

“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 Prekindergarten Program is a partnership between EOEL, the Hawaii Department of Education, and Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission. Its 44 prekindergarten classrooms on 36 public elementary school campuses statewide (as of School Year 2019-20), with an additional 10 scheduled to open School Year 2020-21 school year, constitute Hawaii’s first State-funded prekindergarten program. The program, which began in Fall 2014, is a key step in the development of Hawaii’s early care & education system. The Program is able to provide high-quality early learning experiences for 880 students in the year prior to kindergarten eligibility. Vacancies are continuously filled during the year through ongoing rolling enrollment strategies.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING PUBLIC PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

*Applications available starting
January 2020, at
earlylearning.hawaii.gov.*

Please check application for eligibility criteria. Schools accepting applications starting March 2, 2020.

“The EOEL Prekindergarten 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, 'Ele'ele Elementary Principal

Schools with Pre-K Classrooms					
Hawai'i	Kaua'i	Lāna'i	Maui	Molokai	O'ahu
Chiefess Kap'olani*	'Ele'ele	Lāna'i	Kula	Kaunakakai	Aiea*
Hilo Union*	Kekaha		Pukalani*	Kīlohana	Hale'iwa*
Hōnaunau*	Ke Kula Nī'ihau O Kekaha PCS			Kualapū School: A Public Conversion Charter School	Kāiua
Honoka'a					Kalihi Uka
Ho'okena					Kamaile Academy PCS
Ka'u High and Pāhala					Ke Kula 'O Nāwahiokealani'ōpu'u Iki Laboratory PCS (Nānākuli)
Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo PCS					Ke Kula 'o Samuel M. Kamakau Laboratory PCS
Kea'au					Keolu
Ke Kula 'o Nāwahiokealani'ōpu'u Iki Laboratory PCS (Hilo & Waimea)					Linapuni
Keonepoko					Nānākapono*
Kohala					Nānākuli
Konawaena					Pālolo*
Kua O Ka Lā New Century PCS					Princess Miriam K. Likelike
Laupāhoehoe Community PCS					Waiāhole
Mountain View					Wai'ālae Elementary PCS
Nā'ālehu					Waiālua
Nā Wai Ola PCS					Wai'anāe*
Pāhoa					Waimānalo*
Volcano School of Arts and Sciences PCS					

*schools scheduled to open in school year 2020-2021
PCS (Public Charter School)

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
- 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, former 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

