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## State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) Indicator

# Dropout Rate

### What it measures:






The percent of youth with IEPs who exited special education due to dropping out.

### Why it is important:

Students who drop out of school have lower lifetime incomes, higher rates of unemployment, greater drug and alcohol use/abuse, and a higher risk of incarceration than students who graduate with a diploma.

### Dropout factors:

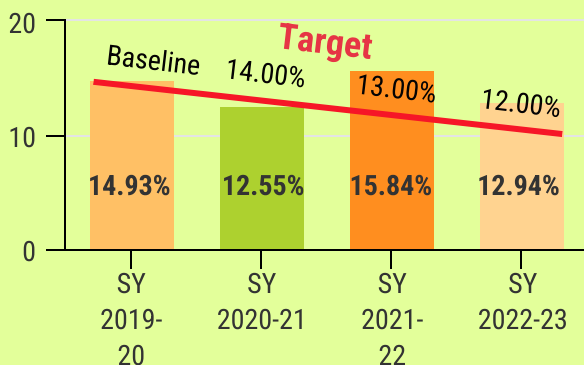
While there is no hard data on why Hawaii students with IEPs drop out before graduation, research has linked dropping out to:

-  being chronically absent from classes,
-  poor academic performance,
-  off-campus suspensions,
-  feeling unengaged with school activities, and
-  feeling unsafe due to bullying.

Source: [www.dropoutprevention.org](http://www.dropoutprevention.org)

### Recent progress in reducing the Dropout Rate:

Hawaii's Dropout Rate



Hawaii's baseline rate in SY 2019-20 was higher than the national average of 12.70%. In SY 20-21 the dropout rate fell to a low of 12.55%, due in part to the pandemic. SY 22-23 showed a reduction of almost 3 percentage points from the year before although the target rate of 12.00% was not met.

Students with emotional disabilities have the highest dropout rates, both in Hawaii and nationally.



**1 in 3**

students with ED dropped out in SY 22-23.

Source: 618 Data Table

### Some Current Improvement Activities\* Include:



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