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The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaiʻi 96813

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura,
Speaker and Members of the House of
Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
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Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the Executive Office on Early Learning's annual report regarding State-funded prekindergarten programs and private partnership-funded prekindergarten programs in the public schools. The report was prepared pursuant to Section 302L-8, Hawaiʻi Revised Statutes (HRS).

In accordance with Section 93-16, HRS, the report may also be viewed electronically at https://earlylearning.hawaii.gov/.

Sincerely,

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Annual report to the Legislature regarding State-funded prekindergarten programs and private partnership-funded prekindergarten programs in the public schools, pursuant to Section 302L-8, HRS.

In School Year 2024-2025, the EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program consisted of 92 classrooms at 74 schools across 6 islands, and there was 1 private partnership-funded prekindergarten classroom on a HIDOE campus.

In accordance with Section 302L-8, HRS, this report provides the following information on the aforementioned classrooms for School Year 2024-2025, as of June 24, 2025:

1. The number and location of classrooms;
2. Number 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 teacher-child interactions relating to social-emotional support, classroom organization and structure, and the 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.

Data on the Hawai‘i State Public Charter School Prekindergarten classrooms can be found in the Hawai‘i State Public Charter School Commission’s annual report submitted pursuant to Section 302D-39(n), HRS.

EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program - in Hawai‘i State Department of Education Schools

Table 1. EOEL Public Pre-K Program Classrooms in Department Schools, School Year 2024-2025

ISLAND	SCHOOL	# CLASSROOMS	FUNDING SOURCE
HAWAI'I	Chiefess Kapi'olani Elementary	1	general funds
	Hilo Union Elementary	1	general funds
	Hōnaunau Elementary	1	general funds
	Honoka‘a Elementary	1	general funds
	Ho'okena Elementary	1	general funds
	Kahakai Elementary	1	general funds
	Kea'au Elementary	1	general funds
	Keonepoko Elementary	1	general funds
	Kohala Elementary	1	general funds
	Konawaena Elementary	1	general funds
	Mountain View Elementary	1	general funds
	Nā'ālehu Elementary	3	general funds
	Pa'auilo Elementary	1	general funds
	Pāhoa Elementary	1	general funds
	Waimea Elementary	1	general funds
KAUA'I	'Ele'ele Elementary	1	general funds
	Kapa'a Elementary	2	general funds

ISLAND	SCHOOL	# CLASSROOMS	FUNDING SOURCE
	Kekaha Elementary	1	general funds
	Kilauea Elementary	1	general funds
LĀNA'I	Lāna'i High and Elementary (Hawaiian Language)	1	general funds
	Lāna'i High and Elementary	1	general funds
MAUI	Haiku Elementary	1	general funds
	Hana Elementary	1	general funds
	Kihei Elementary	1	general funds
	King Kamehameha III Elementary	1	general funds
	Kula Elementary	1	general funds
	Wailuku Elementary	2	general funds
	Princess Nahienaena Elementary	1	general funds
	Pukalanai Elementary	1	general funds
MOLOKA'I	Kaunakakai Elementary	1	general funds
	Kilohana Elementary	1	general funds
	Maunaloa Elementary	1	general funds
O'AHU	'Aiea Elementary	1	general funds
	Aina Haina Elementary	1	general funds
	Ala Wai Elementary	1	general funds
	Alavah Scott Elementary	1	general funds

ISLAND	SCHOOL	# CLASSROOMS	FUNDING SOURCE
	Benjamin Parker Elementary	2	general funds
	Blanche Pope Elementary (Hawaiian Language)	1	general funds
	Blanche Pope Elementary	1	general funds
	Fern Elementary	1	general funds
	Hahaione Elementary	1	general funds
	Hale'iwa Elementary	1	general funds
	Honowai Elementary	2	general funds
	Iliahi Elementary	1	general funds
	Ka'ala Elementary	1	general funds
	Kae‘wai Elementary	1	general funds
	Kahala Elementary	2	general funds
	Kailua Elementary	1	general funds
	Kainalu Elementary	1	general funds
	Kalihi Uka Elementary	1	general funds
	Kapālama Elementary	1	general funds
	Kauluwela Elementary	1	general funds
	Keolu Elementary	1	general funds
	Koko Head Elementary	1	general funds

ISLAND	SCHOOL	# CLASSROOMS	FUNDING SOURCE
	Kuhio Elementary	1	general funds
	Lanakila Elementary	2	general funds
	Leihoku Elementary	2	general funds
	Likelike Elementary	1	general funds
	Linapuni Elementary	2	general funds
	Lincoln Elementary	1	general funds
	Mauka Lani Elementary	1	general funds
	Nānāikapono Elementary	2	general funds
	Nānākuli Elementary	2	general funds
	Noelani Elementary	1	general funds
	Pālolo Elementary	1	general funds
	Pearl City Elementary	1	general funds
	Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary	2	general funds
	Pu‘uhale Elementary	1	general funds
	Red Hill Elementary	1	general funds
	Solomon Elementary	2	general funds
	Sunset Beach Elementary	1	general funds
	Waiāhole Elementary	1	general funds

ISLAND	SCHOOL	# CLASSROOMS	FUNDING SOURCE
	Waialua Elementary	2	general funds
	Wahiawa Elementary	1	general funds
	Wai'anae Elementary	2	general funds
	Waimānalo Elem & Inter	1	general funds
TOTAL		**92**	

Two classrooms have Hawaiian Language.

Table 2. Students Served by Birth Month EOEL Public Pre-K Program in Department Schools, School Year 2024-2025 (Quarter 4)

BIRTH MONTH	2019	2020	2021	TOTAL
JANUARY	-	82	42	124
FEBRUARY	-	68	26	94
MARCH	-	70	39	109
APRIL	-	68	39	107
MAY	-	88	36	124
JUNE	-	59	48	107
JULY	-	79	43	122
AUGUST	102	45	-	45
SEPTEMBER	85	59	-	59
OCTOBER	81	55	-	55
NOVEMBER	72	55	-	55
DECEMBER	68	43	-	43
TOTAL	**408**	**771**	**273**	**1044**

Note: The Program requires that children be 3 or 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 Classrooms in Department Schools, Quarter 4, School Year 2024-2025

CATEGORY	MEAN SCORE	STANDARD DEVIATION	MIN. SCORE	MAX. SCORE
POSITIVE CLIMATE	6.33	.9	3	7
NEGATIVE CLIMATE*	1.32	.6	1	3.33
TEACHER SENSITIVITY	5.8	1.03	2.66	7
REGARD FOR STUDENT PERSPECTIVE	5.71	1.02	2.33	7
BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT	5.7	1.26	1.33	7
PRODUCTIVITY	6.07	.89	3.33	7
INSTRUCTIONAL LEARNING FORMATS	5.34	.99	2.66	7
CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT	3.52	1.23	1.25	7
QUALITY OF FEEDBACK	4.08	1.18	1.66	6.66
LANGUAGE MODELING	3.93	1.25	1.33	6.66

**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™ Percentages) EOEL Public Pre-K Program Classrooms in Department Schools, Spring Checkpoint, School Year 2024-2025

CATEGORY	PERCENT MEETING OR EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS
SOCIAL EMOTIONAL	82
PHYSICAL	92
LANGUAGE	82
COGNITIVE	85
LITERACY	82
MATHEMATICS	80
AVERAGE	**84**

Private Partnership-Funded Prekindergarten Classrooms in the Public Schools

Table 5. Private Partnership-Funded Pre-K Classrooms in Public Schools, School Year 2024-2025

ISLAND	SCHOOL	# CLASSROOM	FUNDING SOURCE
MAUI	Hana Elementary	1	Kamehameha Schools
		1	

Table 6. Students Served by Birth Month, Private Partnership-Funded Prekindergarten Classrooms in the Public Schools, Hana Elementary School, School Year 2024-2025

BIRTH MONTH	2019	2020	2021	TOTAL
JANUARY	.	.	.	.
FEBRUARY	.	.	.	.
MARCH	.	1	2	3
APRIL	.	.	.	.
MAY	.	1	.	1
JUNE	.	2	.	2
JULY	.	.	2	2
AUGUST	.	1	.	1
SEPTEMBER	.	2	.	2
OCTOBER	3	.	.	3
NOVEMBER	1	1	.	2
DECEMBER	2	.	.	2
TOTAL	**6**	**8**	**4**	**18**

Table 7. Child Outcomes (Teaching Strategies GOLD™ Percentages), Hana Elementary School, School Year 2024-2025

TS Gold is not available for the Hana Elementary classroom because it was a Hawaiian language Pre-K classroom.