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December 29, 2023

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

Re: Hawaii State Department of Education Annual Report on Special Education and
Title I-Funded Prekindergarten Programs

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

For your information and consideration, a copy of the annual Special Education and Title I-Funded Prekindergarten Programs report is being transmitted, pursuant to Section 302A-450, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). In accordance with Section 93-16, HRS, the report may also be viewed electronically at: <https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/VisionForSuccess/SchoolDataAndReports/StateReports/Pages/Legislative-reports.aspx>

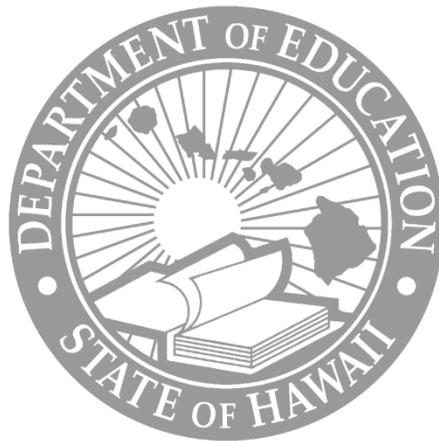
Should you have any questions, please contact Ken Kakesako, Director of the Policy, Innovation, Planning and Evaluation Branch, Office of Strategy, Innovation and Performance, via email at ken.kakesako@k12.hi.us or by phone at (808) 282-3430.

Sincerely,


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State of Hawaii
Department of Education

Annual Report on Special Education and Title I-Funded Prekindergarten Programs

December 2023

Section 302A-450, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires the Hawaii State Department of Education to annually report on special education and Title I-funded prekindergarten programs to include, as related to each type of program:

1. The number and location of classrooms;
2. Numbers of students served as of the date on which the official enrollment count is taken and aggregated by birth month;
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; and
5. Child outcomes relating to all areas of childhood development and learning, including cognitive, linguistic, social, and emotional approaches to education and health and physical development, as assessed using a formative assessment tool.

**Hawaii State Department of Education Annual Report
Relating to Special Education and Title I-Funded Prekindergarten Programs
School Year (SY) 2022-2023**

1. The Name of School and Number of Classrooms

The following table includes school information regarding Special Education (SPED) and Title I preschool classrooms in the Hawaii State Department of Education (Department).

Table 1.
Preschool Classrooms

School	Number of SPED Preschool Classrooms	Title I Preschool Classrooms
Aiea Elementary	1	0
Aikahi Elementary	1	0
Aina Haina Elementary	1	0
Ala Wai Elementary	1	0
Aliamanu Elementary	2	0
Aliiolani Elementary	1	0
August Ahrens Elementary	4	0
Barbers Point Elementary	1	0
DeSilva Elementary	1	0
Eleele Elementary	1	0
Ewa Beach Elementary	2	0
Ewa Elementary	3	0
Fern Elementary	1	0
Hahaione Elementary	2	0
Haiku	1	0
Haleiwa Elementary	1	0
Hana	1	0
Hauula Elementary	1	0
Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind	1	0
Heeia Elementary	1	0
Helemano Elementary	2	0
Hickam Elementary	1	0
Hilo Union Elementary	2	0
Holomua Elementary	3	0
Holualoa Elementary	1	0
Honaunau Elementary	1	0
Honowai Elementary	1	0
Hookele Elementary	2	0
Iliahi Elementary	1	0
Inouye Elementary	6	0
Iroquois Elementary	2	0
Jefferson Elementary	2	0
Kaahumanu Elementary	2	0
Kaala Elementary	1	0
Kaewai Elementary	1	0
Kahakai Elementary	2	0
Kahala Elementary	1	0
Kahaluu Elementary	1	0
Kahuku Elementary	1	0
Kahului Elementary	3	0
Kaimiloa Elementary	2	0
Kainalu Elementary	2	0
Kaiulani Elementary	1	0
Kailua Elementary	2	0

School	Number of SPED Preschool Classrooms	Title I Preschool Classrooms
Kalaniana'ole Elementary	1	0
Kaleiopuu Elementary	2	0
Kalihi Elementary	1	0
Kalihi-Kai Elementary	2	0
Kalihi-Uka Elementary	1	0
Kalihi-Waena Elementary	1	0
Kamaile Academy PCS	2	0
Kamalii Elementary	2	0
Kamehameha III Elementary	1	0
Kamiloiki Elementary	2	0
Kanoelani Elementary	2	0
Kapaa Elementary	3	0
Kapalama Elementary	1	0
Kapiolani Elementary	1	0
Kapolei Elementary	3	0
Kapunahala Elementary	1	0
Kauluwela Elementary	1	0
Kaumana Elementary	1	0
Kaumualii Elementary	2	0
Kaunakakai Elementary	1	0
Keaau Elementary	2	0
Kealakehe Elementary	3	0
Keaukaha Elementary	1	0
Kekaha Elementary	1	0
Keolu Elementary	1	0
Keonepoko Elementary	2	0
Keoneula Elementary	3	0
Kihei Elementary	2	0
Kilauea Elementary	1	0
Kipapa Elementary	3	0
Kohala Elementary	1	0
Koko Head Elementary	1	0
Koloa Elementary	1	0
Konawaena Elementary	1	0
Kuhio Elementary	1	0
Kula Elementary	1	0
Laie Elementary	2	0
Lanai High/Elementary	1	0
Lanakila Elementary	1	0
Laupahoehoe Community PCS	1	0
Lehua Elementary	3	0
Leihoku Elementary	2	0
Lihikai Elementary	1	0
Liholiho Elementary	1	0
Likelike Elementary	1	0
Linapuni Elementary	1	0
Lincoln Elementary	1	0
Lunalilo Elementary	1	0
Maemae Elementary	1	0
Maili Elementary	3	0
Makaha Elementary	2	0
Makakilo Elementary	3	0
Makalapa Elementary	2	0
Makawao Elementary	2	0
Manana Elementary	1	0

School	Number of SPED Preschool Classroom	Title I Preschool Classrooms
Manoa Elementary	2	0
Mauka Lani Elementary	2	0
Maunawili Elementary	1	0
Mililani Ike Elementary	2	0
Mililani Mauka Elementary	1	0
Mililani Uka Elementary	2	0
Mililani Waena Elementary	2	0
Moanalua Elementary	1	0
Mokapu Elementary	2	0
Mokulele Elementary	2	0
Momilani Elementary	1	0
Mountain View Elementary	2	0
Naalehu Elementary	1	0
Nahienaena Elementary	2	0
Nanaikapono Elementary	2	0
Nanakuli Elementary	1	0
Nimitz Elementary	3	0
Noelani Elementary	1	0
Paauilo Elementary/Intermediate	1	0
Paia Elementary	1	0
Palisades Elementary	1	0
Parker Elementary	1	0
Pauoa Elementary	1	0
Pearl City Elementary	2	0
Pearl City Highlands Elementary	1	0
Pearl Harbor Elementary	3	0
Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary	2	0
Pearl Ridge Elementary	1	0
Pohakea Elementary	2	0
Pomaikai Elementary	1	0
Pope Elementary	1	0
Pukalani Elementary	2	0
Puohala Elementary	1	0
Puu Kukui Elementary	2	0
Puuhale Elementary	1	0
Red Hill Elementary	2	0
Royal Elementary	1	0
Salt Lake Elementary	3	0
Scott Elementary	2	0
Shafter Elementary	1	0
Solomon Elementary	4	0
Sunset Beach Elementary	1	0
Wahiawa Elementary	3	0
Waiahole Elementary	1	0
Waiakea Elementary	1	0
Waiakeawaena Elementary	2	0
Waialae Elementary	1	0
Waialua Elementary	1	0
Waianae Elementary	1	0
Waiuu Elementary	1	0
Waihee Elementary	2	0
Waialele Elementary	2	0
Waikiki Elementary	1	0
Waikoloa Elementary	2	0
Wailuku Elementary	2	0

School	Number of SPED Preschool Classroom	Title I Preschool Classrooms
Waimalu Elementary	2	0
Waimanalo Elementary/Intermediate	1	0
Waimea Elementary	2	0
Waipahu Elementary	2	0
Webling Elementary	1	0
Wheeler Elementary	3	0
Wilcox Elementary	2	0
Wilson Elementary	1	0
Total	259	0

2. The Number of Students Served and Aggregated by Birth Month

The following provides information regarding the number of SPED preschool-aged students as of August 31, 2022, Official Enrollment Count for School Year (SY) 2022-2023.

Table 2. Number of Students Served and Aggregated by Birth Month for SY 2022-2023

Month	Age*				Total
	2	3	4	5	
January	0	59	67	0	126
February	0	56	45	0	101
March	0	54	64	0	118
April	0	42	64	0	106
May	0	57	76	0	133
June	0	46	70	0	116
July	0	36	90	1	127
August	6	39	73	27	145
September	0	70	83	0	153
October	1	78	82	0	161
November	0	55	79	0	134
December	0	70	85	0	155
Total	7	662	878	28	1,575

*5-year-olds must be enrolled in kindergarten, but a few 5-year-old students were enrolled in SPED pre-kindergarten.

3. Sources of Funding for Each Classroom

SPED preschool classrooms are funded by PROG 17100, general funds. There were no Title I-funded preschool classrooms in SY 2021-2022.

4. Quality of Teacher-Child Interaction

The Department uses Teaching Strategies GOLD®, a formative assessment system, to collect data on preschool students ages three to five years. Teaching Strategies GOLD is aligned with the Hawaii Early Learning and Development Standards and is used by all SPED preschool teachers when observing and documenting children’s development and learning. Teaching Strategies GOLD aids SPED preschool teachers with program planning and delivering high-quality instruction. Growth for the SY 2022-2023 using Teaching Strategies GOLD (preliminary) data in the areas of social-emotional support, classroom structure, and quality of learning experiences are indicative of quality teacher-child interaction and are reflected in the tables below:

Table 3a. Social-Emotional Support

Socio-Emotional Area	Percentage of Children Below Growth Range	Percentage of Children Meeting or Above Growth Range
Establishing and sustaining positive relationships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forms relationships with adults 	36%	64%

Table 3b. Classroom Structure*

Socio-Emotional Area	Percentage of Children Below Growth Range	Percentage of Children Meeting or Above Growth Range
Regulates own emotions and behaviors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follows limits and expectations 	38%	62%

* Measuring a child’s growth in “following limits and expectations” addresses the ability to respond to classroom structure.

Table 3c. Quality of Learning Experiences*

Cognitive Area	Percentage of Children Below Growth Range	Percentage of Children Meeting or Above Growth Range
Motivation to learn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shows curiosity and motivation 	33%	67%

* Measuring a child’s growth in “curiosity and motivation toward learning” was found to be an appropriate way to look at the quality of learning experiences provided.

5. Child Outcomes Relating to All Areas of Childhood Development and Learning

Table 4. Child Outcomes Relating to all Areas of Childhood Development and Learning

Area of Development	Percentage of children demonstrating growth in each area
Social-Emotional	57%
Physical	70%
Language	67%
Cognitive	52%
Literacy	37%
Mathematics	53%

This table addresses all areas of child development.

The Department also uses Teaching Strategies GOLD assessment results to report on federal requirements regarding outcomes of SPED preschool students on the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report Indicator 7. Indicator 7 is the percentage of preschool children with individualized education programs who demonstrate improved outcomes during their time in a Department preschool program. The following are the specific outcome areas measured:

- A. Positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships);
- B. Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language/ communication and early literacy); and
- C. Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs.

The following table provides two summary statements for each of the three outcome areas reported to the Federal government for SY 2021-2022. Percentages may not total 100% due to children exiting the program prior to the data collection dates.

Outcome A

Positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships)	Percentage Meeting Criteria
A1. Of those preschool children who entered or exited the preschool program below age expectations in Outcome A, the percent who substantially increased their growth rate by the time they turned six years of age or exited the program.	55%
A2. The percentage of preschool children who were functioning within age expectations in Outcome A by the time they turned six years of age or exited the program.	46%

Outcome B

Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language)	Percentage Meeting Criteria
B1. Of those preschool children who entered or exited the preschool program below age expectations in Outcome B, the percent who substantially increased their growth rate by the time they turned six years of age or exited the program.	55.6%
B2. The percentage of preschool children who were functioning within age expectations in Outcome B by the time they turned six years of age or exited the program.	40.5%

Outcome C

Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs	Percentage Meeting Criteria
C1. Of those preschool children who entered or exited the preschool program below age expectations in Outcome C, the percent who substantially increased their growth rate by the time they turned six years of age or exited the program.	70%
C2. The percentage of preschool children who were functioning within age expectations in Outcome C by the time they turned six years of age or exited the program.	42%