



Keiki Focus

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Our Keiki, Our Schools: How Do We Know What Is Working and What Needs Work?



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Each year since 2004, the Department of Education and Good Beginnings Alliance have partnered to gather important school readiness answers. We have asked all kindergarten teachers and principals at each elementary school across the state to answer questions about their new kindergarteners and their schools. This "real time" assessment is completed during the first few weeks of each school year.

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The information gathered annually through this Hawaii State School Readiness Assessment (HSSRA) provides important data that can help us understand how prepared Hawaii's children are to succeed in school as they enter kindergarten, and how well-equipped our schools are to teach and serve these young learners. The more ready our keiki are to succeed at the start of kindergarten and the more ready our schools are to support our young children and their families, the better chance our children have to succeed in school and in life.

Stay Tuned: The 2008-2009 HSSRA results will be available in November. GBA plans to provide a trend analysis of the last three years of data and will also undertake a study focused on HSSRA data from [P-3](#) grant recipient schools to help explore how HSSRA data can be best used to inform instruction and improve student achievement.

[Read more about HSSRA's history, development, and what it can tell us.](#)

[Check out HSSRA results from previous years, statewide, by complex area and by individual schools.](#)

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