

Executive Office on Early Learning
Public Prekindergarten Program

Application

School Year 2024-2025







Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) Public Prekindergarten Program School Year 2024 - 2025

Application Packet

Participating Schools for 2024-2025

Submit a separate completed application packet to each school you are interested in.



Likelike

Linapuni

Lincoln

*Leihōkū

Nānāikapono

Nānākuli

*Noelani

Pālolo

*Pearl City

*Pearl Harbor Kai

*Prince Jonah Kūhiō

Pu'uhale

*Red Hill

*Solomon

Sunset Beach

Wahiawā

Waiāhole

Wai'anae

Waialua

Waimānalo

O'ahu

'Aiea * 'Āina Haina

* Ala Wai

*Alvah Scott *Benjamin Parker

**Blanche Pope

Fern

*Haha'ione Hale'iwa

Honowai

*'Iliahi *Kaʻala

Ka'ewai *Kahala

Kailua

*Kainalu

Kalihi Uka

Kapālama

*Kauluwela

Keolu

*Koko Head

*Lanakila

*Leihōkū



Hawai'i

Chiefess Kapi'olani

Hilo Union

Hōnaunau Honoka'a

Ho'okena

*Kahakai

Kea'au

Keonepoko

Kohala

Konawaena

Mountain View

Nā'ālehu

* Pa'auilo

Pāhoa

*Waimea



Kaua'i

'Ele'ele *Kapa'a

Kekaha

Kilauea



Maui

*Ha'ikū Hāna

Kīhei

*King Kamehameha III

Kula

Pukalani

* Princess Nahi'en'aena

Wailuku



Lāna'i

**I āna'i



Moloka'i

Kaunakakai Kilohana

*Maunaloa

^{*}Indicates new school for the 2024-2025 school year.

^{**}Indicates both EOEL English and EOEL Hawaiian Language Prekindergarten programs available.

Eligibility Requirements and Application Information School Year 2024-2025



Thank you for your interest in the EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program. Please read the following information to find out about the program's eligibility requirements, application requirements, and acceptance and enrollment processes.

Is my child eligible for this program?

Children must be age three or four on or before July 31 of the current school year. For school year 2024 - 2025, children born on or between August 1, 2019 - July 31, 2021 are eligible. In addition to the age requirement, please see areas of priority for acceptance into the program.

When can applications be submitted?

Applications can be submitted to schools beginning **March 1, 2024**. Please note that applications must be submitted in their entirety to be considered for eligibility. Incomplete packets will be returned and must be re-submitted in their entirety.

How many children are in each classroom?

The maximum number of students enrolled in each class is determined by the square footage of classroom space. However, each class is limited to no more than 20 students. (Class sizes may change to address health and safety needs of children and staff that arise from unexpected circumstances. Check with the school you are applying to for any updates.)

As space is limited, it is recommended that families submit the completed application and required documents as soon as possible.

Which school will I submit the application and required documents to?

Complete and submit the attached application along with the required documents to the school you would like your child to attend. A list of schools is attached.

A geographic exception is not required for the EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program. However, preference is given to children who are applying to their *home schools*. These are the children who live within the geographic boundaries of the school. Contact the nearest school to find out whether your family resides in the school's home school area.

What do I need to submit to the school?

A complete packet includes all documents listed in the "Application Checklist". An application will not be accepted without all the required documents. *Please also attach a self- addressed, stamped envelope with each packet*.

How do children qualify for the program?

In addition to the age requirement, priority is provided to children whose situations include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following:

- Children who are eligible for **special education** services under the *Individuals with Disabilities Act* (*IDEA*) and require general education placement;
- Children who are learning English as a second language;
- Children in foster care;
- Children who are experiencing homelessness or unstable housing; (See next page for definition of homeless)
- Families with annual/monthly **Gross Family Income at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines**OR who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families **(TANF)** and/or Supplemental Nutrition
 Assistance Program **(SNAP)**. *(See next page for income guideline chart)*;
- Children who are experiencing at-risk situations which may impact their learning and development.

*Qualifying Household Income Guidelines

Family Size	Maximum Monthly Gross Income*	Maximum Yearly Gross Income*
2	\$5,875	\$70,500
3	\$7,422	\$89,070
4	\$8,970	\$107,640
5	\$10,517	\$126,210
6	\$12,065	\$144,780
7	\$13,612	\$163,350
8	\$15,160	\$181,920
9	\$16,707	\$200,490
10	\$18,225	\$219,060

*300% of Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) for Hawai'i as of January 2024.

What is considered "Homeless"?

"Homeless" means individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence (within the meaning of section 42 USCS §11302(a)(1)) and includes:

<u>Unsheltered</u>: Has no regular place to stay at night and lives in a campground, car, beach/park, abandoned building, street, or any other inadequate living space.

<u>Shelter:</u> Lives in an emergency, transitional or domestic violence shelter.

<u>Hotel/Motel:</u> Lives in a hotel or motel due to lack of other suitable housing, excludes temporary lodging for military persons awaiting housing.

<u>Doubled up:</u> Lives temporarily with family or other persons due to loss of housing or as a result of economic hardship.

If my child is accepted into the program, what is the school schedule?

The EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program Classroom schedule is based on the DOE's academic year schedule, aligning with the kindergarten full-day schedule. Typically, most school days start at 8:00 am and end around 2:00 pm. For more specific times, please contact the school you are applying to.

What about before and after-school care?

Currently, children in the EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program do not qualify for before or after-school care that is provided for DOE students in K-5/6.

What about DOE student bus transportation?

Currently, children in the EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program do not qualify for student bus transportation that is provided for DOE students in K-5/6.

Priority Category and Preference to Home School Dates

March 1 - May 31: Priority categories within home school geographic region

June 1 - September 30 : Priority categories

October 1 - end of school year : Open enrollment

- For applications received between March 1 May 31st, enrollment is awarded to students in the priority categories and applying within the home school geographic region. Notifications will be sent during the first week of June.
- For applications received between June 1 September 30, enrollment (pending availability) is awarded to students in the priority categories and residing in any geographic region. Notifications will be sent during the first week of October.
- For applications received between October 1 the end of the school year, enrollment (pending availability) is awarded to applicants on a first come first served basis. Notifications will be sent as applications are processed.

Schools will send letters of acceptance or denial to parents/legal guardians. Acceptance letters will instruct parents/legal guardians to enroll their child at the school office. Required school enrollment forms must be completed and submitted prior to the child's first day of attendance.

Other programs that support children and families

EARLY HEAD START

Early Head Start (EHS) provides health, education, family support and family engagement services and resources to income-eligible children.

EHS serves pregnant women, infants and toddlers and their families. Services are provided daily in classrooms (part-day or full-day) or through weekly home visits.

Part-day programs (8am-2pm) are offered at no cost to families, and full-day programs are offered at affordable rates. Children with special needs, as well as children who are in the foster care system or who are experiencing homelessness, are given priority in the EHS programs.

YOUR 'OHANA Programs

Your 'Ohana programs are FREE and VOLUNTARY home visitation programs providing support to you and your family with health, child development, and school readiness. Learn how to guide your family's well-being through regular visits with a trained professional.

Your 'Ohana programs serve pregnant women, keiki from ages 0-5, and their families.

Your 'Ohana Program serves families residing in the following ZIP code areas. Detailed service area maps are available online for Oʻahu, Hawaiʻi Island, Maui County, and Kauaʻi.

Island	Zip Code Areas (partial coverage areas indicated in italics).
Oʻahu	Downtown/Kalihi: 96817, 96819 Wahiawā: 96786, 96789, 96857 Wai'anae: 96792
Maui	96732 , 96753, 96779, 96793
Hawaiʻi Island	E. Hawai'i: 96710, 96720, 96728, 96749, 96760, 96771, 96778, 96781, 96783, 96785 W. Hawai'i: 96704, 96725, 96726, 96740, 96750
Kauaʻi	96705 , 96741, 96756, 96765
Moloka'i	96729, 96748, 96757, 96770
Lāna'i	96763

For more information about Your 'Ohana, including contact and eligibility information, go to the Your 'Ohana website and click "Enroll Today." You can also find information about other low to no-cost early childhood development and learning programs on the EOEL website.

Application Checklist

for Parents/Legal Guardians (School Year 2024-2025)

Obtain a copy of the Application Packet from any one of the EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program schools or download an application from the EOEL Public Pre-K Program page http://earlylearning.hawaii.gov
Find out if you are applying to your residential home school. If you are unsure, contact the school to find out if
you reside within the geographic boundaries of the school. If you do, ask what documents are accepted for proc of residency. Make a copy of each document.
 _ Make a copy of ONE (1) of the age-verifying documents listed below:
Birth Certificate, official copy issued by State Department of Health (hospital documents, birth record and abstracts are not accepted)
OR Passport
Complete and attach "Questionnaire to Determine Eligibility MV1" form.
Make a copy of at least ONE (1) of the following verification documents listed below for each parent/legal guardian. Please note that families applying to the EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program are required to turn in financial documentation for each parent/legal guardian listed on the application.
• 2023 Signed Federal Income Tax Return, Form 1040 (2 pages) Remove all social security numbers.
Department of Human Services (DHS) Form 1463 (Request for Information)
 Verification of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and/or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits.
 Official documentation from DHS verifying eligibility of SNAP and/or TANF benefits that you may have already received.
 Benefit Verification Letter from Social Security Administration (SSA) to show evidence of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) eligibility. This letter is sometimes called a "budget letter," a "benefits letter," a "proof of income letter," or a "proof of award letter.
 _ Evidence of Foster Care from Department of Human Services.
 _ Complete the application.
 _ Attach a self-addressed, stamped envelope for each application.
Submit a complete packet (which includes a completed, signed and dated application and copies of all required documents), to the school where you are applying.

NOTIFICATION of program eligibility will be sent by mail to the address on the application.

Please make sure you submit a completed, signed and dated application Incomplete applications will be returned and must be re-submitted in their entirety.

QUESTIONS? Contact the school you have applied to or EOEL at 808-784-5350 or EOEL.Info@eoel.hawaii.gov.



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for School Year 2024 - 2025

AGE ELIGIBILITY AND PRIORITY CATEGORIES

Your child must be three years old on or before July 31 of the current school year.

For school year 2024-2025, your child's birthday must fall on or between **August 1, 2019 - July 31, 2021.** Priority is given to children whose situations include one or more of the following listed below. Identify the priority categories that you believe apply to you and your child's situation. Please note that additional documentation is required.

Check	all	that	apply:
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Please feel free to include other information that you would want considered as this application is being reviewed.
Children who are experiencing at-risk situations which may impact their development and learning.
Children whose family income is no more than 300% of the federal poverty level OR who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and/or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);
Children who are experiencing homelessness or unstable housing;
Children who are in foster care ;
Children who are learning English as a second language ;
Children who are placed through their individualized education programs in a general education setting;

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Documents that you must provide in order to process your application.

- 1. Completed EOEL application with signature(s) of parent(s)/legal guardian(s).
- 2. Child/applicant's birth certificate or passport.
- 3. Homelessness or unstable housing: Complete "Questionnaire to Determine Eligibility MV1" form
- 4. **IDEA services (special education) with a general education placement**. Please inform the school office so they can provide EOEL with appropriate documents.
- 5. Foster care: Documentation from Department of Human Services.
- 6. **Income documentation for each parent/legal guardian listed:** 2023 Signed Federal Income Tax Return Form 1040 (2- pages) OR DHS Verification documentation. Foster parents are not required to provide income documentation.
- 7. Adoption or legal guardianship: Legal documents and possibly additional documents.
- 8. Other at-risk situations: Additional documents may be required. Please contact your school office.

CHILD INFORMATION

Information about the child

Name of SCHOOL applying to				
Child's legal name		Birth date	Gender	
What is your child's first acquired la	nguage?			
What is the language most often spo	ken at home?			
What language is most often used by	y your child?			
Residence address Number and Street, City/State/ZIP Code				
Mailing address (if different)				
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Home Phone Number	Cell Phone Numb	er A	dditional Phone Number	
Email Address				
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I hereby certify that the information provided in this application and in the supporting document is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide additional information and documentation upon request to complete my application.				
First Parent / Legal Guardian Signa	ture		Date	
Second Parent / Legal Guardian Si	gnature		Date	

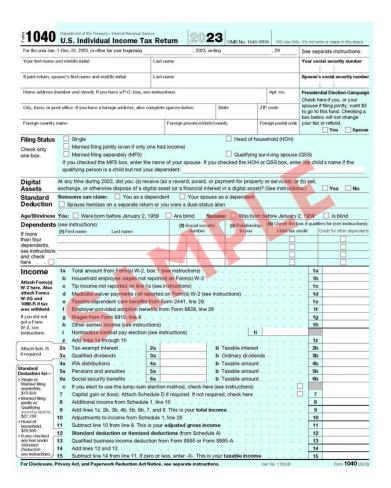
Examples:1040 Federal Income Tax Return

When submitting your 1040 with your application:

Remove ALL social security numbers from view.

Submit ALL pages of the signed 2023 Federal Income Tax Return, Form 1040 (2 pages as shown)

Only the Signed 2023 Federal Income Tax Return, Form 1040 (2 pages) will be accepted.



Sign and date the copy submitted to the school.

If filing jointly, both parent(s)/legal guardian(s) must sign here.

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	20	Amount from Schedule 3, li	ne 8					20	
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	22	Subtract line 21 from line 13	8. If zero or less,	enter -0-				22	
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Examples:

Social Security Administration Benefit Verification Letter

Please Note: Only Supplemental SecurityIncome (SSI) is applicable for priority category purposes.

Sample Online Benefit Verification Letter



Social Security Administration

Date:January 30, 2013 Claim Number:XXX-XX-0000A

JANE DOE 456 ANYWHERE AVENUE MAINTOWN, USA 11111-1111

You asked us for information from your record. The information that you requested is shown below. If you want anyone else to have this information, you may send them this letter.

Information About Current Social Security Benefits

Beginning December 2012, the full monthly Social Security benefit before any deductions is \$223.90. We deduct \$0.00 for medical insurance premiums each month.

The regular monthly Social Security payment is \$223.00. (We must round down to the whole dollar.)

Social Security benefits for a given month are paid the following month. (For example, Social Security benefits for March are paid in April.)

Your Social Security benefits are paid on or about the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Information About Past Social Security Benefits

From December 2011 to November 2012, the full monthly Social Security benefit before any deductions was \$220.70.

We deducted \$0.00 for medical insurance premiums each month

The regular monthly Social Security payment was \$220.00. (We must round down to the whole dollar.)

Type of Social Security Benefit Information

You are entitled to monthly retirement benefits.

Date of Birth Information

The date of birth shown on our records is May 29, 1949.

If You Have Any Questions

If you have any questions, you may call us at 1-800-772-1213, or call your local Social Security office at 800-000-0000. We can answer most questions over the phone. You can also write or visit any Social Security office. The office that serves your area is located at:

SOCIAL SECURITY 123 MAIN STREET MAINTOWN, USA 11112-1111

If you do call or visit an office, please have this letter with you. It will help us answer your questions.

Social Security Administration



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475 22nd Avenue Honolulu, Hawaii 96816 bit.ly/HILiaisons

QUESTIONNAIRE TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY MV1

This form is intended to address the McKinney-Vento Act (MVA) and must be completed for each student

Questionnaires are filed for one (1) year for all students and seven (7) years for any student identified as living in unstable housing.

Student's Name: Date of Bir			rth:				
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Alternate Contact Name: Relationship: Phone:					Phone:		
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Verification of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) & Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Benefits

Financial documentation in the form of SNAP and/or TANF benefits needs to include the following:

 Verification of SNAP/TANF benefits is required for each parent/legal guardian listed on the application who receives such benefits.

Example: Parent A and Parent B are both listed on the EOEL Public Prekindergarten Application. Both of them are receiving SNAP benefits. Therefore, we would need DHS SNAP documentation for both Parents A & B.

- Verification should reflect current benefit information (current month benefits and benefits expected for future months).
- Names of ALL Household members (adults and children) receiving benefits.

Financial documentation may be provided through the following means:

- Official documentation from DHS verifying eligibility of SNAP and/or TANF benefits that you
 may have already received
- "DHS 1463: Request for Information" form filled out by caseworker
- Printouts from the DHS PAIS system https://pais-benefits.dhs.hawaii.gov/
- Additional documentation may be requested during the review process.

If using the "DHS 1463: Request for Information" form, see steps below:

- 1. Fill out "DHS 1465: Consent to Release Information". List information needed on form.
- Visit your DHS processing center bringing the filled-out DHS 1465 form and the blank "DHS 1463: Request for Information" form for caseworker to fill out
- 3. Submit filled out "**DHS 1463**: Request for Information" form and additional documentation (if applicable) to the School Office.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

RE:	
	(Date)
Per your request, we are providing to you the information below.	
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CONSENT TO RELEASE INFORMATION

I		, hereby give my			
(1) (Circle One: Applicant/Recipient/Legal Guardian) permission to the Department of Human Services, Benefit, Employment and Support Services Division (BESSD) to release information from their records pertaining to me or my family to:					
(2) (Name of Person (3) The information to be reviewed / released is limited to the					
(4) This information is to be used for:					
(State Purp	oose)				
(5) This consent is good until	(not to exceed one ye	ear from date signed			
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(b) (Signature of Applicant/Neceptent/Es	gai Guaraian)	(1) (Date)			
(8) (Address of Applicant / Recipient)	,	(9) (Social Security No. or Birthdate of Applicant/Recipient)			
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(10) (Signature of person receiving / reviewing in	formation)	(Date)			
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(11) (Stamp Unit name and address)	(12) Worker's Name Complete to	Telephone No.			
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DHS 1465 (Rev. 10/05)