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Hawai'i State Public Charter School
Commission

House Committee on
Education Informational
Briefing Presentation

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AT-A-GLANCE

2025 - 2026

Charter Schools Statewide

Legend

Elementary
Middle
High
PreK



6 Schools



14 Schools



Hawai'i
Island

Hawai'i Volcanoes
National Park

40

Number of charter
schools in operation



6

Number of Hawaiian
language medium
schools



14

Number of charter
schools with
Early Learning
(2 - PreK only)



13,313

Number of students
enrolled
(Excluding PreK)



100%

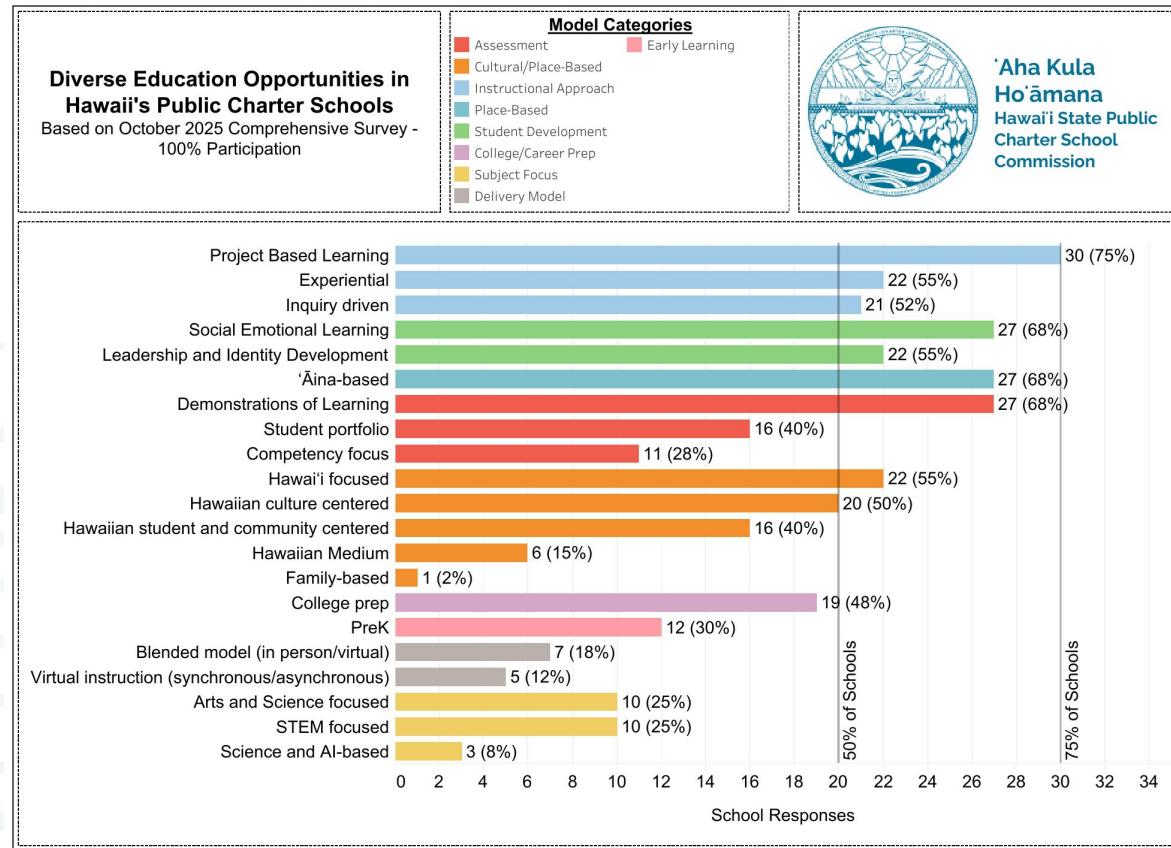
of charter schools on
contract 4.0 have Mission
Aligned Initiatives



Portfolio Overview

Diverse Education Opportunities

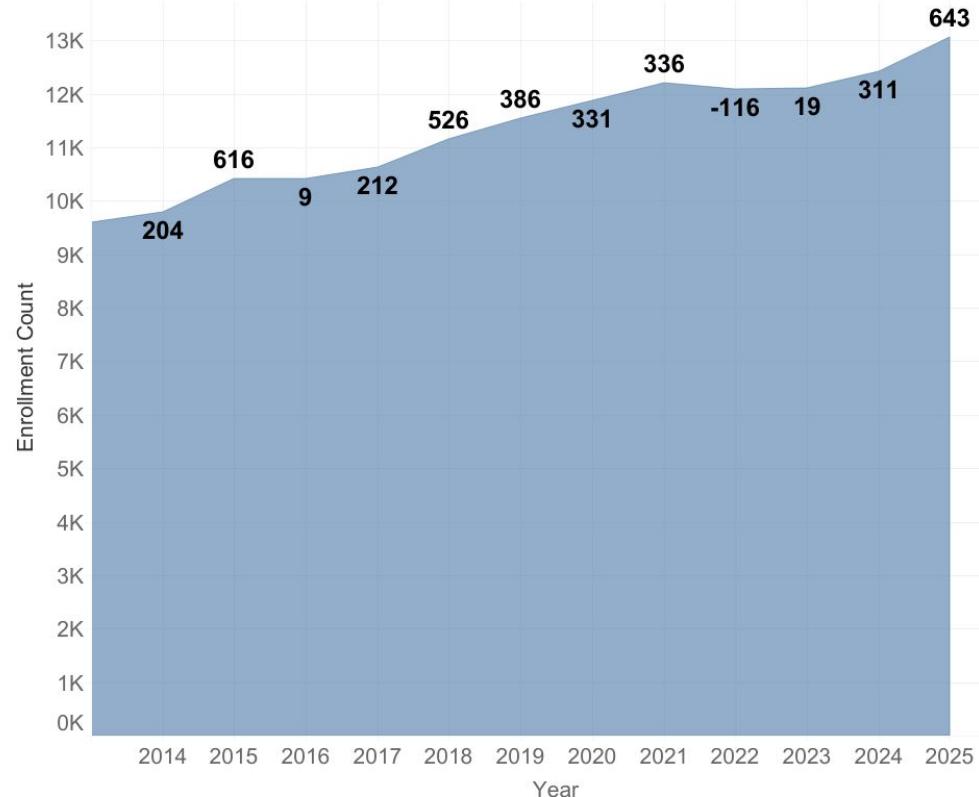
- > 75% of schools offer project-based learning opportunities
- Majority of schools incorporate student-led learning





Enrollment

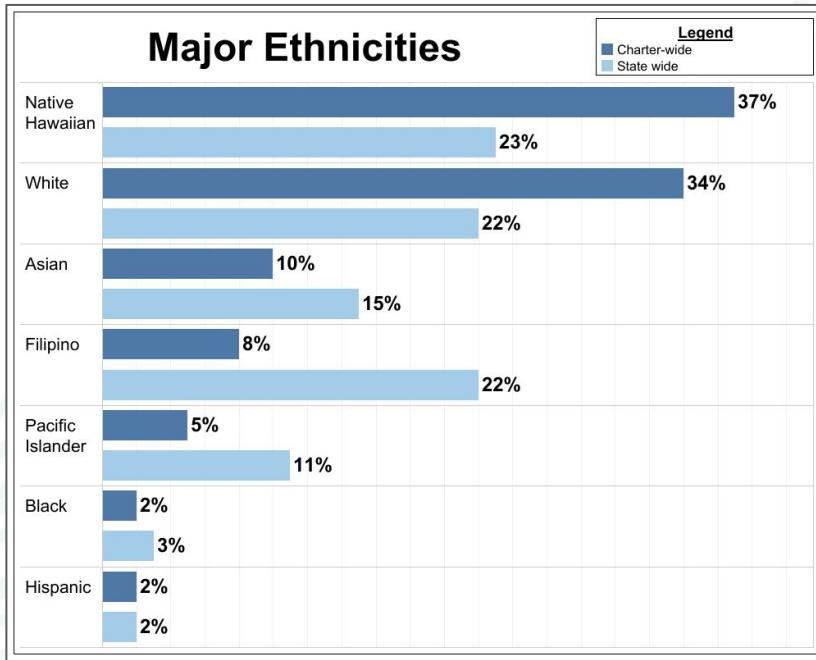
- **Enrollment Growth**
 - 7% growth over last 5 yrs
- **Recent Momentum**
 - 2022-23 to 2023-24: **+2.6%**
 - 2023-24 to 2024-25: **+5.1%**



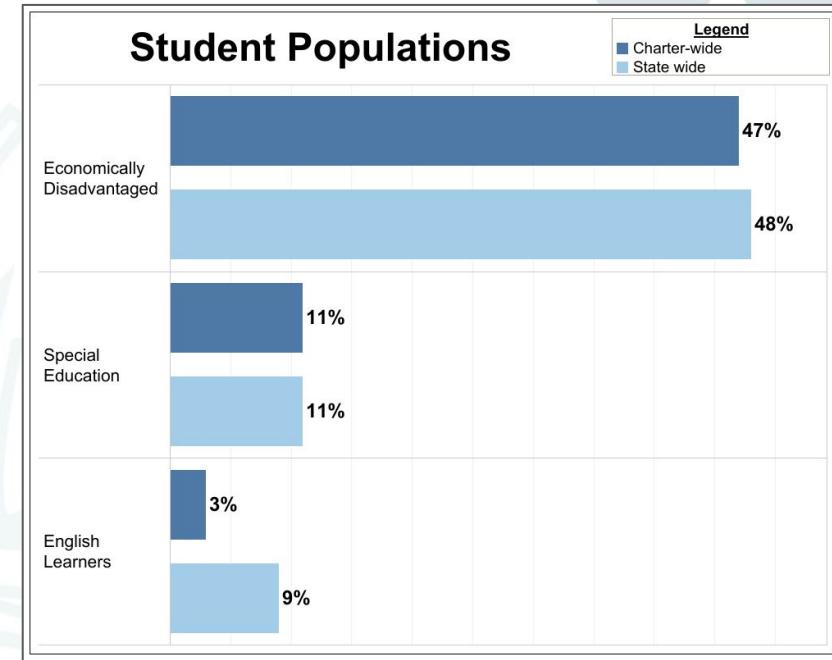


Demographics

- Major Ethnicities



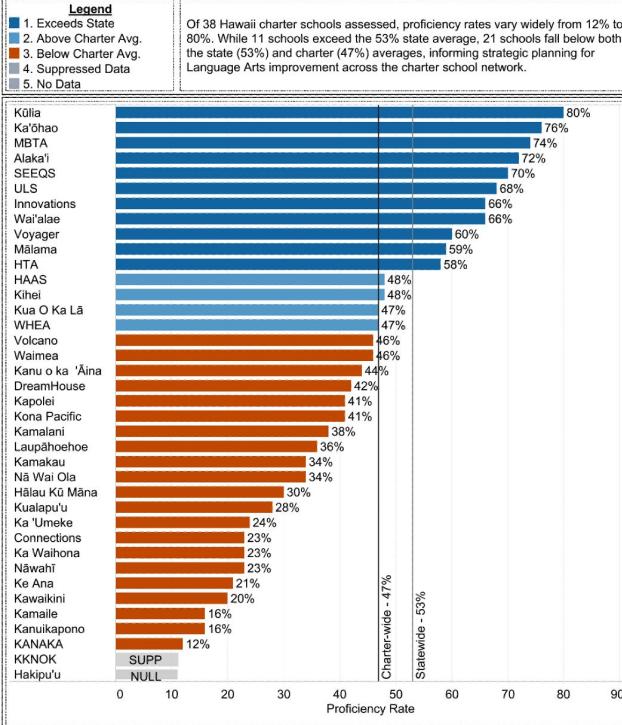
- Student Populations



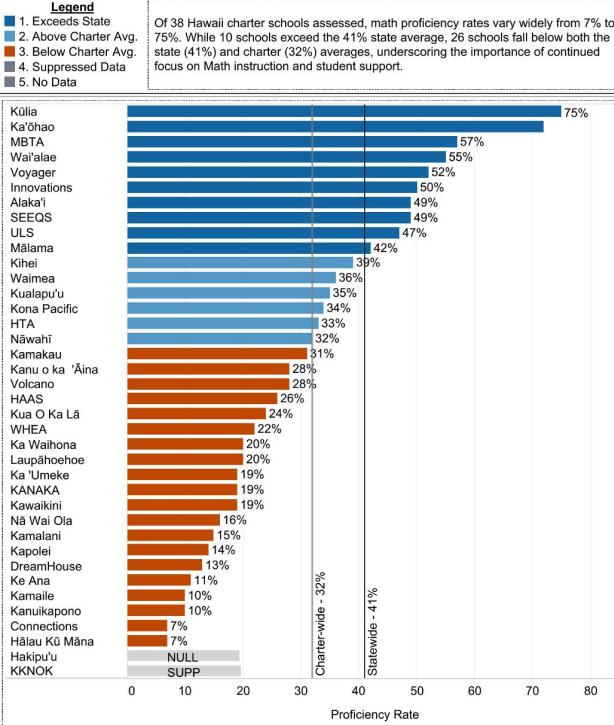


APF Indicator 2: Smarter Balanced Assessment

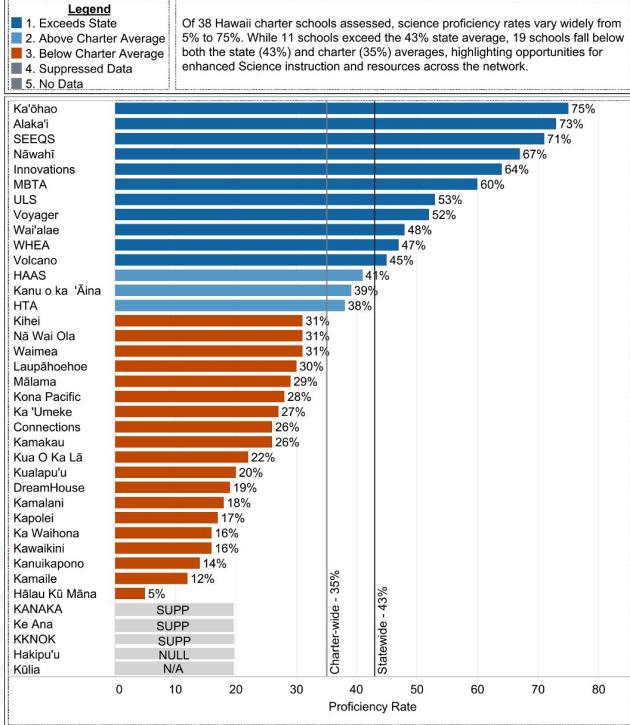
Language Arts



Math



Science

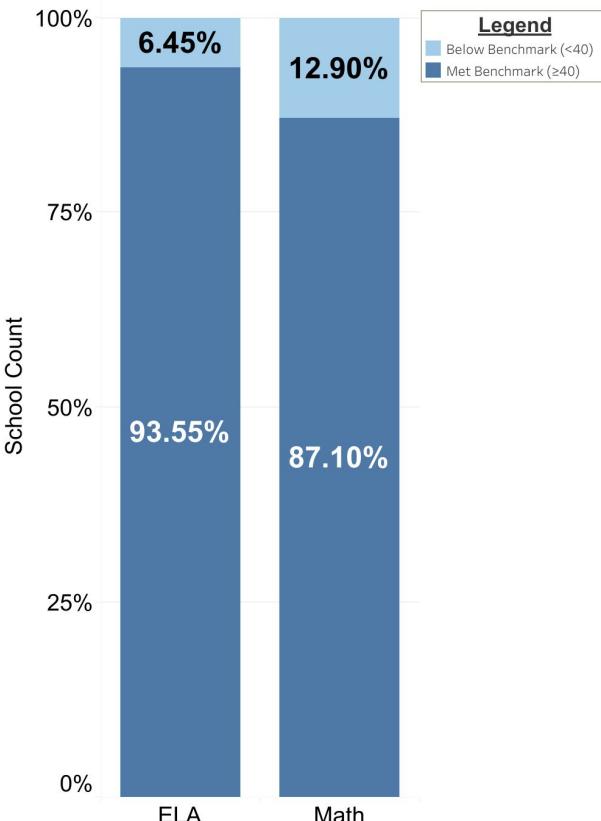




APF Strive HI - School Growth

(School-Level Outcomes)

- LA **94%** Met/Exceeded Benchmark Growth
 - 29 of 31 Charter schools
- Math **87%** Met/Exceeded Benchmark Growth
 - 27 of 31 Charter schools



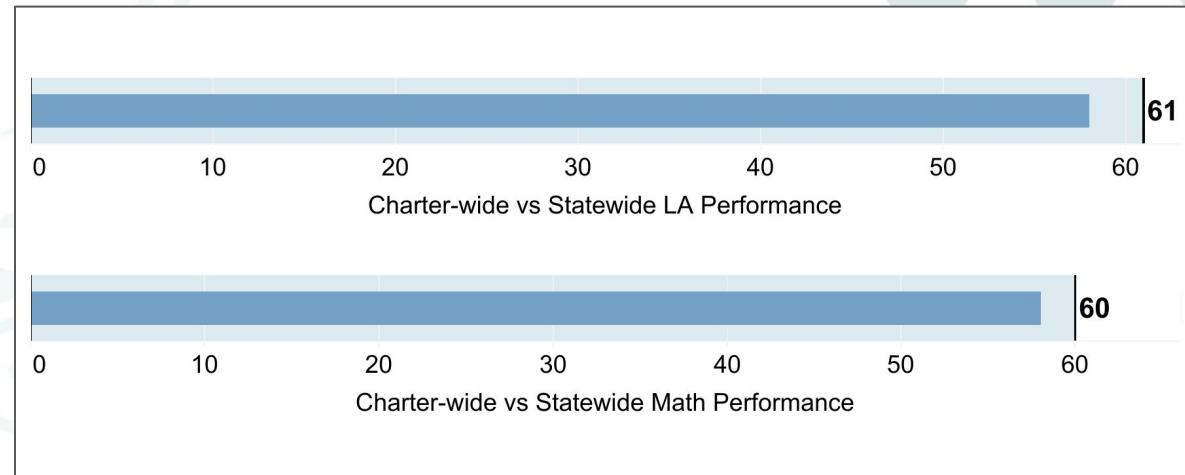
NOTE: KĀ'EO data is not available for statewide growth analysis.



APF Strive HI - Student Growth

(Student-Level Outcomes)

- **LA**
 - Charter-wide **58%**
 - Statewide 61%
 - 3 percentage points of state performance
- **Math**
 - Charter-wide **58%**
 - State-wide 60%
 - 2 percentage points of state performance



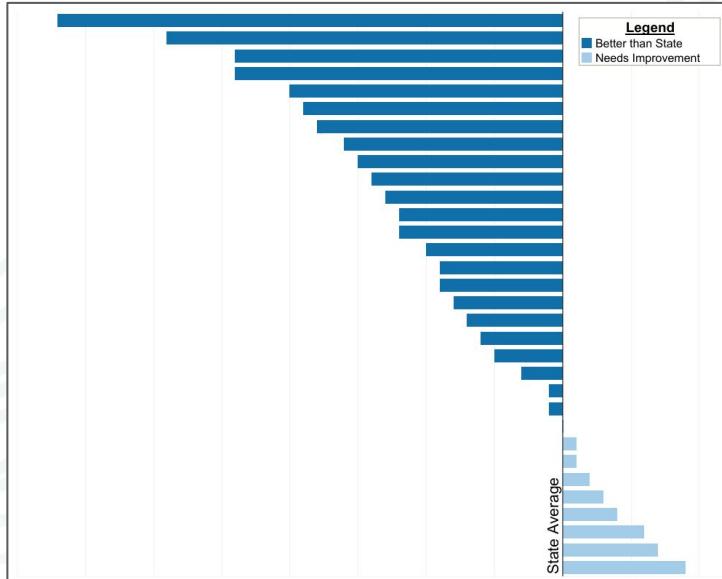
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APF - Strive HI - Gap

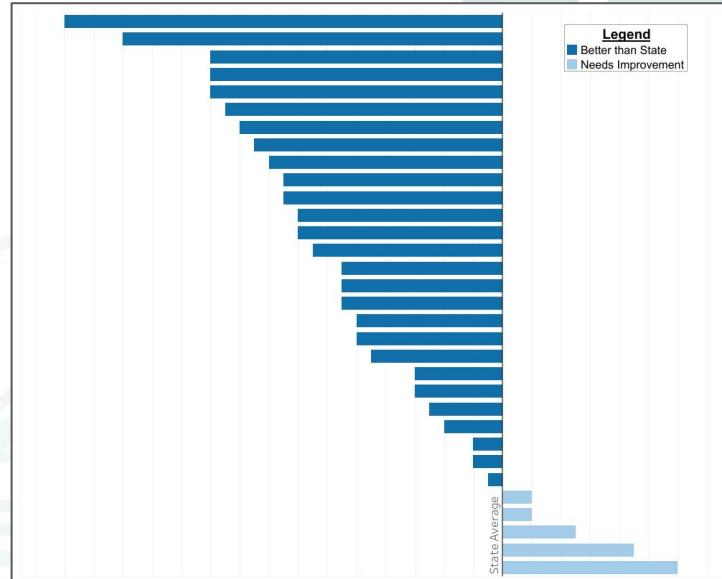
LA Achievement Gap

- 75% **same or better** than state (24 of 32)



Math Achievement Gap

- 87.5% **same or better** than state (28 of 32)



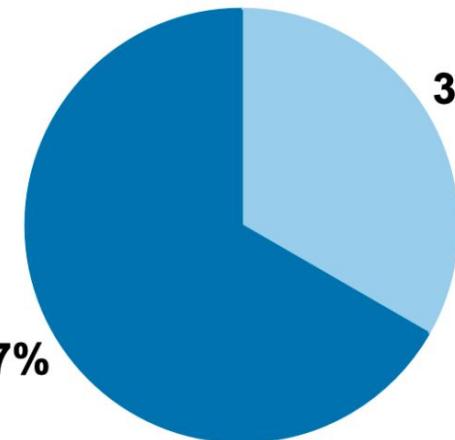


APF Strive HI - Postsecondary Readiness

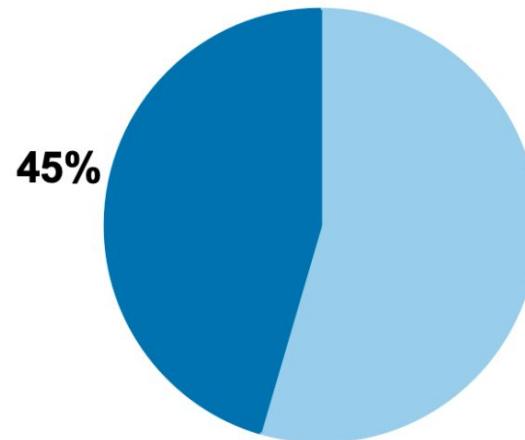
- Postsecondary Readiness



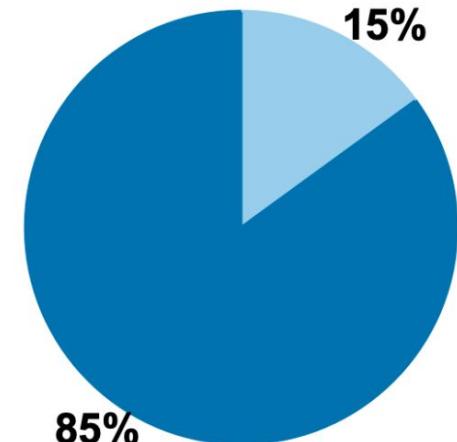
3rd Grade Literacy



8th Grade Literacy



9th Grade Promotion





Risk Assessment Result Formula

$(\text{Current Ratio} \times 0.10) + (\text{Unrestricted Days Cash} \times 0.35) + (\text{Debt to Asset Ratio} \times 0.10) + (\text{Cash Flow} \times 0.10) + (\text{Total Margin} \times 0.25) + (\text{Budget Variance} \times 0.10)$
= Final Risk Assessment Score

37/38 (97%) schools received a final risk assessment score*

Low	Acceptable	Moderate	High	Significant
22	13	1	1	0

*Kamalani Academy did not complete due to non-renewal of contract (June 30, 2025)



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NEW Interactive
Performance
Framework
Dashboards

(Coming Soon - Feb. 2026)



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ACADEMIC

Avg. Total Score
Meets (73-115)

87.58

Indicator 1A
Ingrained (17-20)

17.84

Indicator 1B
Ingrained (8-10)

8.00

Indicator 2
Meets (>40)

55.11

Indicator 3
(Optional)
Meets (4-6)

4.57

Indicator 4
(Optional)
Meets (4-9)

7.20

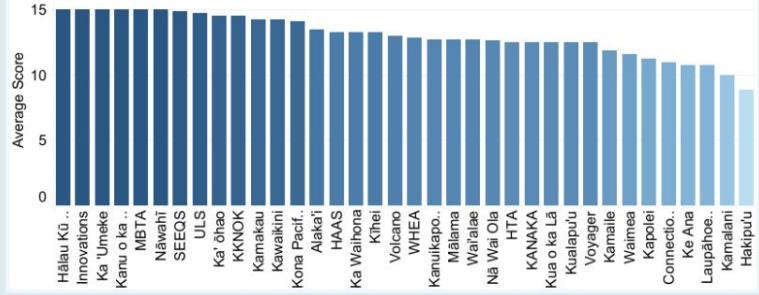
Academic Performance Dashboard

FILTERS:

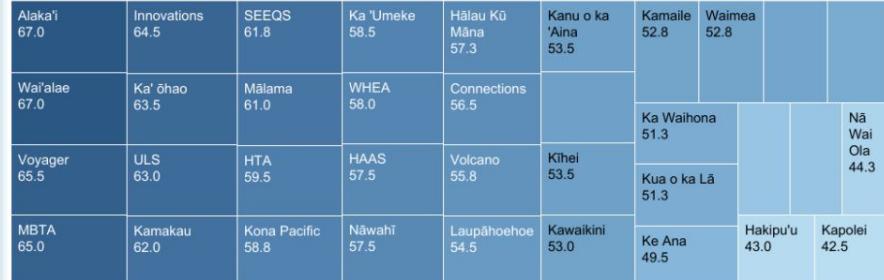
All Island All Year All Enrollment Size All School Name All Cohort

Key: Darker shades of blue indicates higher scores while light shades of blue indicates lower scores.

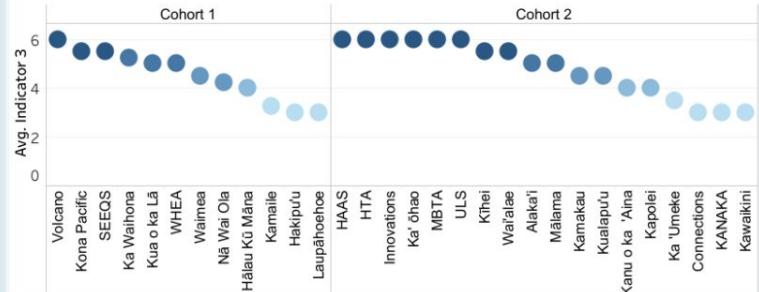
Indicator 1 - Mission Aligned Initiative (Required)



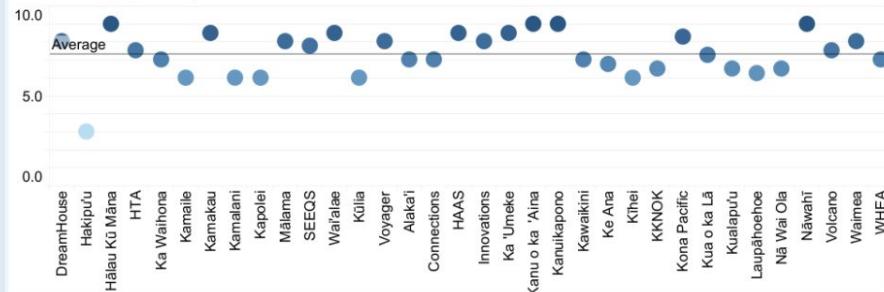
Indicator 2 - Standardized Assessments - Strive HI (Required)



Indicator 3 (Optional)



Indicator 4 (Optional)





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FINANCIAL

Financial Performance Dashboard

FILTERS:

Risk Assessment

1.88

Current Ratio

6.0

Unrestricted Days Cash

261

Debt To Asset

0.28

Cash Flow

\$446,434

Total Margin

7.98%

Enrollment Variance

94.80%

Budget Variance

150%

Island

All

Schoo..

All

Enroll..

All

Schoo..

All

Period

Audit

Key: Blue is Low (good), Green is Acceptable (good), Yellow is Moderate, Orange is High, Red is Significant

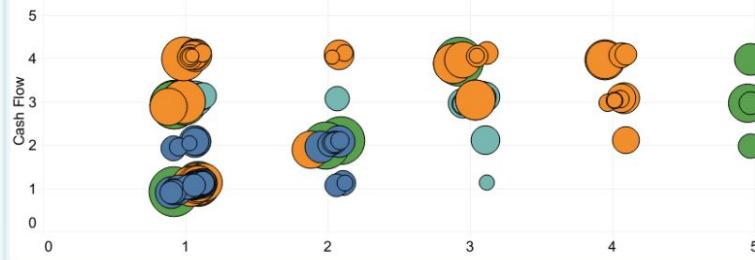
Near Term

Short-Term Financial Stability Assessment Based on Current Ratio and Unrestricted Days Cash Metrics



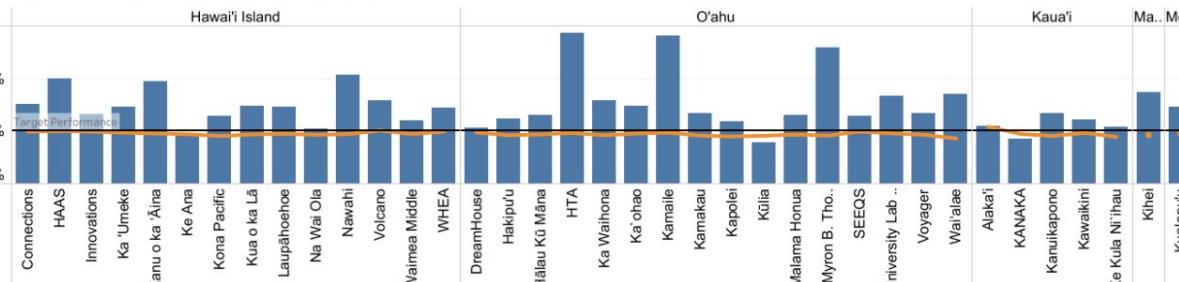
Sustainability

3-Year Financial Trend Analysis (Total Margin & Cash Flow): Lower scores indicate better performance (Circle size = Debt to Asset).

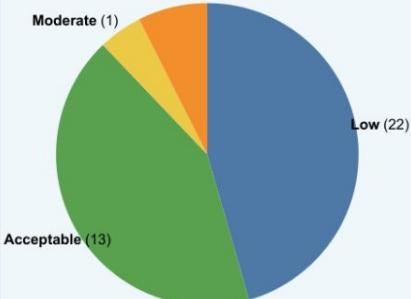


Enrollment by Budget Variance

How well schools managed their budget (blue bars) compared to their student enrollment targets (orange line). Early warnings could include schools with budget variance significantly above 100% (over projecting) or enrollment significantly below 100% (missing targets).



2024-2025 Audit Risk Assessment





Organizational Performance Framework



FILTERS

Year	All	Cohort	All	School Name	All	Article	All	Section
All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All

Overall Compliance

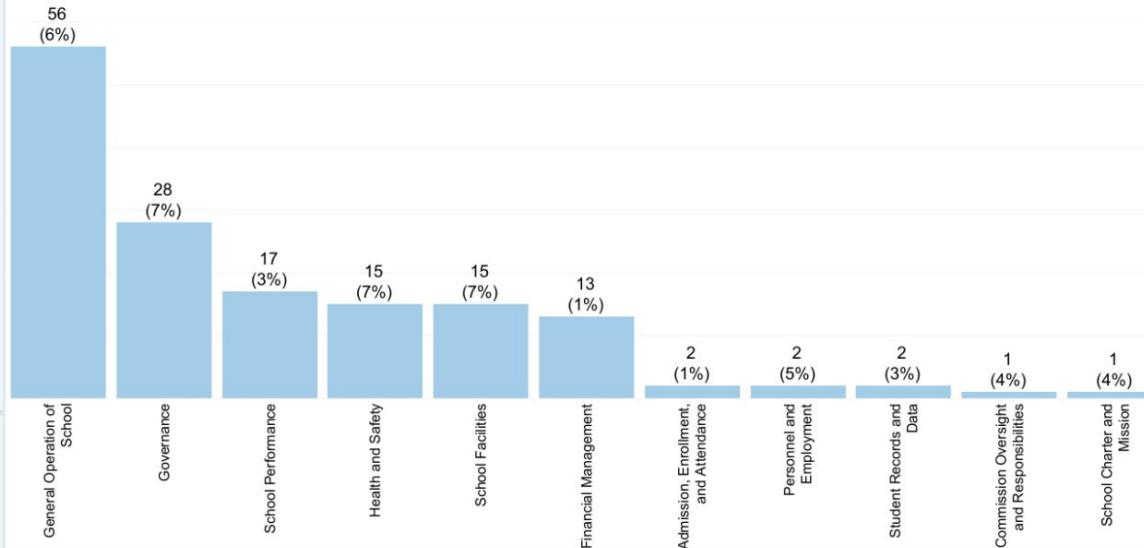


Articles Not Met by Category

Number of non-compliant requirements per article (hover for details)

Year: All,
School Name: All
Cohort: All

Article: General Operation of School, Governance, School Performance and 8 more



Summary Stats

School Count 38.00

School Compliance Rates

Percentage of requirements met per school

Kūlia	76%
Hakipu'u	80%
Kamalani	80%
DreamHouse	88%
KKNOK	88%
KANAKA	89%
Kanuikapono	94%
Kihei	94%
Connections	96%
HTA	96%
Kawaiikini	96%
Voyager	96%
Hālau Kū Māna	96%
Ka'ōhao	98%
Kamakau	98%
MBTA	98%
Waia'ale	98%
Ke Ana	98%
Nā Wai Ola	98%
Ka Waihona	98%
Laupāhoehoe	98%
Volcano	98%
Ka 'Umeke	99%
Kapolei	99%
Nāwahi'	99%
Mālama Honua	99%
SEEQS	99%
Kamaille	99%
Alaka'i	100%
HAAS	100%
Innovations	100%
Kanu	100%
Kona Pacific	100%
Kua o ka Lā	100%
Kualapu'u	100%
ULS	100%
Waimea	100%
WHEA	100%



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Early Learning

Deanne Goya
Director

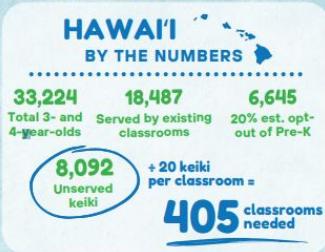
Federal Programs

Michael Clark
Academic Lead

Kaleo Iwasaki
Fiscal Lead



Ready Keiki is Hawai‘i’s statewide initiative to bring **universal access to preschool** for all 3- and 4-year-old ‘keiki’ (children in ‘Olelo Hawai‘i). The mixed-delivery approach focuses on expanding Pre-K seats – both public and private, increasing preschool and childcare subsidies, and supporting the early childhood workforce.



The Commission is proud to support the [Ready Keiki Initiative](#) led by Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke. Together, we are **improving the early learning system** to ensure that by 2032, **100% of all underserved children** will have access to high-quality early learning opportunities.

The Commission opened its first **PreK Only Charter Schools!**



Kapolei, O‘ahu



Waikīkī, O‘ahu

80 Students

93 Students



Federal Title Programs

Title I

\$4,140,481

Based on Free and
Reduced Lunch
Numbers

Title II

\$237,395

Professional
Development for
NHQ & HQ
Teacher's

Title III

\$109,000

English Language
Learners

Title IVa

\$399,530

Well-Rounded Ed,
Safe & Healthy
Schools and
Technology

CSI TSI

\$392,000

Comprehensive
and Targeted
Support and
Improvement

24 Schools

9 Schools

7 Schools

9 Schools

4 CSI (1) Schools
5 CSI (2) Schools
4 TSI (EL) Schools
1 TSI (SPED) School



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Successes & Challenges



- **Kūlia Academy**, 6th Gr. (Expanding to 12th Gr.) - Honolulu, O'ahu
 - Opened SY 24 - 25
 - Top performing school statewide (ELA, Math)
- **Three New Charter Schools Opened in SY 25-26):**
 - **Namahana**, 6th-7th Gr. (Expanding to 12th Gr.) - Kīlauea, Kaua'i
 - **Parkway Village Preschool** - Kapolei, O'ahu
 - **Waikiki Community Preschool** - Honolulu, O'ahu
- **New Strategic Plan** (Vision/Mission, Values, and Goals)



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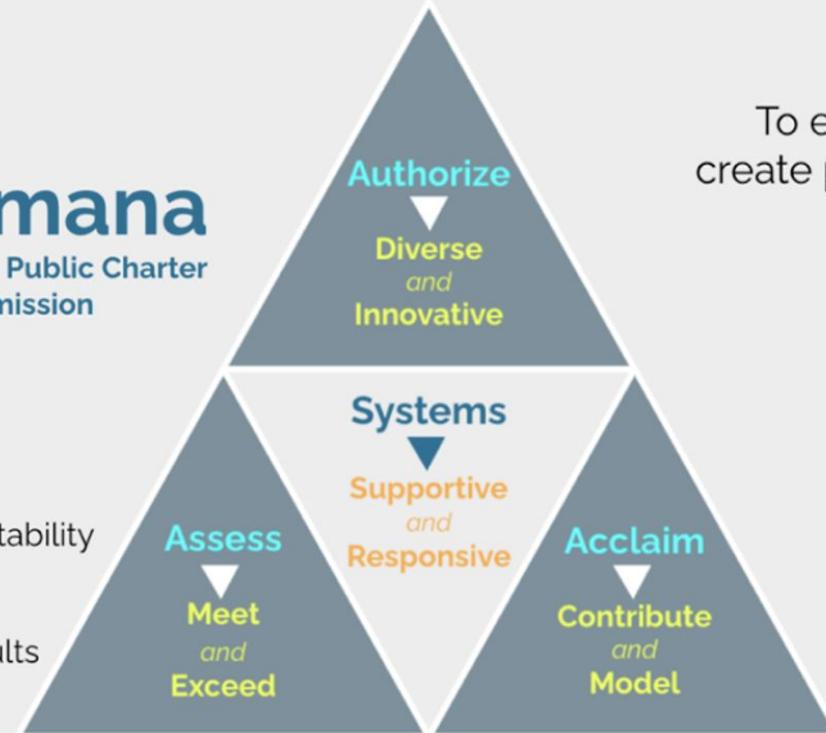
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VALUES

Pili: We are tied to our schools.

Pono: We do this work for accountability and uprightness at all times.

Mohala: We believe our work results in the blossoming of our schools.



Goal 1

To **authorize** a portfolio of high-quality public charter schools of excellence that provide **diverse and innovative** educational opportunities.

Goal 2

To **assess** the performance of a portfolio of high-quality public charter schools of excellence to **meet and exceed** statutory and contractual expectations.

Goal 3

To **acclaim** the portfolio of high-quality public charter schools of excellence that will **model and contribute** best practices to Hawai‘i’s public education system.

Goal 4

To **design systems** for continuous improvement that are **supportive and responsive** to public charter schools and stakeholders.

VISION

To empower our communities to create public schools of excellence.

MISSION

To authorize, assess, and acclaim a portfolio of high-quality public charter schools that offers diversity, innovation, and excellence for students and families throughout Hawai‘i.



§302D-28(a)(1): “Include all general fund regular education cost categories...”

EDN 100

School Based
Budgeting

EDN 200

Instructional
Support

EDN 300

State
Administration

EDN 400

School
Support

(Divided by)

DOE Enrollment Count

EXCLUDING

EDN 150
Special
Education

EDN 500
School
Community
Svc



- **Nonrenewal of Kamalani Academy, K-8**
 - Wahiawā, O'ahu
 - 2-year conditional contract
- **Funding Issues**
 - Federal program allocations
 - Per Pupil (non-facilities)
- **Collective Bargaining**
 - Differentials (Hard-to-Staff, Hawaiian Immersion)



Mahalo to our Commissioners:

Dr. Makalapua Alencastre, **Chair**

Alex Harris, **Vice Chair**

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Mahalo!
Q & A