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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
- High
- Middle
- PreK



Kaua'i

6 Schools

O'ahu

18 Schools

Moloka'i

2 Schools

Maui

14 Schools

Hawai'i
Island

Hawai'i Volcanoes
National Park

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40

Number of charter
schools in operation



13,313

Number of students
enrolled
(Excluding PreK)

6

Number of Hawaiian
language medium
schools



14

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



100%

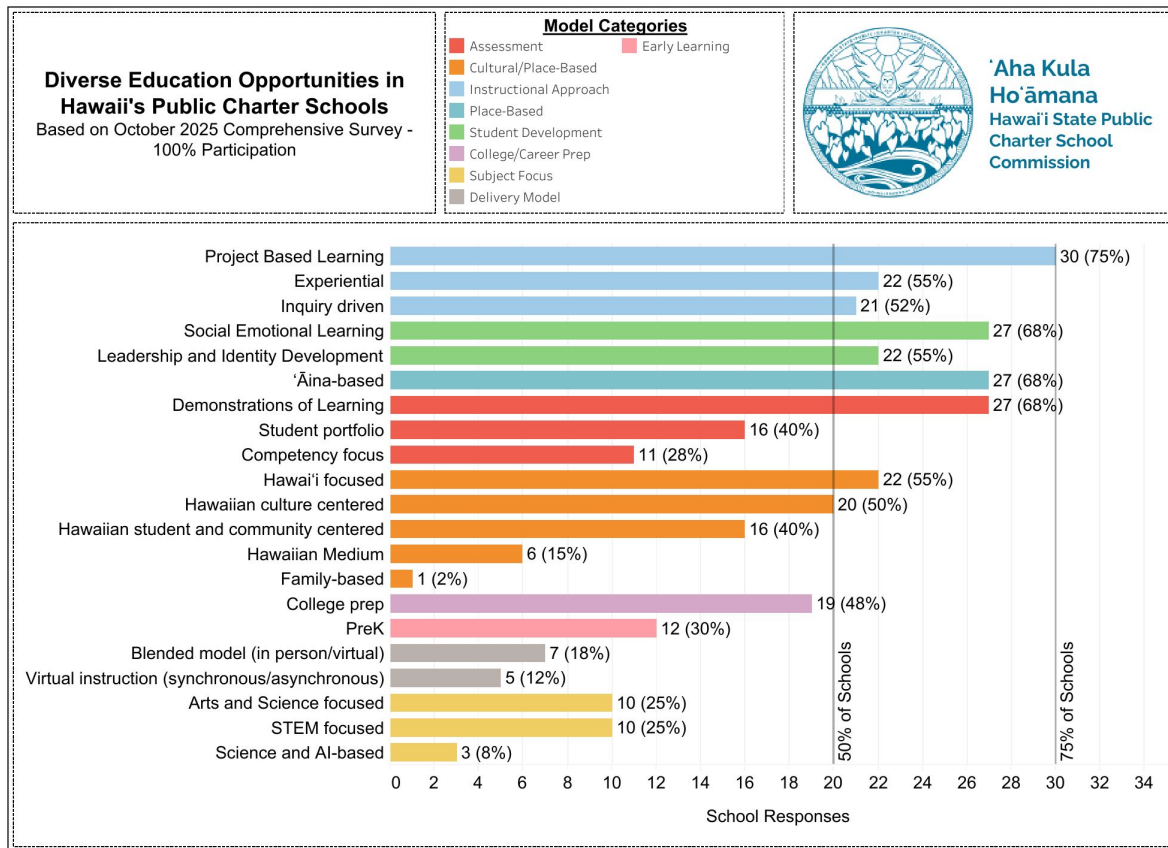
of charter schools on
contract 4.0 have Mission
Aligned Initiatives



Portfolio Overview

Diverse Education Opportunities

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





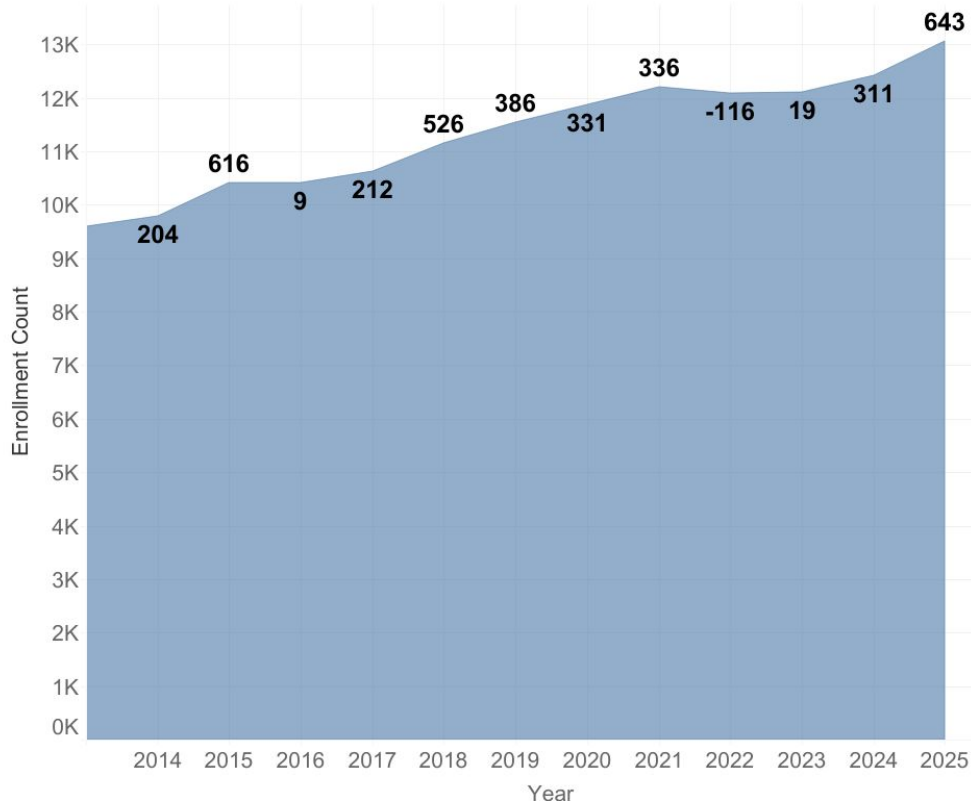
Enrollment

- **Enrollment Growth**

- 7% growth over last 5 yrs

- **Recent Momentum**

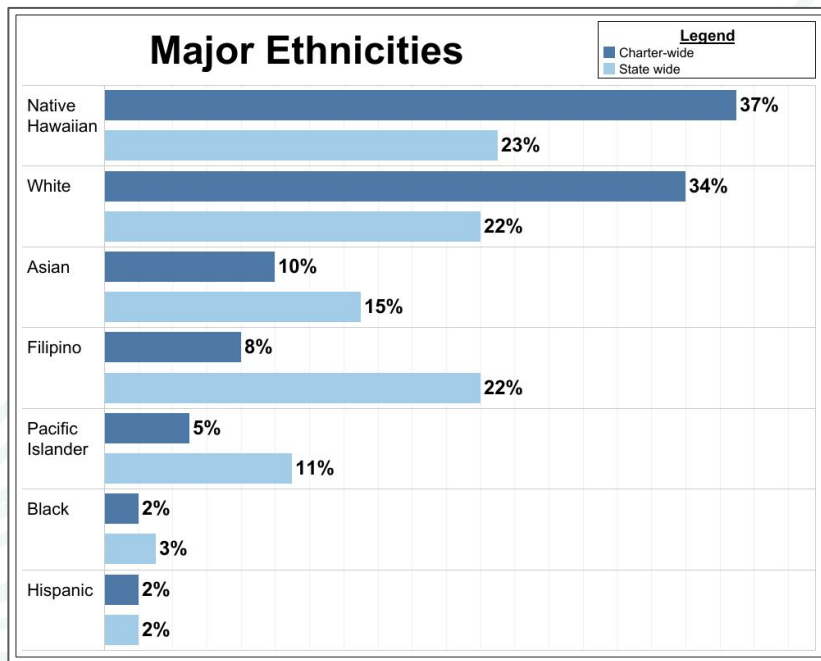
- 2022-23 to 2023-24: **+2.6%**
- 2023-24 to 2024-25: **+5.1%**



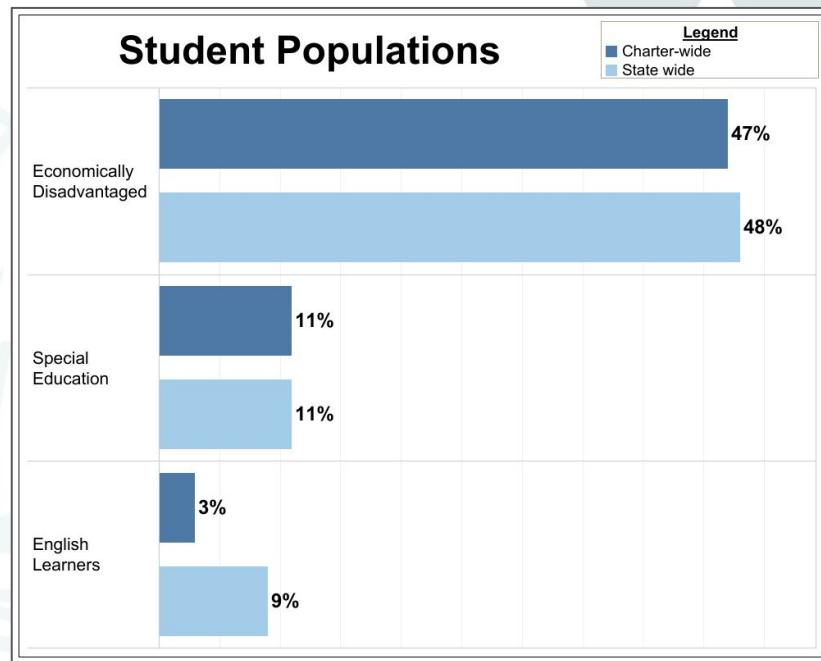


Demographics

Major Ethnicities



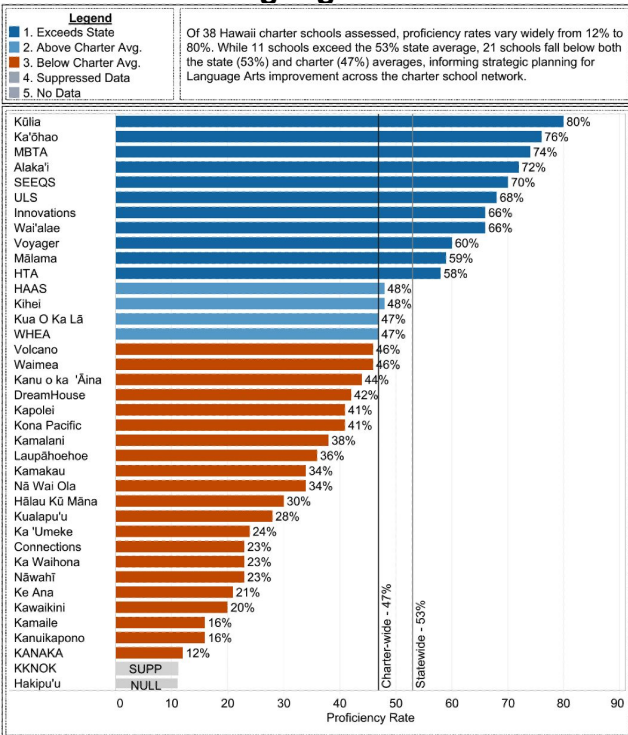
Student Populations



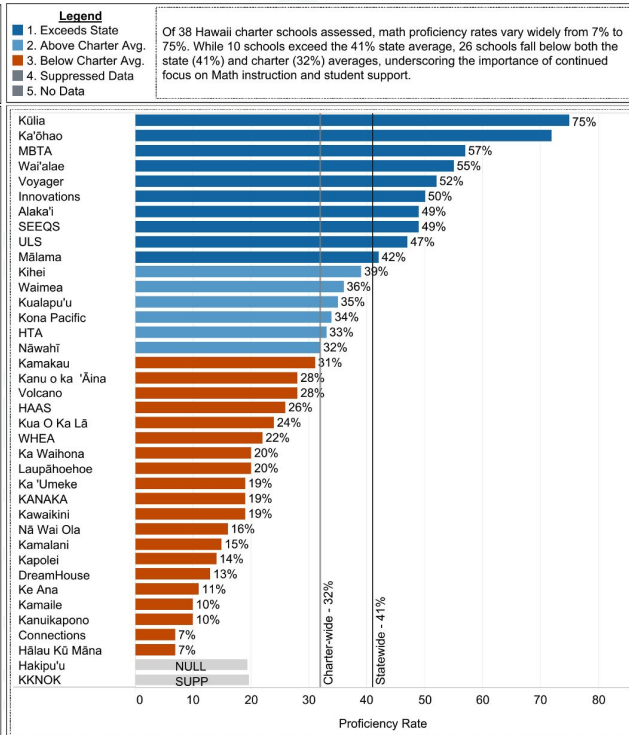


APF Indicator 2: Smarter Balanced Assessment

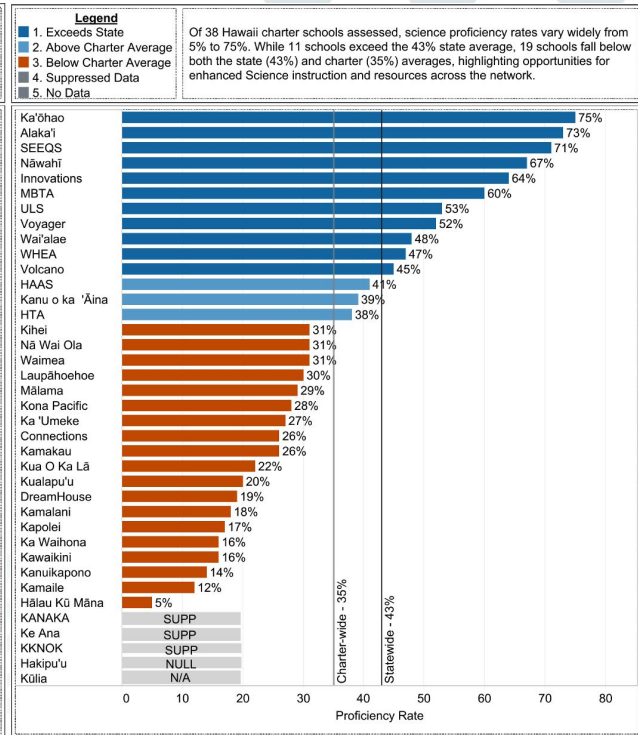
Language Arts



Math



Science

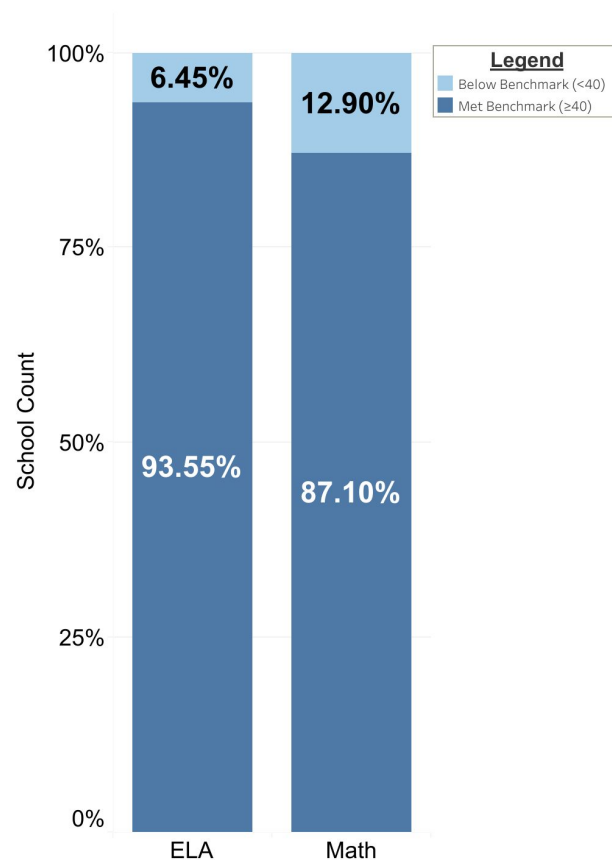




APF Strive HI - School Growth (School-Level Outcomes)

- 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.

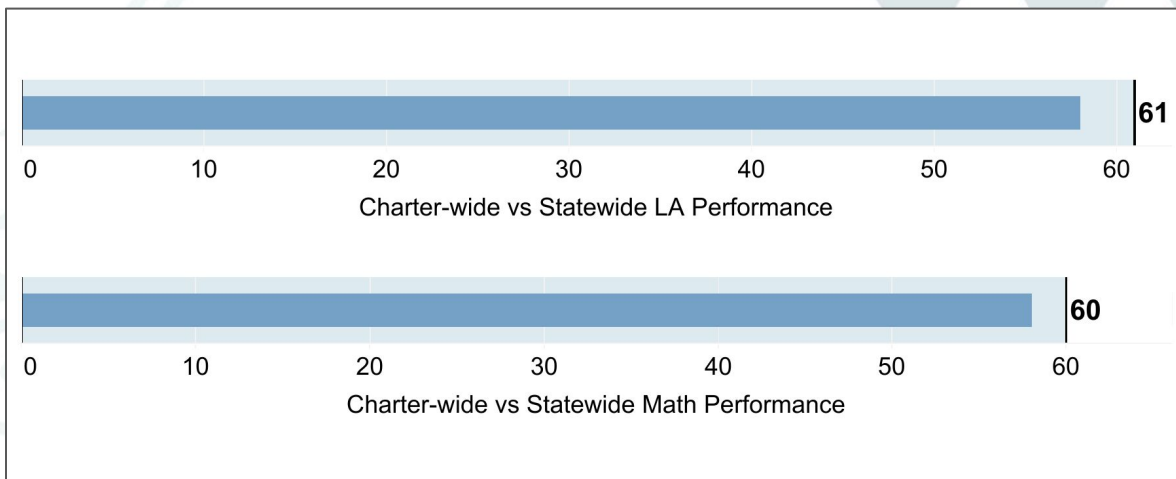




APF Strive HI - Student Growth (Student-Level Outcomes)

- **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

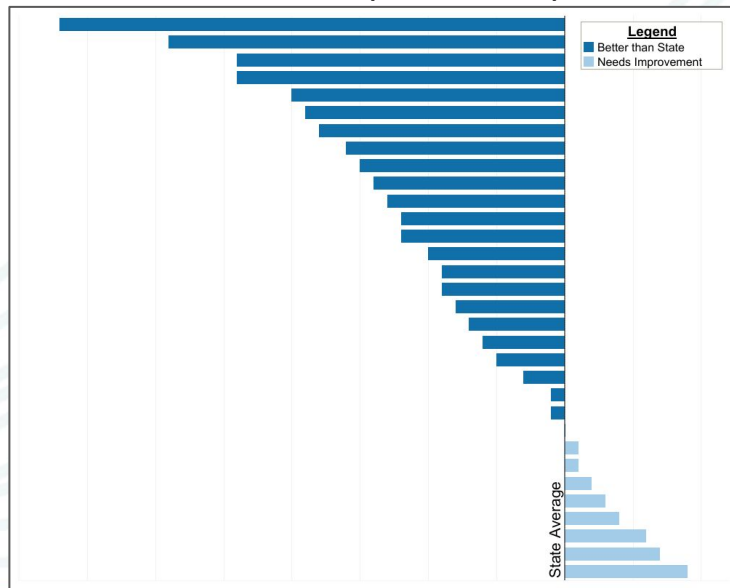
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APF - Strive HI - Gap

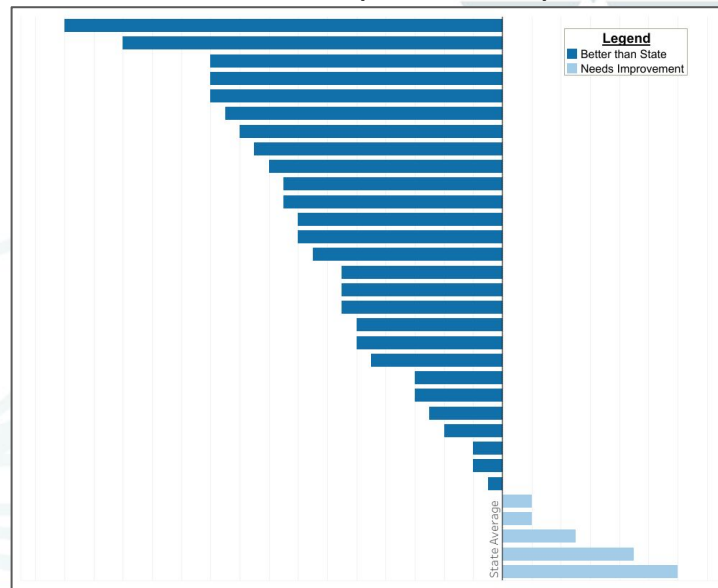
LA Achievement Gap

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



Math Achievement Gap

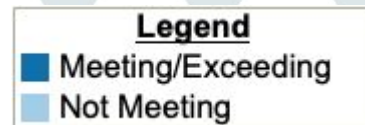
- 87.5% **same or better** than state (28 of 32)



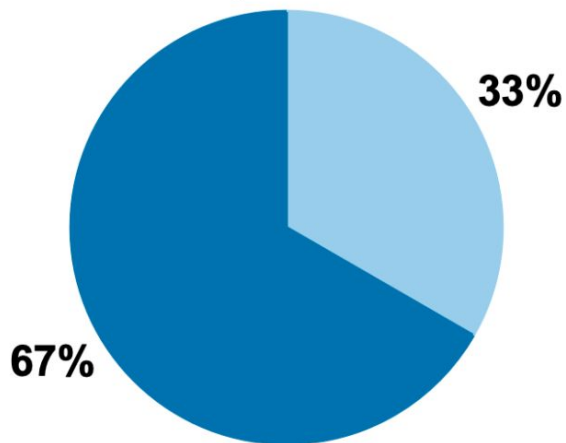


APF Strive HI - Postsecondary Readiness

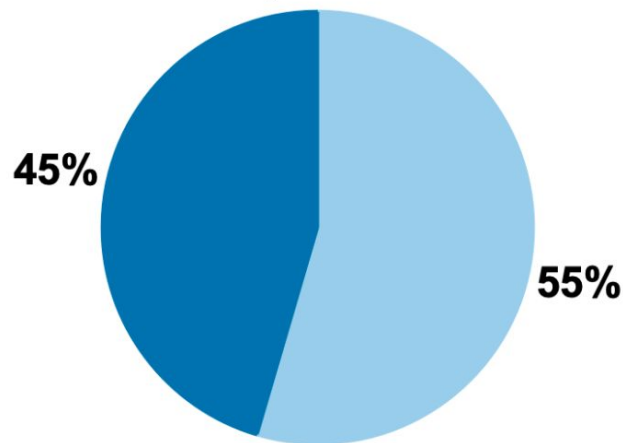
- Postsecondary Readiness



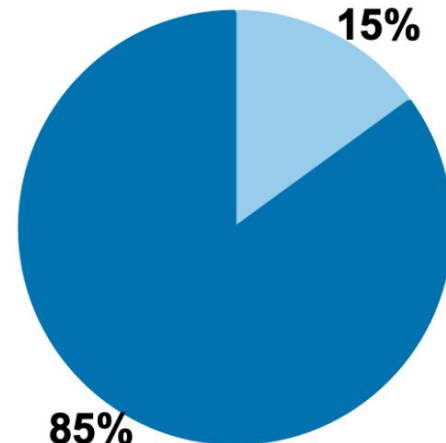
3rd Grade Literacy



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

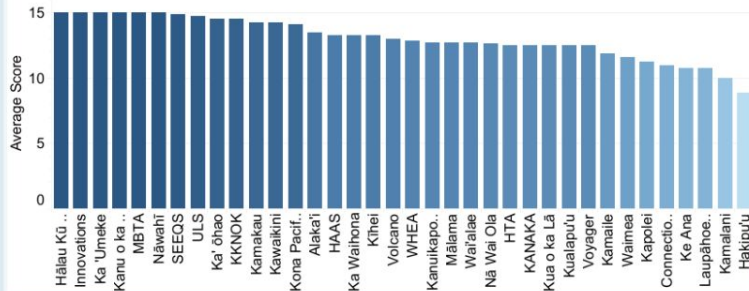
Academic Performance Dashboard

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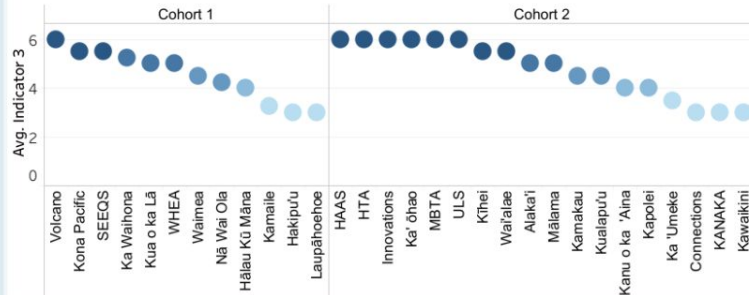
Island	Year	Enrollment Size	School Name	Cohort
All	All	All	All	All

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

Indicator 1 - Mission Aligned Initiative (Required)



Indicator 3 (Optional)

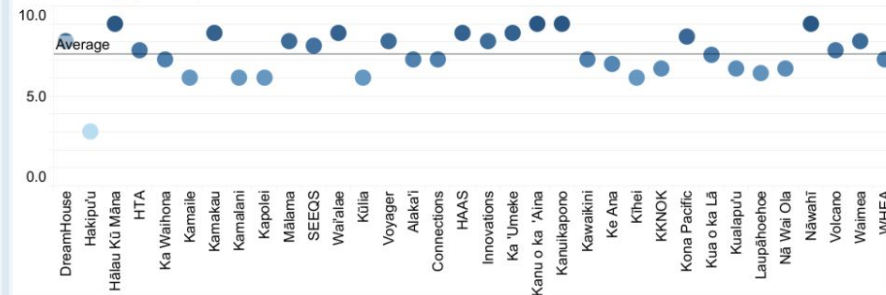


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Indicator 2 - Standardized Assessments - Strive HI (Required)

Alaka'i 67.0	Innovations 64.5	SEEQS 61.8	Ka 'Umeke 58.5	Hālau Kū Māna 57.3	Kanu o ka 'Aina 53.5	Kamaile 52.8	Waimea 52.8		
Waialae 67.0	Ka' ōhao 63.5	Mālama 61.0	WHEA 58.0	Connections 56.5		Ka Waihona 51.3			Nā Wai Ola 44.3
Voyager 65.5	ULS 63.0	HTA 59.5	HAAS 57.5	Volcano 55.8	Kīhei 53.5	Kua o ka Lā 51.3			
MBTA 65.0	Kamakau 62.0	Kona Pacific 58.8	Nāwahi 57.5	Laupāhoehoe 54.5	Kawaikini 53.0	Ke Ana 49.5	Hāpūu 43.0	Kapolei 42.5	

Indicator 4 (Optional)





Financial Performance Dashboard



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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%

FILTERS:

Island All

School.. All

Enroll.. All

School.. All

Period Audit

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

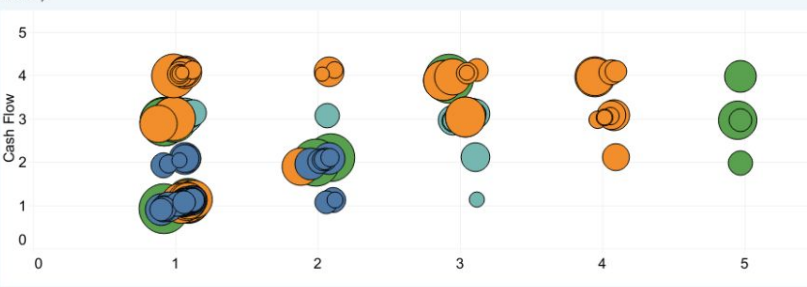
Near Term

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



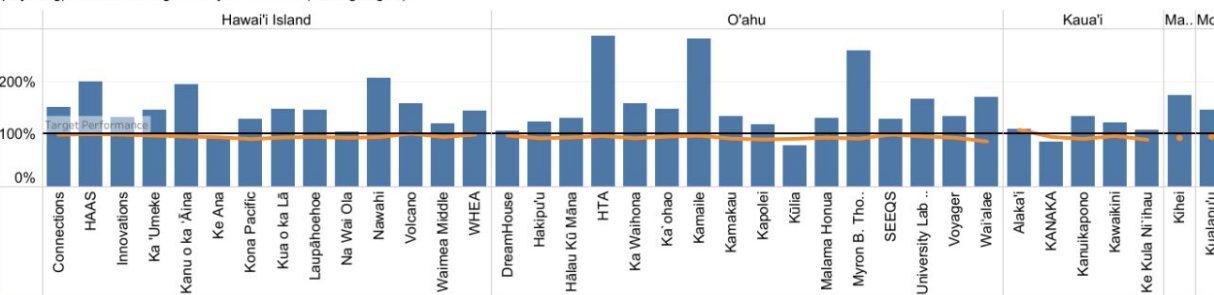
Sustainability

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

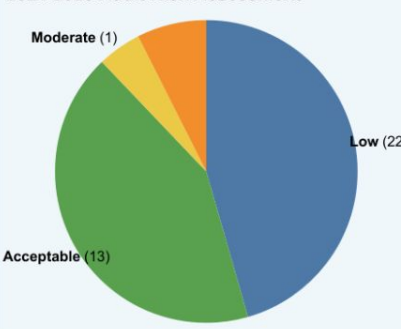


Enrollment by Budget Variance

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



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

Overall Compliance



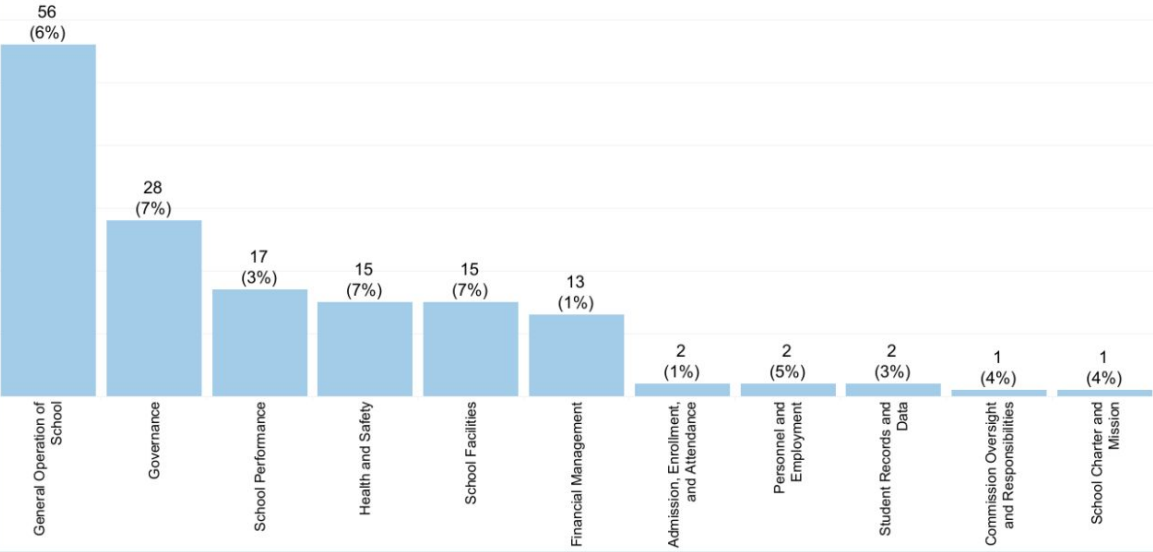
Summary Stats

School Count 38.00

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



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%
Kawaikini	96%
Voyager	96%
Hālau Kū Māna	96%
Ka' ōhao	98%
Kamakau	98%
MBTA	98%
Wa'ialae	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%
Kamaile	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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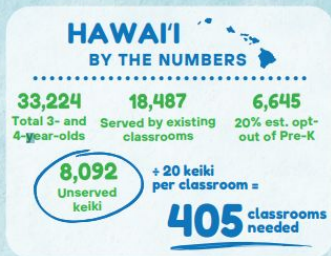
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EARLY LEARNING



Ready Keiki is Hawai'i's statewide initiative to bring **universal access to preschool** for all 3- and 4-year-old 'keiki' (children in 'Ōlelo 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

80 Students



Waikīkī, O'ahu

93 Students



Federal Title Programs

Title I

\$4,140,481

Based on Free and
Reduced Lunch
Numbers

24 Schools

Title II

\$237,395

Professional
Development for
NHQ & HQ
Teacher's

9 Schools

Title III

\$109,000

English Language
Learners

7 Schools

Title IVa

\$399,530

Well-Rounded Ed,
Safe & Healthy
Schools and
Technology

9 Schools

CSI TSI

\$392,000

Comprehensive
and Targeted
Support and
Improvement

**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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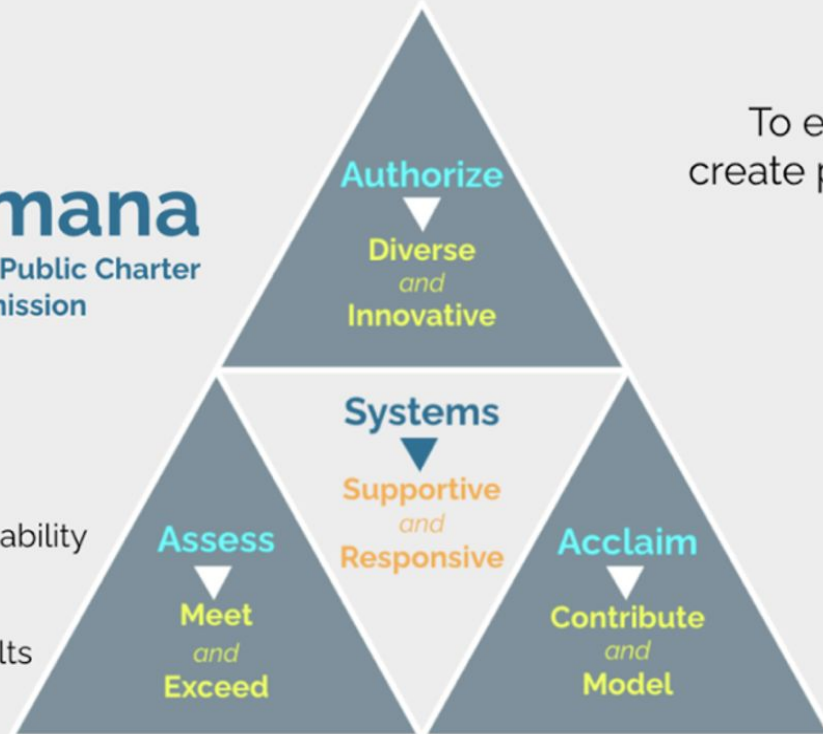
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VISION

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.



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.



§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)



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Mahalo!
Q & A