

## **Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) Public Prekindergarten Program**

Beginning in school year 24-25 Noelani has partnered with EOEL to offer a Public Prekindergarten Program on our campus.

While we host the program, EOEL and DOE are SEPARATE entities. **As such, EOEL dictates the eligibility requirements and qualifications for the program.** If you, or someone you know, are interested in applying a child for an EOEL PreKindergarten Program, here is some information you need to know.

For more information or if you have questions visit the EOEL website at <https://earlylearning.hawaii.gov/> , call (808) 784-5350, or email [eoel.info@eoel.hawaii.gov](mailto:eoel.info@eoel.hawaii.gov).

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Your child must be three or four years old on or before July 31 of the current school year. For school year 2024-25, your child's birthday must fall on or between August 1, 2019 – July 31, 2021.

In addition to the age requirement, priority is given to children whose situations include one or more of the following listed below. Please identify the priority categories that you believe apply to you and your child's situation. Please note that additional documentation may be required. EOEL will consider this information and supporting documentation as this application is reviewed.

### **How do children qualify for the program?**

In addition to the age requirement, priority is provided to children whose situations include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following:

- Children who are placed through their individualized education programs in a general education setting;
- Children who are English as a second language learners;
- Children who are in foster care;
- Children who are experiencing homelessness or unstable housing;
- Children whose family income is no more than 300% of the federal poverty level OR who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and/or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);
- Children who are experiencing at-risk situations which may impact their learning and development.

### **Priority Category and Preference to Home School Dates**

March 1 – May 31 : Priority categories within home school geographic region

June 1 – September 30 : Priority categories

October 1 – end of school year : Open enrollment

- For applications received between March 1 – May 31st, enrollment is awarded to students in the priority categories and applying within the home school geographic region. Notifications will be sent during the first week of June.
- For applications received between June 1 – September 30, enrollment (pending availability) is awarded to students in the priority categories and residing in any geographic region. Notifications will be sent during the first week of October.
- For applications received between October 1 – the end of the school year, enrollment (pending availability) is awarded to applicants on a first come first served basis. Notifications will be sent as applications are processed.

Schools will send letters of acceptance or denial to parents/legal guardians. Acceptance letters will instruct parents/legal guardians to enroll their child at the school office. Required school enrollment forms must be completed and submitted prior to the child's first day of attendance.

### **IMPORTANT PROGRAM NEED TO KNOW INFORMATION**

- [ONLINE applications](#) are now available (best).
- Complete paper applications can be submitted to the Main Office. Noelani will forward the application to EOEL for consideration. Incomplete applications will be kicked back to parents and may delay the process.
- EOEL does not offer before and after-school care, and children in the EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program do not qualify for before or after-school care that is provided for DOE students in grades K-12. Students attend 8:00a - 2:15p (M, Tu, Th, F) and 8:00a - 1:30p (W). Parents must pick up when the school day is complete.
- PreK follows the Noelani school schedule. When K-5 is on break, so is PreK.
- For the first two weeks of the school year, children and families of EOEL will have an orientation and transition schedule.
- Noelani has hired a PreK teacher, however we are still in process to hire an Educational Assistant. Delays in hiring an EA may affect the number of students who can enroll in the class.
- Children in EOEL programs do NOT qualify for bus services.
- Out of district students MUST apply for a Geographic Exception to enter Noelani as a Kindergarten student.