
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Academy of Hawaii. (a) The department of
2 education shall establish the academy of Hawaii for gifted and
3 talented students. The purpose of the academy shall be to
4 develop the potential of students in grades seven to twelve who
5 have demonstrated superior achievement or possess the potential
6 for superior achievement through the provision of appropriate
7 educational opportunities.

8 (b) The academy shall be located on the West Oahu campus
9 of the University of Hawaii and include the existing students,
10 faculty, and staff of the department of education's magnet
11 business, science, art, and technology academy, learning
12 centers, and other programs specified by the superintendent of
13 education.

14 SECTION 2. Admissions and placement committee. (a) The
15 academy of Hawaii shall have an admissions and placement
16 committee composed of at least three members, one of whom shall
17 be the academy's principal or the principal's designee. The
18 principal shall appoint the committee's members from among



1 teachers and counselors, educational officers and school
2 administrators, professional experts, parents, and other adults.

3 (b) The responsibilities of the committee shall include:

4 (1) Reviewing the student profiles of eligible applicants;

5 (2) Rating each applicant using an individual student
6 rating matrix form or case study form;

7 (3) Recommending the selection of students for admission
8 to the academy; and

9 (4) Periodically reviewing students' progress for possible
10 revisions of their educational setting and program.

11 SECTION 3. Evaluation procedures. Students applying for
12 admission to the academy of Hawaii shall be evaluated in
13 accordance with the following procedures:

14 (1) The academy shall initially screen applicants by using
15 multiple factors, including test scores, nominations,
16 students' work products, and past records;

17 (2) The academy shall administer additional assessment
18 instruments to those applicants identified as being in
19 need of further assessment;

20 (3) The academy shall compile data on applicants by using
21 a matrix or case study form;



1 (4) The committee shall review the data and recommend to
2 the academy's principal or the principal's designee
3 the selection of applicants for admission to the
4 academy; and

5 (5) The principal or the principal's designee shall make
6 the selections and obtain consent for admission to the
7 academy.

8 SECTION 4. Criteria for selection. Students who are
9 selected for admission to the academy shall meet the following
10 two criteria:

11 (1) Demonstrate, or show potential for, superior
12 achievement through available assessment instruments,
13 observations, and rating scales in one of the
14 following areas of giftedness and talent:

15 (A) Intellectual ability;

16 (B) Specific academic ability;

17 (C) Creative ability;

18 (D) Leadership capability;

19 (E) Psychomotor ability; or

20 (F) Performing and visual arts ability; and

21 (2) Meet the standards and requirements for admission to
22 the academy through additional factors and measures.



1 SECTION 5. Placement and programming. (a) The placement
2 of students enrolled in the academy of Hawaii shall be in
3 appropriate educational settings in accordance with the
4 academy's programs, as approved by the complex area
5 superintendent. The placement of a student shall be made with
6 the consent of a parent, guardian, or other person having the
7 responsibility for, or care of, the student.

8 (b) Programs for students enrolled in the academy shall be
9 flexible and provide special emphases as follows:

- 10 (1) Progression of students at their own rate and in
11 accordance with their special interests and talents;
- 12 (2) Diversity of high-level learning experiences in school
13 and community;
- 14 (3) Time to be with other students of similar ability so
15 they may learn from each other;
- 16 (4) Guidance activities to understand themselves better,
17 to develop interpersonal skills, and to make the best
18 use of their educational opportunities;
- 19 (5) Courses that would prepare students for the knowledge-
20 based economy in areas such as art, biotechnology,
21 business, digital media, film, science, and
22 technology; and



1 (6) Establish an entrepreneurial education program.

2 SECTION 6. Recordkeeping. Records shall be maintained and
3 updated at least yearly for each student enrolled in the
4 academy. The records shall be made a part of the student's
5 permanent educational record.

6 SECTION 7. Reevaluation. A reevaluation may be requested
7 after a student has been enrolled in the academy of Hawaii for
8 at least thirty days, if the student, teacher, or parent,
9 guardian, or other person having the responsibility for, or care
10 of, the student does not consider the placement to be
11 appropriate and of benefit to the student. The reevaluation may
12 result in maintaining or revising the student's educational
13 setting or program.

14 SECTION 8. The department of education shall adopt rules
15 under chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to carry out the
16 purposes of this Act; provided that the rules shall be exempt
17 from the public notice and hearing requirements of chapter 91,
18 Hawaii Revised Statutes.

19 SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
21 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
22 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal



1 year 2008-2009, to establish the academy of Hawaii for gifted
2 and talented students.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
4 of education for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 10. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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Report Title:

Academy of Hawaii; Gifted & Talented Students; Magnet E-Academy

Description:

Requires the department of education to establish the academy of Hawaii for gifted and talented students to develop the potential of students who have demonstrated superior achievement or possess the potential for superior achievement through the provision of appropriate educational opportunities.

