

Fall 2021 Start Strong District Summary



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NJ Department of Education (NJDOE) START STRONG ASSESSMENT

- Based on a subset of prioritized **prior-year** academic standards given at the start of the year;
- Available in ELA grades 4-10, Mathematics grades 4-8, Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II, and in Science grades 6, 9, and 12;
- Utilizes three performance levels to aid educators in making decisions about the types of supports that students may need.
- Parents/Guardians can access Start Strong individual student report in the Genesis parent portal.

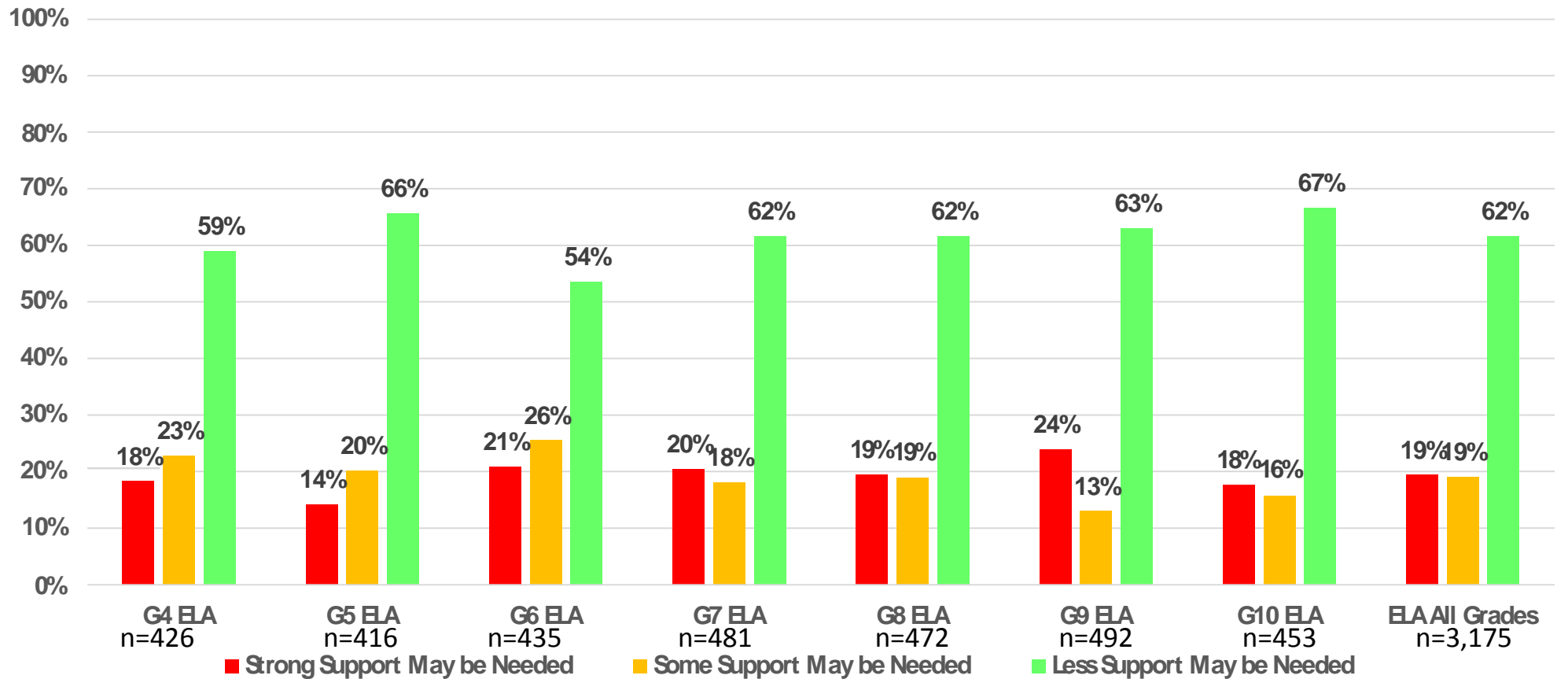
Start Strong Result Interpretation Considerations

- When reviewing assessment results, consider the impacts of COVID-19 on learning and testing conditions, as well as the impact on student participation in the assessments, which were administered in person.
- Districts **should not** compare any individual student/school/district Start Strong data to any state-level data for Start Strong, nor should comparisons be made to any NJSLA data.
- Please note that the Start Strong assessments were **not** designed to predict future student performance on the NJSLA, nor was it designed to estimate what score a student would have received if they had taken the NJSLA in spring 2021.

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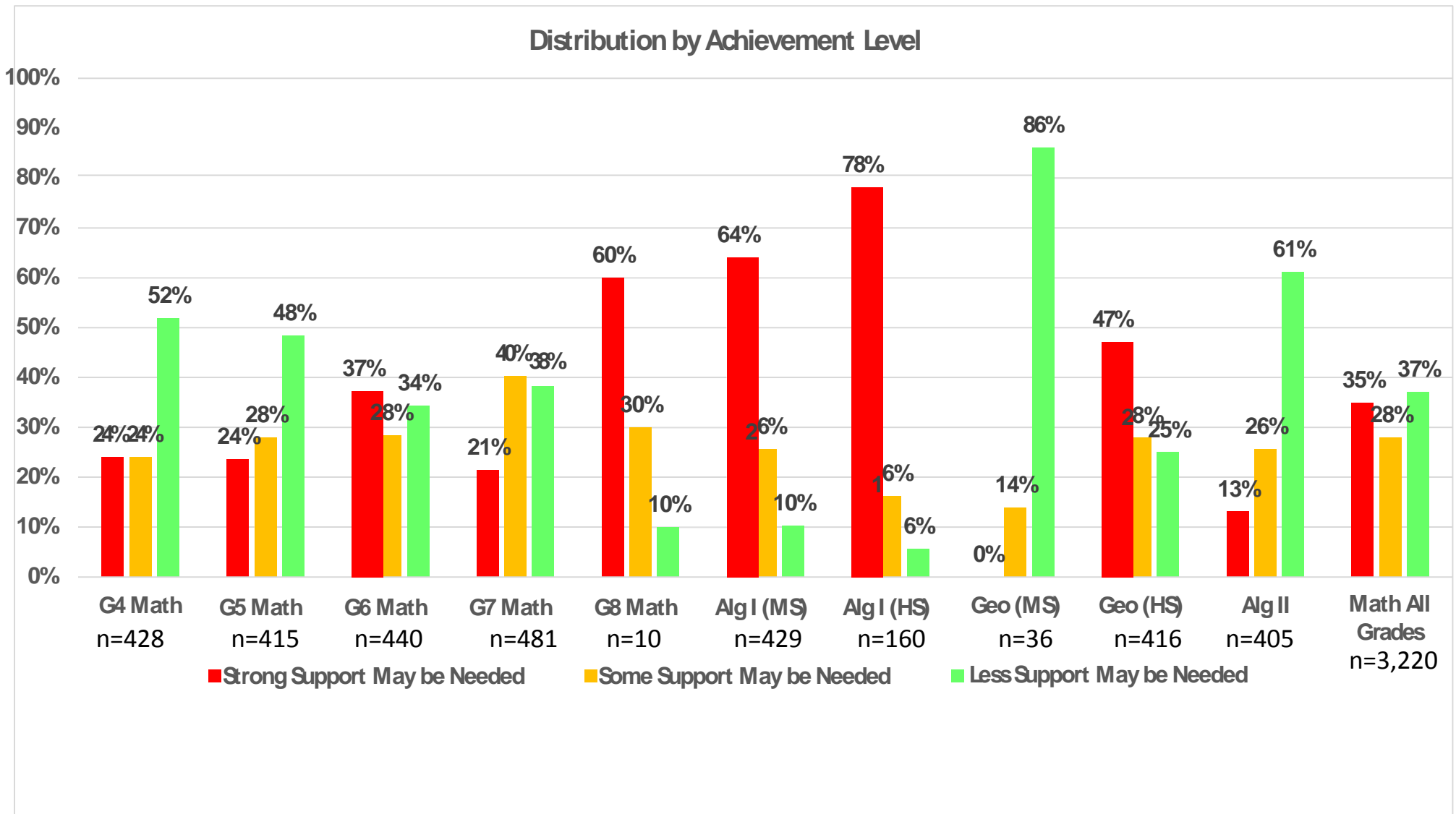
2021-22 Fall Start Strong ELA/Language Arts

Distribution by Achievement Level



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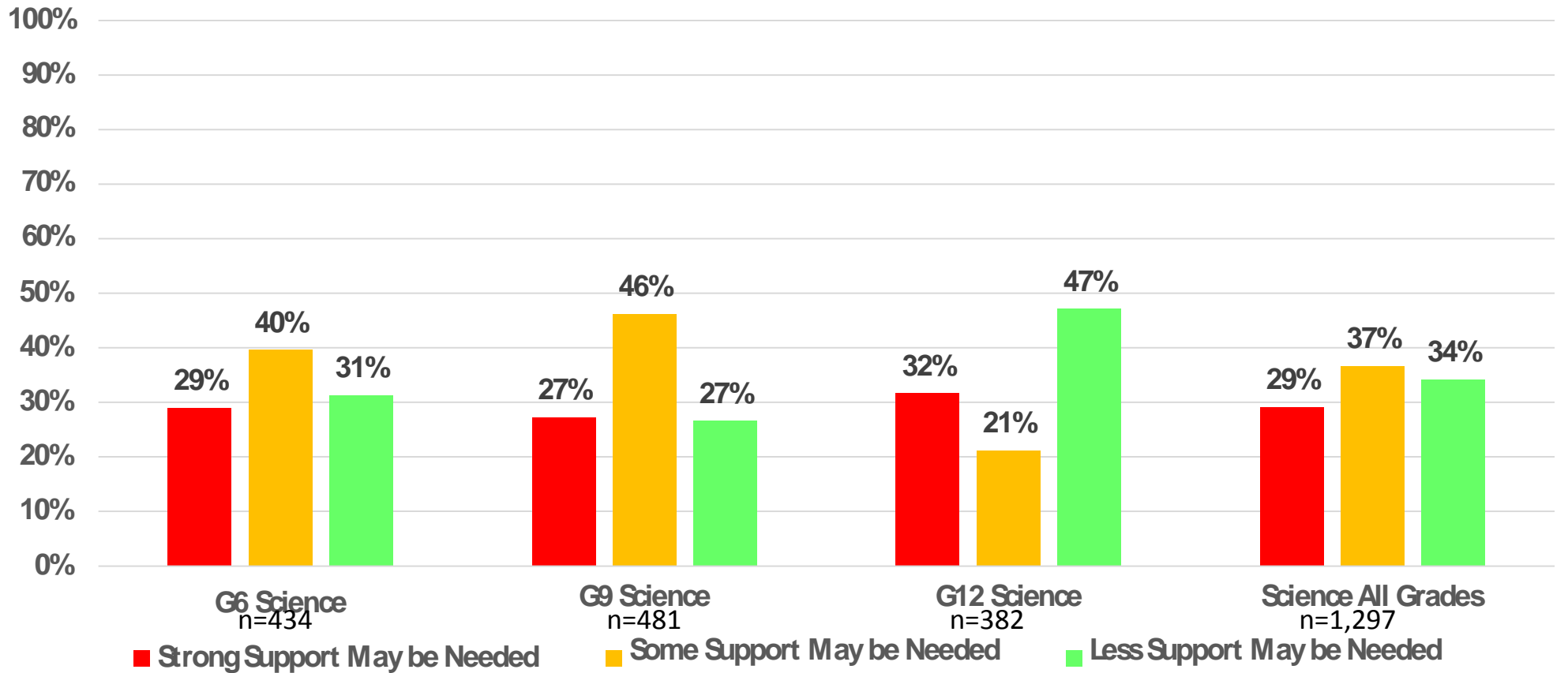
2021-22 Fall Start Strong Mathematics



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2021-22 Fall Start Strong Science

Distribution by Achievement Level



District Summary- Fall Start Strong

Student performance indicates some unfinished learning in ELA, Math and Science.

On average, 75% of students need less or some support and 25% of students need strong support in ELA, Math and/or Science.

- Exceptions: Grade 8 Algebra B and Grade 9 Algebra 1

Department of Equity, Curriculum and Instruction: **Strategic Plan**

- **Professional development** to build capacity of staff to deliver highly effective instruction and address learning gaps.
- **Curriculum/Instruction modifications**- Focus on pre-requisite concepts and skills in ELA and math
- **Middle School Math program modifications**- See the proposal for added support for Math to be addressed @ March 2 Board of Education meeting
- **Extended learning opportunities**