



STATE RESULTS

“Young children are ready to have successful learning experiences in school when there is a positive interaction among the child’s developmental characteristics, school practices, and family and community support.”

Readiness definition adopted by the State of Hawaii, 2001

Purpose

The Hawaii State School Readiness Assessment is a critical component of the School Readiness Task Force’s strategy to improve school readiness and student achievement. This tool provides annual school and system level accountability for Hawaii’s investments in early childhood programs and services. HSSRA reports for individual schools, complex areas and the state overall are available on www.goodbeginnings.org/hssra.htm and on <http://arch.k12.hi.us>.

School level data are compiled into two profiles:

- Early Education Profile: has background school information and the degree to which educational policies and practices that support early learning are in place at the school.
- Kindergarten Class Profile: indicates how consistently entering kindergarten students display key skills and characteristics necessary for successful learning experiences in school.

HSSRA results are useful for school improvement planning and for planning effective transition programs for entering kindergarten students and their families. Kindergarten teachers may use the results for planning classroom instruction to meet the needs and strengths of entering kindergartners.

Summary of Schools’ Early Education Profile

School profiles have two parts: (1) Background information on schools with kindergarten classes; and (2) Schools’ early education policies and practices.

Background:	Total number of regular elementary schools	180
	Percent of total that participated	98%
	Percent of participating schools that are Title I	65%
The figures in this report are from principals and kindergarten teachers of schools that submitted HSSRA. The data reported for the State do not include Charter schools.		
Schools accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges		
	Number	18
	Percent	10%
	Average length of accreditation term (years)	4.8
Kindergarten teachers who participated		
	Number and % With Early Childhood Endorsement *	128 20%
	% with 0-3 years kindergarten teaching experience	36%
	% with 4-8 years kindergarten teaching experience	25%
	% with 9+ years kindergarten teaching experience	39%
Kindergarten students		
	Percent receiving free/reduced lunch subsidies	42%
	Percent of Non-Native Speakers of English (ESL, ELL)	14%
	Percent of SPED students	6%
	Percent of kindergartners who attended preschool	60%

* Note: An Early Childhood Endorsement is conferred by many teacher education programs to denote coursework or practicum specifically in early childhood. It is not required by the Department of Education.

Summary of Kindergarten Class Profile

Benchmark: Schools with Well Established Early Childhood Policies and Practices

Dimensions	2005		2006		2007	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Transition from home/preschool to kindergarten	37	22.8%	47	28.7%	60	33.7%
Communication with families	46	28.4%	60	36.6%	61	34.3%
Parent involvement	32	19.8%	29	17.7%	32	18.0%
School improvement in Early Education	29	17.9%	43	26.2%	65	36.5%
Kindergarten classroom practice	94	58.0%	102	62.2%	111	62.4%
Met benchmarks in all dimensions	1	0.6%	8	4.9%	9	5.1%
Number of schools responding	162		164		178	

Note:
These are schools in which early childhood policies and practices are well established and in place.

For individual school reports or complex area reports, please visit <http://www.goodbeginnings.org/hssra.htm> or <http://arch.k12.hi.us>

Benchmark: Kindergarten Classes Consistently Displaying Key Skills and Characteristics

Dimensions	2005		2006		2007	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Approaches to Learning	230	41.4%	245	39.0%	262	40.1%
Academic						
Literacy concepts & skills	154	27.7%	116	18.5%	116	17.8%
Math concepts & skills	246	44.3%	163	26.0%	170	26.0%
School Behaviors & Skills	271	48.8%	251	40.0%	286	43.8%
Social-Emotional Behaviors	273	49.2%	294	46.8%	317	48.5%
Physical Well Being	316	56.9%	309	49.2%	333	51.0%
Met benchmarks in all dimensions	63	11.4%	52	8.3%	52	8.0%
Number of Kindergarten classes responding	555		628		653	

Note:
These are classes in which at least three fourths of all entering kindergarten children consistently display the skills and characteristics necessary for success in school life.

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