# Waimea Middle School STRIVE HI — SY 2021-22

	TITLE I GOALS	ACTUAL
	SY 2021-22	SY 2021-22
ELA PROFICIENCY	48%	33%
Math PROFICIENCY	40%	28%
ELA ACHIEVEMENT GAP	27	21
Math ACHIEVEMENT GAP	29	24

**NOTE:** The Title I Goals were set in SY 2018-19 for School Years 2019-20, 20-21, and 22-23. These goals did not take into account school closure and the ramifications. Additionally, Science proficiency is not included in the Title I goals as only 8<sup>th</sup> graders are tested.

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#### **HISTORICAL DATA**

#### PROFICIENCY RATES – FULL SCHOOL YEAR STUDENTS

SCHOOL YEARS	ELA	MATH	SCIENCE
2014-15	34 %	28%	37%
2015-16	37%	34%	38%
2016-17	46%	29%	30%
2017-18	39%	31%	46%
2018-19	39%	34%	49%
2019-20	NONE	NONE	NONE
2020-21	38% (only 57	23% (only 57	35% (only 17
	students tested)	students tested)	students tested)
2021-22	33%	28%	26%

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#### **ACHIEVEMENT GAP RATES – FULL SCHOOL YEAR STUDENTS**

The Achievement Gap is measured by how High Needs students (ELL, IDEA, and economically disadvantaged) perform in comparison to Non-High Needs students (All other students)

SCHOOL YEARS	ELA	MATH
2016-17	35	33
2017-18	39	36
2018-19	37	39
2019-20	NONE	NONE
2020-21	NONE	NONE
2021-22	21	24

#### 2021-22 - ELA:

- Non-High Needs proficiency rate = 50%
- High Needs proficiency rate = 29%
- Achievement Gap = 21 points

#### 2021-22 - Math

- Non-High Needs proficiency rate = 47%
- High Needs proficiency rate = 24%
- Achievement Gap = 24 points

#### MEDIAN GROWTH PERCENTILES - FULL SCHOOL YEAR STUDENTS

Schools' Smarter Balanced growth is represented by a Median Growth Percentile (MGP) which ranges from 1-99.

SCHOOL YEARS	ELA	MATH
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2017-18	42	57
2018-19	62	57
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2021-22	53	71



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#### **Chronic Absenteeism and the Pandemic**

(For 2022 results, see Page 4)

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#### Statewide factors

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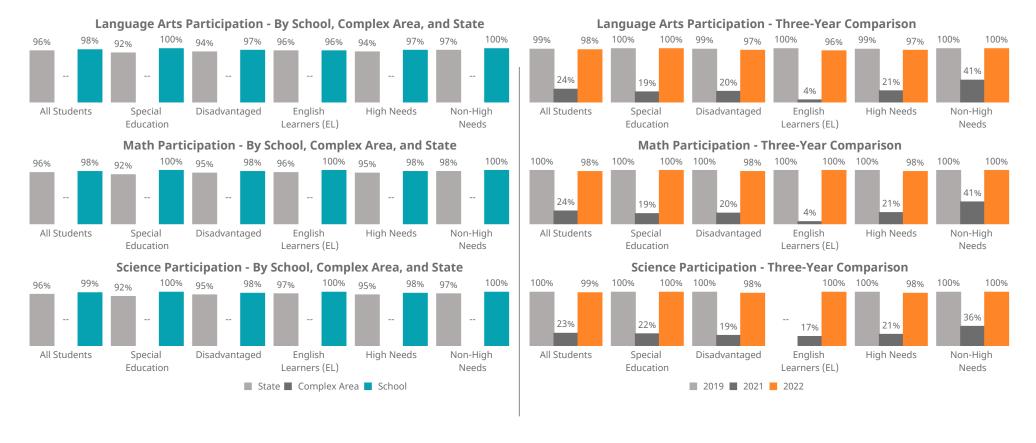


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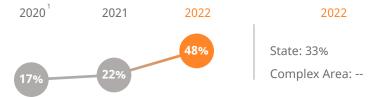
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## How many 8th graders read on grade level?

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# How many students missed 15 or more days of school this year?





### How do students feel about their school?

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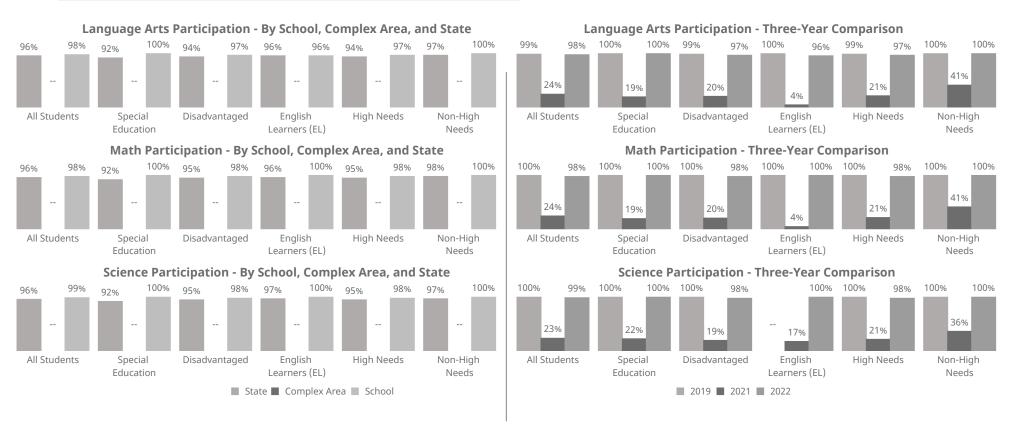


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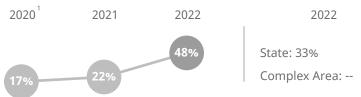
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