

“Together, we create **QUALITY EARLY LEARNING** experiences.”

-Gay Kong, Keolu Elementary Principal



Who We Are

About the Program

The Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) Public Pre-Kindergarten Program is a partnership between EOEL and the Hawaii Department of Education. Its 26 pre-kindergarten classrooms on 24 DOE elementary school campuses statewide (as of the 2018-2019 school year) constitute Hawaii’s first State-funded pre-kindergarten program. The program is a first step toward developing Hawaii’s early learning system and will be starting its fifth year. The EOEL Public Pre-Kindergarten Program provides high-quality early learning experiences for 520 students in the year prior to kindergarten eligibility. Vacancies are continuously filled during the year through ongoing rolling enrollment strategies.



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Schools with Pre-K Classrooms					
Hawai'i	Kaua'i	Lāna'i	Maui	Moloka'i	O'ahu
Honoka'a	'Ele'ele	Lāna'i	Hana	Kaunakakai	Kailua*
Ho'okena	Kekaha		Kula*	Kilohana*	Kalihi Uka*
Kea'au					Keolu
Keonepoko					Linapuni
Kohala*					Nānākuli
Konawaena					Waiāhole
Mountain View					Waialua
Na'alehu					
Pāhala					
Pāhoa					

*Opening Fall 2018

EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING PUBLIC PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

*Applications available starting
February 1, 2018, at
earlylearning.hawaii.gov.*

Please check application for eligibility criteria.
Schools accepting applications starting March 1, 2018.

“The EOEL Pre-Kindergarten Program has been invaluable. The children coming out of this program are models to other students entering kindergarten. Their level of preparation has not only benefitted them, but also has helped teachers and administrators see the safest path to improve student achievement in other grades as well. It has brought back to light social-emotional learning as a key part of any successful educational system.”

-Paul Zina, Eleele Elementary Principal

Committed to High-Quality Early Childhood Education

We are committed to providing high-quality early childhood education. Each classroom incorporates the following quality standards:

- 20 children maximum
- Staffed by a DOE teacher and educational assistant
- Coaching and mentoring support for staff through DOE Resource Teachers with extensive early childhood education knowledge and experience
- 10 professional learning days for teaching staff
- Professional learning days for school leadership

"We have been incredibly impressed with the Program. The teachers have put a focus on education while still making it fun. They encourage the children daily. They have found a perfect balance to be able to challenge each child to have them prepared for kindergarten next year. We are so thankful for this opportunity."

-Parent of Konawaena Student



*"That's me when I go school!"
-Amaya, Student*

"The school teaching staff have made it a priority to develop solid trusting relationships with the students and help facilitate student-to-student social skills. Research shows that good teacher-child relationships are a high indicator of school success."

-Lynn Holman, EOEL Pre-K Resource Teacher

"As a kindergarten teacher, I appreciate all of the hard work and prep that these programs do so that I can take students even further. Pre-k programs set the foundation for learning. The experiences, skills, and community they establish at such an early age is invaluable. School becomes the catalyst to show these students that they are capable of doing amazing things."

-Jayna Salcedo, Kindergarten Teacher at Linapuni

"I love my teachers ... they help me to learn."

-Student at Konawaena

