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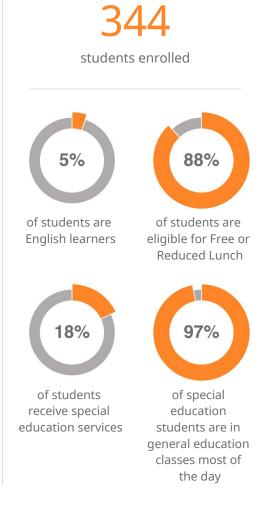
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# **Pandemic Related Considerations When Assessing Strive HI Results**

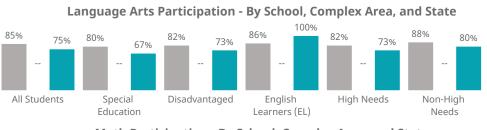
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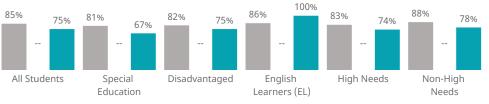
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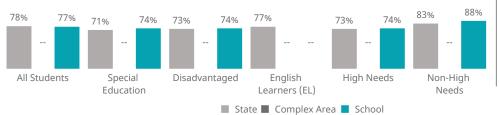
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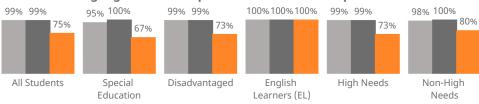
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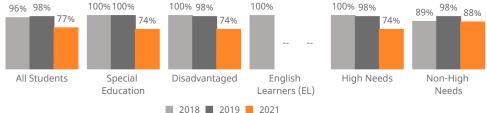


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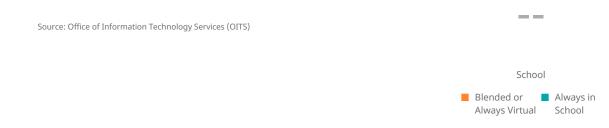
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### How many students did not have adequate digital devices or internet access?

The following show the number and percent of students who did not have a digital device or internet access to adequately engage in distance learning.





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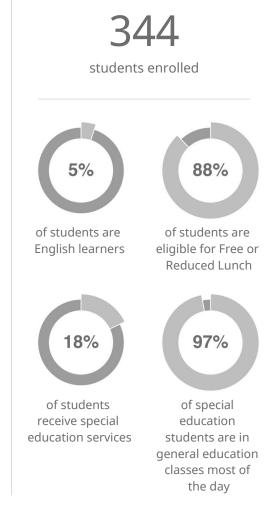
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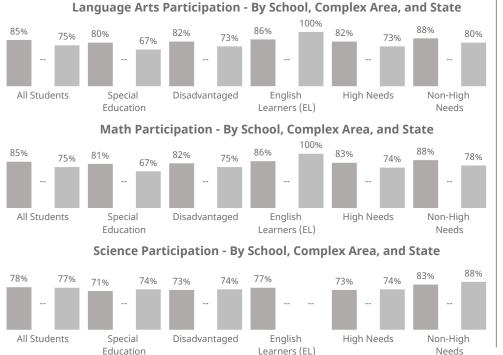
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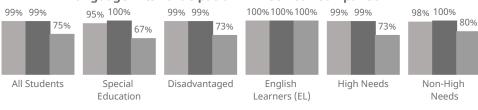
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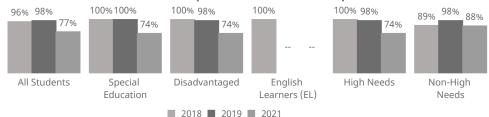
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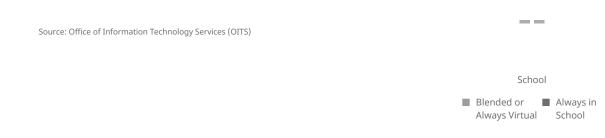
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