	2	31	3
Rural	9	86	11
Total	147	609	126

Number of HS with Different Levels of Promoting Power by School Size

School enrollment	Promoting power		
	0-60%	61-89%	90% or more
50 to 299	11	42	11
300 to 799	14	81	10
800 to 1199	9	62	8
1200 to 1999	30	186	41
2000 or more	83	238	56
Total	147	609	126