

# EDUCATION IN HAWAII

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## Introduction

Hawaii is the only state in the nation where public education is administered on a statewide basis. Hawaii's public schools enrolled 182,798 students in grades K-12 for the 2003-04 school year, and nearly 100,000 adult learners. More than 27,000 grade school children participate in Hawaii's unique A+ afterschool program. Hawaii's private schools enrolled approximately 35,000 students for 2003-04. Student/teacher ratio for Kindergarten, 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is 21-1. If ratio exceeds 21, additional personnel are hired. Grades 3-6 ratio is 27-1.

## Seven School Districts

### Oahu School Districts

Honolulu	(808) 733-4950
Central	(808) 627-7478
Windward	(808) 233-5700
Leeward	(808) 692-8000

### Neighbor Island School Districts

Maui District	(808) 984-8000
Kauai District	(808) 274-3502
Hawaii District	(808) 974-6600

## Registration

Parents with school-age children arriving during the summer months should contact the school or district office serving their area as soon as permanent housing has been secured. Early registration is helpful to both the school and the pupil.

Students who live with someone other than their legal parent or guardian must bring a **guardianship document**.

## Medical Requirements

**Hawaii law requires** each student to present a report of a physical examination, a certificate of tuberculosis examination, and a record of immunizations before first attending school. A student who has not completed the physical exam or all required immunizations may attend school on a provisional basis *only with* written documents showing appointments have been made to complete the missing requirements.

A **Certificate of TB Examination** must be presented prior to the date of first attendance at school in Hawaii. A student over age 13 months without a valid TB certificate may not attend school. A tuberculin skin test (also known as a "Mantoux" or "PPD" test) must have been given within 12 months before attending school in Hawaii. **TB test readings must be reported in millimeters, with date given, date read, and physician's signature.**

**Physical Examination.** Each student must have a physical examination within 12 months before first attending school in Hawaii. The exam does not need to be repeated for transfer into another school. The exam must be performed and signed by a U.S. licensed Medical Doctor (MD), Doctor of Osteopathy (DO), Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), or Physician

Assistant (PA). A copy of the examination report must be kept in the student's health record at school.

**Immunization.** A record of immunizations received since birth, signed or stamped by an MD, DO, APRN, or PA must be presented for school attendance. This record must include complete dates (month/day/year) for each immunization. An immunization with only the month and year may be accepted if it can be determined that the immunization met the minimum age and interval requirements.

**Student Health Record.** HI DoE Form 14, *Student Health Record*, is included in all Welcome Aboard packets. DoE (and the *Health School Requirements Brochure*) states, "Form 14 is not required—families can use other medical documents—as long as the receiving school gets all the required information." The brochure outlines the required information, but parents or their physicians are encouraged to check with the receiving school to ensure they're including exactly what's required. The Health Administrator at Red Hill Elementary says that paper copies are acceptable, in lieu of the card stock versions. Parents or physicians either fill out Form 14 or provide substitute forms. To obtain a copy online, go to: [http://www.doe.k12.hi.us/forms/form14\\_StudentHealthRecord.pdf](http://www.doe.k12.hi.us/forms/form14_StudentHealthRecord.pdf)

For further clarification, the **child's doctor should contact** the school or the Hawaii Dept of Health Immunization Program at (808) 586-8332.

## School Community Based Management (SCBM)

Students enrolling in all Hawai'i public or private schools are embracing the concept of SCBM, which involves shared decision-making that encourages participation, provides administrative flexibility, and empowers school communities. Education is everybody's business. Hawai'i is the only state with a single unified school system.

## School Year

Most schools use two semesters, approximately 183 days of classroom instruction, and begin the first week in August. Some schools have a modified schedule. Several elementary schools have a year-round schedule. Contact the appropriate school district office for additional information. For an up-to-date school calendar go to: [www.doe.k12.hi.us/calendars0304/standard0304.pdf](http://www.doe.k12.hi.us/calendars0304/standard0304.pdf)

## Communication With Parents

Principals and staffs in Hawai'i public schools will be glad to provide necessary information about their schools to parents and will welcome parental interest and involvement with the schools.

Parent-Community Networking Centers, each with a facilitator, now operate in the majority of schools to address parent concerns and help parents and the public become part of the school community.

Parents can expect to be called or to receive written notices from the school regarding unexplained absences, disciplinary problems, or unsatisfactory academic progress by students. In turn, parents should call the school principal about problems they encounter. If problems cannot

be resolved satisfactorily at the school level, they may then be referred to the appropriate district superintendent. The Superintendent's Office has a 24-hour hotline at (808) 586-3587 to provide rapid follow-up by a specialist.

Additional information about public schools may be obtained by calling the Hawai'i State Department of Education's Communications Branch at (808)586-3230.

## School Bus Transportation

Inquiries concerning student transportation should be directed to the State of Hawai'i School Bus Transportation Services Office at (808) 586-0170. Information on schedules and routes is available at the vice principal's office. For further clarification, call Ground Transport Inc. at (808) 833-4222 or Roberts Hawai'i at (808)831-1133.

A Subsidy Policy, under State Law-Hawai'i Revised Statutes Chapters 27 and 28, permits children from low-income families to ride at a reduced rate on school buses. The Federal Poverty Guideline for student transportation is used to determine eligibility to ride free.

Criteria for student bus service:

- Reside one mile or more from school.
- Residential area is not serviced by TheBus (see below)

Note: Students residing outside of the Aliamanu School District will be responsible for providing their own transportation.

School bus fare is thirty-five cents (\$.35) each way. Students must have the exact change. A student is required to display a current and authorized bus pass when riding the school bus in accordance with school bus pass procedures.

"TheBus" is the name of the general public-transportation bus company. TheBus fare for youth is \$1.00 one way—and riders must have exact change. TheBus also offers a Youth Monthly Pass for \$20.00.

Except for a small, state-owned school bus operation in Kona, all other school bus services throughout the state are contracted from private bus companies. Individual schools or the Central District Office can provide the name of the appropriate company for transportation and for lost bus passes.

Children who reside on Phase II will ride on the Army bus. Please contact the Housing Office for further information at (808) 842-2073.

## After-School Plus (A+) Program

The A+ Program brings affordable after-school services to children in public elementary schools whose parents work, attend school, or are in job-training programs, to reduce the high incidence of latchkey children. The program provides a safe, secure, and nurturing environment for children after school and offers a rich variety of activities. The program starts immediately after the close of the school day until 5:30 p.m. The program will not operate when school is closed, including school vacation periods, holidays, and Teacher Institute Day. A+ Programs will also be closed on days when school is open only half a day. There is a monthly charge. Fees are averaged for the school year and will be paid on or postmarked before the first school day of each month. Transportation to the A+ Program will not be provided as children are enrolled at their own school. Transportation home from the A+ Program is the parents' responsibility.

## Special Education Needs

The State of Hawai'i serves children with special learning conditions or challenges in the public school system. Some examples are:

- mild, moderate, severe, and profound mental retardation
- specific learning disabilities
- blindness or partial sight
- deafness or hearing impairments
- other health impairments, including autism
- speech impairments
- deafness and blindness
- learning impairments (generally refers to preschoolers)
- orthopedic handicaps

The Special Education Program is designed to enable challenged students to achieve their full potential. The Special Services Section of the Central Oahu District Superintendent's Office must certify all students in the program. An Individualized Education Plan (IEP) is developed for each student who enters the program. All regulations pertaining to Public Law 94-142 are adhered to. Work-Life's Mary Mansfield, an IEP advocate, can be reached at (808) 842-2089.

## Placing Your Special Needs Child

Although you cannot complete school paperwork until you have been assigned quarters, you should call the office of the home school (home school is the school assigned to your probable residence) and make an appointment to see either the counselor or the principal.

If your child has been certified as legally handicapped, gather all papers, reports, IEP copies, and other pertinent information about your child and take them to the home school. This will speed placement.

If your child has not been certified, but you suspect your child has a

condition, ask the principal to help you get a diagnosis. If you arrive during the summer, many principals and permanent office staff will be on vacation. In this case, fill out a **Request for Assistance** form and give it to the clerk. It will be sent to the district office to start the process. Keep copies of all paperwork.

Be patient and try to be as cooperative as possible. Families whose children have problems may be worried and anxious to get help as soon as possible. The schools want to help, but the legal requirements take time. You should know, however, that there are limits on the time the process is allowed to take.

For parents of special needs or exceptional children, information is available from the Work-Life Family Resource Specialist, (808) 842-2089, regarding special education in Hawai'i and the steps involved in securing special services.

## Junior ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps)

JROTC is a four-year elective program of instruction emphasizing leadership development, citizenship, self-discipline, character development, and basic military subjects. It provides an orientation to the military as a career option and an opportunity for practical career and vocational education experiences.

Completion of JROTC may qualify students for a higher paygrade when enlisting in the armed forces or can lead to advanced placement in the senior division ROTC at the college level. The JROTC Program introduces students to all branches of the military without obligation to enlist.

Radford and Campbell High Schools offer the Navy JROTC. Leilehua High School offers the Army JROTC. Aiea and Moanalua High Schools offer the Air Force JROTC Programs.

## Homeschooling In Hawai'i

Hawai'i Board of Education DoE regulations include Compulsory Attendance Exceptions recognizing homeschooling as a viable and legitimate alternative for child education. This regulation allows parents to homeschool their children merely by informing the Dept of Education with a notice of intent using a Dept of Education Form 4140 or a letter containing:

- child's name
- address
- phone number
- birth date
- grade level
- signature of parents

This notice of intent does not imply approval to homeschool is needed from the State Superintendent. It acknowledges, as a matter of record, the parent's intent to homeschool and allows DoE to assist parents in their educational efforts.

Basic homeschooling requirements include:

- narrative progress report and report card
- testing for students in grades 3, 5, 8, and 10. Homeschooled children may participate in the statewide testing program at the local public school, or parents may arrange for private testing at their own expense.

Parents without a college degree are permitted to instruct their own children at home.

A student who wants a high school diploma can obtain one by achieving a satisfactory GED test score, which is administered by various community schools. The diploma reflects high school equivalency through adult education.

Families are required to notify the principal if the homeschooling program is terminated or if another educational program is initiated.

For more information, contact the principal at the local school where you live (once you're here in Hawai'i), the Department of Education Communications Branch at (808)586-3232 / 3230, or go to <http://www.doe.k12.hi.us/myschool/homeschool.htm>

### Homeschool Associations:

#### Oahu

Hawai'i Homeschool Association  
944-3339  
[www.hawaiihomeschoolassociation.org](http://www.hawaiihomeschoolassociation.org)

Military Home Educators Network (MHEN), a home-school support group. Contact Heather Jackson: [devenpie@yahoo.com](mailto:devenpie@yahoo.com) or .808-206-8428.

Christian Homeschoolers  
689-6398  
[www.christianhomeschoolersofhawaii.org](http://www.christianhomeschoolersofhawaii.org)

#### Maui

Homeschool Adventure: Program for Parents & Youngsters  
242-8225

Christian Home Educators of Maui  
879-0033

#### Hawai'i

Hawai'i Island Christian Home Educators 959-3397

Learning at Home 328-9669

#### Kauai

Association of Home Educators of

Hawai'i 822-0957

### GED Test and Diploma

General Education Development diplomas that satisfy high school completion requirements for older students who dropped out of high school can be obtained by taking a GED exam through the Hawai'i Adult Education school program. The basic requirements are:

- 17 years or older
- not attending high school

If you have never completed a high school semester in Hawai'i, you must take at least one adult education class before being eligible for the GED exam. Classes are conducted fall, spring, and summer, and costs are minimal (\$20-\$30).

### Adult Community Schools:

#### Oahu

McKinley C.S. .... 594-0540  
 Farrington C.S. .... 832-3595  
 Kaimuki C.S. .... 733-8460  
 Moanalua/Aiea. .... 837-8466  
 Kapolei. .... 692-8210  
 Wahiawa C.S. .... 622-1634  
 Waipahu C.S. .... 675-0254  
 Windward School for..... 254-7955  
 Adults

#### Neighbor Islands

Hilo C.S. .... 974-4100  
 Kona C.S. .... 327-4692  
 Maui C.S. .... 873-3082  
 Kauai C.S. .... 274-3390

In addition to the GED program, Adult Community Schools offer many classes including computers, automotive, basic budgeting, naturalization training, etc. Call them!

Any questions/problems call the Community Education Section, Department of Education, 594-0170.

### Geographic Exceptions

Under Hawai'i law, all children are required to attend school in the district they reside. However, attendance in another school district may be granted at the discretion of the Dept of Education, with the welfare of the student as a major consideration. Students who wish to attend school outside their home district may file a "Request for Geographic Exception" either at their home school or the school they wish to attend. Approval is based on space availability and any of the following four considerations:

- student resides with a responsible adult living in the receiving school's area
- student wants to attend a program of study not available in the home school
- student has parents who are staff members of the receiving school
- student has siblings already enrolled in the receiving school

Schools with too many applicants use a chance selection process to approve or disapprove applications. Appeals of denial are made within 10 school days after denial. Appeals are reviewed by the receiving school's district superintendent, who renders a final, written decision within another 10 school days.

Once accepted at a school on a geographic exception, students may continue at the school through their final year. The student must inform the school if he or she intends to leave the school. A geographic exception may be revoked if application information is found to be false.

### School Assignment

At the Hawai'i DoE website, <http://165.248.6.166/data/schoollist.asp>, click on individual schools to view information.

Oahu

**Red Hill Makai (Phase II) Housing** is part of the Central District. Assigned schools are:

**Elementary**  
Red Hill Elementary  
1265 Ala Kula Place  
Honolulu, HI 96819  
(808) 831-7866

**Intermediate**  
Moanalua Intermediate School  
1289 Mahiole St.  
Honolulu, HI 96818  
(808) 831-7850

**High**  
Moanalua High School  
2828 Ala Ilima St.  
Honolulu, HI 96818  
(808) 837-8455

**Barbers Point Air Station** is part of the Leeward District. Assigned schools are:

**Elementary (Iroquois Point only)**  
Iroquois Point Elementary School  
5553 Cormorant Ave.  
Ewa Beach, HI 96706  
(808) 499-6501

**Elementary (Barbers Point only)**  
Barbers Point Elementary School  
3001 Boxer Rd., NAS  
Kapolei, HI 96707  
(808) 673-7400

**Intermediate**  
Ilima Intermediate School  
91-884 Fort Weaver Rd.  
Ewa Beach, HI 96706  
(808) 689-1250

**High**  
Campbell High School  
91-980 North Rd.  
Ewa Beach, HI 96706  
(808) 689-1200

**COMMSTA** uses NCTAMS housing units in addition to Barbers Pt & Red Hill. Navy NCTAMS housing has the following assigned schools:

**Elementary**  
Helemano Elementary School  
1001 Ihi Ihi Ave.  
Wahiawa, HI 96786  
(808) 622-6336

**Intermediate**  
Wahiawa Intermediate School  
275 Rose St.  
Wahiawa, HI 96786  
(808) 622-6500

**High**  
Leilehua High School  
1515 California Ave.  
Wahiawa, HI 96786  
(808) 622-6550

**Wailupe Quarters** are located in the Farrington-Kalani complex area. Assigned schools are:

**Elementary**  
Wailupe Valley Elementary  
939 Hind Iuka Drive  
Honolulu, HI 96821  
(808) 377-2414

**Intermediate**  
Niu Valley Middle (7-8)  
310 Halemaumau St.  
Honolulu, HI 96821  
(808) 377-2440

**High**  
Kalani High School  
4680 Kalaniana'ole Hwy  
Honolulu, HI 96821  
(808) 377-7744

Kauai

**Elementary**  
Koloa Elementary  
3223 Poipu Rd  
Koloa, Kauai 96756  
(808) 742-8460  
Kalaheo Elementary  
P.O. Box 427  
Kalaheo, Kauai 96741  
(808) 332-6801

**Intermediate and High**  
Kauai Inter. and High School  
3577 Lala Rd.  
Lihue, Kauai 96766  
(808) 274-3160

Maui

**Elementary**  
Kahului Elementary School  
410 South Hinia Ave.  
Kahului, Maui 96732  
(808) 873-3055

**Intermediate**  
Maui Waena Intermediate  
795 Onehee St.  
Kahului, Maui 96732  
(808) 873-3070

**High**  
Maui High School  
660 South Lono Ave.  
Kahului, Maui 96732  
(808) 873-3000

Hawai'i (Hilo)

**Elementary**  
Kaumana Elementary School  
1710 Kaumana Dr.  
Hilo, HI 96720  
(808) 974-4190

**Intermediate**  
Hilo Intermediate  
587 Wainuenue Ave.  
Hilo, HI 96720  
(808) 974-4955

**High**  
Hilo High School  
556 Wainuenue Ave.  
Hilo, HI 96720  
(808) 974-4021

## School Performance

DoE thinks Hawai'i public schools compare favorably with mainland public schools. For example, Radford High School in the Central Oahu District was recently named one of 271 outstanding secondary schools in the United States. In Hawai'i, all public high schools and intermediate schools are accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Secondary Schools of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Accreditation by this prestigious body requires schools undergo regularly recurring assessments, followed by recommendations for improvements as warranted. A 2003 Joint Venture Education Forum survey of military parents, however, cited textbook shortages, a lack of challenging curricula, and inadequate access to technology as problems. See: <http://www.pacom.mil/jvef/about.shtml>. Pamphlet, *Education in Hawaii for the Transitioning Military Family* is included in Welcome Aboard package.

## Quality of Graduates

Approximately 65% of Hawai'i's public school graduates pursue additional schooling either in colleges, universities, vocational, or technical schools. Students in Hawai'i's public schools have consistently gained a fair share of national recognition for their scholastic achievements, winning National Merit Scholarships, military academy appointments, college ROTC scholarships, Century III scholarships, Presidential scholarships, and other awards in electronics, mathematics, science, writing, and art.

## Private Schools

Many good, private schools are available in Hawai'i. Private schools are licensed by the Department of Education. No state funds are expended on their operation.

About 15% of Coast Guard parents use private schools. Tuition for most quality private schools starts at about \$3000/year. Most require uniforms, fundraising activities, and active parental involvement. Parents cite higher academic demands, fewer student behavioral problems, religious education, and safety as reasons for choosing private schools.

There are two kinds of entrance requirements. The student will have to take the Secondary School Admission Test or present a prior report card and undergo an interview. Most private schools have a religious affiliation or relationship. For more information, call the Hawai'i Association of Independent Schools (HAIS) at (808)973-1540. The Catholic Diocese of Hawai'i has information about Catholic schools on all islands at (808)263-8844 or e-mail at [info@hais.org](mailto:info@hais.org).

**Listings for private schools** (including Catholic) may be found in **Appendix C** of this handbook.

**Pre-Schools and Child-Development Centers**, affiliated with the U.S. Armed Forces, are located on federal property on Oahu. For more information, consult the following numbers for childcare services:

- Coast Guard Family Resource Specialist 842-2089
- Army Central Registration 655-5314/833-5393
- Air Force Child Development Center 449-9880
- Navy KIDS Line 471-5437
- Marine Corps 257-5525

Referrals for civilian preschools and child development centers are available through PATCH (People Attentive to Children) Child Care Referral Agency (808) 839-1988.

A **list of all Oahu preschools** is listed in **Appendix D** of this handbook.

Coast Guard members most often use the following preschools:

- Aliamanu Child Development Center
- Navy Hale Keiki School
- Moanalua Cosmopolitan Pre-School

## Colleges and Universities

Hawai'i has colleges, universities, institutions, and out-of-state extension classes available for higher education degrees. Military family members attending state colleges and universities are eligible for state tuition rates while their spouse or parent is stationed in Hawai'i on military orders. Request a school catalog for academic requirements, deadlines, and information. Community colleges offer a wide range of associate and certificate degree programs.

The D-14 Learning Center located on Sand Island is a great place to get started. The learning center is a central source for services and valuable information about military discounts, Online courses, and how to request tuition assistance. The learning center offers testing services at no-cost to the Service Member or his or her spouse. Contact Information:

Donna Duellberg, ESS 842-2056  
[donna.j.duellberg@uscg.mil](mailto:donna.j.duellberg@uscg.mil)

SCPO Tim Macon, CDA 842-2043  
[timothy.e.macon@uscg.mil](mailto:timothy.e.macon@uscg.mil)

## Community Colleges Oahu

Honolulu Community College  
874 Dillingham Blvd  
Honolulu, HI 96817  
(808) 845-9129  
www.honolulu.hawaii.edu

Kapiolani Community College  
4303 Diamond Head Rd  
Honolulu, HI 96819  
(808) 734-9555  
www.kcc.hawaii.edu

Leeward Community College  
96-045 Ala Iki  
Pearl City, HI 96782  
(808) 455-0642  
www.lcc.hawaii.edu

Windward Community College  
45-720 Keaahala Rd  
Kaneohe, HI 96744  
(808) 235-7400  
www.wcc.hawaii.edu

**Hawai`i** Community College  
200 West Kawili Street  
Hilo, HI 96720-4091  
(808) 974-7611  
www.hawcc.hawaii.edu

**Kauai** Community College  
3-1901 Kaumualii Hwy  
Lihue, HI 96766  
(808) 245-8220  
www.kauaicc.hawaii.edu

**Maui** Community College  
310 Kaahumanu  
Kahului, HI 96732  
(808) 984-3500  
www.mauicc.hawaii.edu

## State Universities

University of Hawai`i at Manoa  
Admissions and Records Student  
Services Center, Rm 001  
Honolulu, HI 96822  
(808) 956-8111. Many undergraduate and graduate degree programs.  
Out-State Tuition / Credit Hr: \$606,  
Out-State Tuition: \$14,544.

University of Hawai`i West Oahu  
Student Services  
96-043 Ala Iki  
Pearl City, HI 96782  
(808) 456-5921  
www.uhm.hawaii.edu

University of Hawai`i at Hilo  
200 W. Kawili Street  
Hilo, HI 96720  
(808) 974-7444  
rtseng@hawaii.edu

## Hawai`i Association of Charter Schools

A non-profit organization created in 1999, the Hawai`i Association of Charter Schools (HACS) represents and nurtures Hawai`i's 25 New Century Charter Schools. Providing support for these independent, small, public schools, HACS works with funding sources, provides technical support and professional development, creates community partnerships, and conducts research.

Reach them at:  
<http://www.k12.hi.us/bwoerner/hacs>  
Phone/fax: (808) 947-1058  
2515 Manoa Road  
Honolulu, HI 96822

## Private Colleges and Universities (offering on ground classes)

Argosy University  
400 ASB Tower, 1001 Bishop St  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
(808) 536-5555  
www.argosy.edu

Brigham Young University  
Box 1973, Laie, HI 96762  
(808) 293-3738  
www.byuh.edu

Central Michigan University  
Hickam Education Center  
900 Hangar Ave  
Hickam AFB, HI 96853  
(808) 422-6118  
www.cel.cmich.edu

University of Oklahoma  
Hanger 2, Room 18A  
Hickam AFB, HI 96853  
(808) 422-5509  
www.occe.ou.edu

Heald Business College  
1500 Kapiolani Blvd.  
Honolulu, HI 96816  
(808) 955-1500  
www.heald.edu

Chaminade University of Hawai`i  
Admissions  
3140 Waialae Ave.  
Honolulu, HI 96816-1578  
(808) 735-4711; 1-800-735-3733  
www.chaminade.edu

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.  
Hawai`i Resident Center  
PO Box 31252  
Honolulu, HI 96820  
(808) 422-0835  
www.ec.erau.edu

Hawai`i Pacific University  
1164 Bishop St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
(808) 687-7081/543-8052  
www.hpu.edu

San Diego Golf Academy  
45-550 Kionaole Road  
Kaneohe, HI 96744  
(808) 236-2800  
www.sdgagolf.com

Wayland Baptist University  
99-080 Kauhale St, Ste. D14  
Honolulu, HI 96817  
(808) 235-7400  
www.wbu.edu

University of Phoenix  
827 Fort Street  
Honolulu, HI  
www.phoenix.edu  
(808)-536-2686