



DEPT. COMM. NO. 226

STATE OF HAWAII
Executive Office on Early Learning
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December 24, 2019

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President
and Members of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker
and Members of the House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the report on State-funded prekindergarten programs and private partnership-funded prekindergarten programs in public schools, except special education and Title I-funded prekindergarten programs, pursuant to S.B. No. 78, H.D. 2, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019. In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at:

<https://earlylearning.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Report-to-the-2020-Legislature.pdf>

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lauren Moriguchi".

Lauren Moriguchi
Director

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Enclosure

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Report to the 2020 Legislature: December 24, 2019

History

The Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) was established by Act 178, Regular Session of 2012, and signed into law in June 2012. On July 1, 2015, EOEL was transferred from the Office of the Governor to become attached to HIDOE for administrative purposes only.

EOEL is charged with developing an early learning system that shall ensure a spectrum of high-quality, developmentally appropriate early learning opportunities for Hawaii's children throughout the state, from prenatal care until the time they enter kindergarten.

Act 122, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, appropriated \$3 million for the establishment of Hawaii's first State-funded pre-kindergarten program as a part of that system. EOEL launched the EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program (Program), through a partnership with the Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE), at 18 department schools and 20 classrooms across the state starting the 2014-15 school year. The Program was statutorily established by Act 109, Regular Session of 2015.

Context

The EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program currently consists of 44 classrooms at 36 department and charter schools. Among these classrooms are those that were required to be incorporated into the Program as a result of Act 276, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019:

- Charter school prekindergarten classrooms that were previously funded through the federal Preschool Development Grant;
- Weighted student formula-funded prekindergarten classroom; and
- Prekindergarten classrooms for children to provide general education settings for children whose individualized education programs require such placement.

Ten new classrooms are also scheduled to open in the 2020-21 school year with funding provided through Act 276, bringing the total to 54 classrooms at 46 schools.

Act 276 also placed private partnership-funded classrooms in the public schools under the administrative authority of EOEL.

The subsequent tables address the following information with respect to the Program as of December 24, 2019:

- 1. The number and location of classrooms;**
- 2. Numbers of students served and aggregated by birth month as of the date on which the official enrollment count is taken;**
- 3. Sources of funding for each classroom;**
- 4. Quality of teacher-child interactions relating to social emotional support, classroom structure, and quality of learning experiences, as assessed using a formative assessment tool selected by the office; and**
- 5. Child outcomes relating to all areas of childhood development and learning, including cognitive, linguistic, social, and emotional approaches to learning and health and physical development, as assessed using a formative assessment tool selected by the office.**

Please note that this report provides information on all of these areas in regards to the EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program in the department schools, for School Year 2018-2019. The charter school classrooms and private partnership-funded classrooms in the public schools had not yet been put under the administrative authority of EOEL during that school year.

We have also included information on some of these areas for the current School Year 2019-2020. Because we are only mid-way through this school year, we do not yet have information for all of the areas that would allow for the most comprehensive picture possible.

EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program – in the Department Schools

Table 1. EOEL Public Pre-K Program Classrooms in the Department Schools

ISLAND	SCHOOL	SCHOOL YEAR 2018-19	SCHOOL YEAR 2019-20	FUNDING SOURCE
HAWAI'I	Honoka'a Elementary	1	1	general funds
	Ho'okena Elementary	1	1	general funds
	Kea'au Elementary	1	1	general funds
	Keonepoko Elementary	1	1	general funds
	Kohala Elementary	1	1	general funds
	Konawaena Elementary	1	1	general funds
	Mountain View Elementary	1	1	general funds
	Nā'ālehu Elementary	2	2	general funds
	Ka'ū High & Pāhala Elementary	1	1	general funds
	Pāhoa Elementary	1	1	general funds
KAUA'I	'Ele'ele Elementary	1	1	general funds
	Kekaha Elementary	1	1	general funds
LĀNA'I	Lāna'i Elementary	1	1	general funds
MAUI	Kula Elementary	1	1	general funds
MOLOKAI	Kaunakakai Elementary	1	1	general funds
	Kilohana Elementary	1	1	general funds
O'AHU	Kailua Elementary	1	1	general funds
	Kalihi Uka Elementary	1	1	general funds
	Keolu Elementary	1	1	general funds
	Likelike Elementary*	-	1	general funds
	Linapuni Elementary	2	2	general funds
	Nānākuli Elementary	1	1	general funds
	Waiāhole Elementary	1	1	general funds
Waialua Elementary	2	2	general funds	
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* Weighted student formula-funded prekindergarten classroom that was incorporated into the Program as a result of Act 276, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019.

Table 2. Students Served by Birth Month, EOEL Public Pre-K Program in the Department Schools

BIRTH MONTH	SCHOOL YEAR 2018-19	SCHOOL YEAR 2019-20
	(QUARTER 4)	(QUARTER 1)
JANUARY	41	30
FEBRUARY	31	57
MARCH	37	39
APRIL	44	46
MAY	33	27
JUNE	40	35
JULY	34	31
AUGUST	31	40
SEPTEMBER	39	31
OCTOBER	34	39
NOVEMBER	34	36
DECEMBER	28	28
TOTAL	426	439

Note: The Program requires that children be 4 years old on or before July 31 to be eligible for the upcoming school year.

Table 3. Quality of Teacher-Child Interactions (CLASS™ Scores), EOEL Public Pre-K Program in the Department Schools, Quarter 4, School Year 2018-19

CATEGORY	MEAN SCORE	STANDARD DEVIATION	MIN. SCORE	MAX. SCORE
POSITIVE CLIMATE	6.2	0.7	5	7
NEGATIVE CLIMATE*	1.1	0.3	1	2
TEACHER SENSITIVITY	5.2	0.8	3	6
REGARD FOR STUDENT PERSPECTIVE	5.0	1.0	3	7
BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT	5.1	1.1	2	7
PRODUCTIVITY	5.2	0.9	3	7
INSTRUCTIONAL LEARNING FORMATS	4.4	0.9	2	6
CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT	3.4	1.1	1	6
QUALITY OF FEEDBACK	4.2	1.0	2	6
LANGUAGE MODELING	4.4	1.0	2	6

** A low value is desirable in this category.*

Note: The range of possible scores for each category is 1-7.

Table 4. Child Outcomes (Teaching Strategies GOLD™), EOEL Public Pre-K Program in the Department Schools, Quarter 4, School Year 2018-19

CATEGORY	PERCENT MEETING OR EXCEEDING STANDARD
SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL	93.5
PHYSICAL	97.2
LANGUAGE	91.9
COGNITIVE	96.6
LITERACY	97.4
MATHEMATICS	98.7
AVERAGE	95.9

EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program – in the Charter Schools

Table 5. EOEL Public Pre-K Program Classrooms in the Charter Schools

ISLAND	SCHOOL	SCHOOL YEAR 2019-20	FUNDING SOURCE
HAWAII	Ka 'Umeke Kāeo Public Charter School	1	general funds, other private sources
	Ke Kula 'o Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u Iki Laboratory Public Charter School (Hilo & Waimea campuses)	2	general funds
	Kua O Ka Lā New Century Public Charter School	2	general funds
	Laupāhoehoe Community Public Charter School	2	general funds
	Nā Wai Ola Public Charter School	1	general funds
	Volcano School of Arts & Sciences	1	general funds
KAUAI	Ke Kula Ni'ihau O Kekaha Learning Center	1	general funds
MOLOKAI	Kualapu'u Charter School	1	general funds
O'AHU	Kamaile Academy Public Charter School	3	general funds
	Ke Kula 'o Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u Iki Laboratory Public Charter School (Nānākuli campus)	1	general funds
	Ke Kula 'o Samuel M. Kamakau Laboratory Public Charter School	1	general funds
	Wai'ālae Elementary Public Charter School	1	general funds
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Note: Some schools reported to the Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission that they received supplemental funding last year and applied for those same funds in Spring 2019; however schools are reporting that the funding award decision is pending as of December 13, 2019.

Table 6. Students Served by Birth Month, EOEL Public Pre-K Program Classrooms in the Charter Schools

BIRTH MONTH	SCHOOL YEAR 2019-20 (QUARTER 1)
JANUARY	29
FEBRUARY	16
MARCH	19
APRIL	9
MAY	20
JUNE	14
JULY	13
AUGUST	24
SEPTEMBER	23
OCTOBER	24
NOVEMBER	21
DECEMBER	19
TOTAL	231

Note: The Program requires that children be 4 years old on or before July 31 to be eligible for the upcoming school year.

Private Partnership-Funded Prekindergarten Classrooms in the Public Schools

Table 7. Private Partnership-Funded Pre-K Classrooms in the Public Schools

ISLAND	SCHOOL	SCHOOL YEAR 2019-20	FUNDING SOURCE
HAWAI'I	Hōnaunau Elementary	1	Kamehameha Schools
	Waimea Elementary	1	Kamehameha Schools
MAUI	Hāna High & Elementary	1	Kamehameha Schools
O'AHU	Nānāikapono Elementary	1	Kamehameha Schools
	Nānākuli Elementary	1	Kamehameha Schools
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Please note that the Department was unable to provide information regarding the associated numbers of students served and aggregated by birth month.