Waimea Canyon Middle
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THE 2020-21 STRIVE HI SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT is an annual snapshot of a school’s performance on key indicators of student success. This report shows schools’ progress on federally-required indicators under the Every Student Succeeds Act; in addition to state-adopted measures focused on student equity, achievement and success. These results help inform action for teachers, principals, and other stakeholders.

Our Story

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About Our School
Principal | Melissa Speetjens
Grades | 6-8
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500
students enrolled

9%
of students are English learners

63%
of students are eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch

9%
of students receive special education services

74%
of special education students are in general education classes most of the day
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