

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

-Gay Kong, Retired Keolu Elementary Principal



“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 benefited 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, Former 'Ele'ele Elementary Principal/ Current Complex Area Superintendent for Kauai

Who We Are

About the Program

The Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) Public Prekindergarten Program is a partnership between EOEL and the Hawaii Department of Education. Its 37 prekindergarten classrooms (as of School Year 2022-23) on public elementary school campuses statewide 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 and education system. The Program is able to provide high-quality early learning experiences for 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	O'ahu
Chiefess Kapi'olani	'Ele'ele	'Aiea
Hilo Union	Kekaha	Hale'iwa
Hōnaunau		Kailua
Honoka'a	Lāna'i	Kalihi Uka
Kea'au	Lāna'i	Kapālama
Keonepoko		Keolu
Kohala		Likelike
Konawaena	Mauī	Linapuni
Mountain View	Kula	Nānāikapono
Nā'ālehu	Pukalani	Nānākuli
Pāhoa		Pālolo
		Pu'uhale
	Molokai	Waiāhole
	Kaunakakai	Waialua
	Kilohana	Wai'anāe
		Waimānalo

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Applications available at
[https://earlylearning.hawaii.gov/
we-support-early-childhood/we-
value-children-and-families/eoel-
public-prekindergarten-program/](https://earlylearning.hawaii.gov/we-support-early-childhood/we-value-children-and-families/eoel-public-prekindergarten-program/)

Please check application for eligibility criteria.

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 (Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, generally no more than 10 children per group are enrolled for school year 2022-2023).
- 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



"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



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

"Being a part of the EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program gives me the opportunity to support teachers in making a difference in children's lives everyday. We play, we learn, we wonder and we grow together one step at a time."

-Ku'u lei Kaluhiokalani, EOEL Pre-K Resource Teacher

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

-Student at Konawaena

