

POLICY E-2

MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES

Our Vision

The State of Hawai'i Board of Education envisions an exemplary statewide system of public schools where students are engaged in an inspiring, personalized, and culturally responsive education that fosters creative and critical thinkers prepared for college and career success and community and civic engagement.

Our Mission

The State of Hawai'i Board of Education leads the public education system through strategic direction, transparent policymaking, effective oversight, comprehensive systems, meaningful engagement, and vigorous advocacy.

Our Core Values

The State of Hawai'i Board of Education believes in a public education system that is accountable to itself, to the students and families it serves, and to the communities that support and depend on public schools. We value:

- **He pili wehena 'ole.** (*A relationship that cannot be undone.*)* Connections to and engagement with people and places as important drivers of action.
- **Ma ka hana ka 'ike ma ka 'imi ka loa'a.** (*In working one learns, through initiative one acquires.*)* Initiative to perform motivated by a sense of kuleana and accountability to self and others.
- **'A'ohe 'ulu e loa'a i ka pōkole o ka lou.** (*There is no success without preparation.*)* Nurturing individual strengths, increasing proficiencies and abilities to be able to serve, and fostering excellence in ourselves and those we serve.
- **E 'ōpū ali'i.** (*Have the heart of a chief.*)* Reciprocal partnering and sharing that calls forward a deep sense of aloha and generosity, especially towards those needing the most help in pursuit of equity.
- **Ua ola loko i ke aloha.** (*Love is imperative to one's mental and physical well being.*)* Pono practices that prioritize balance.
- **'O Hawai'i ku'u 'āina kilohana.** (*Hawai'i is my prized place.*)* Hawai'i based processes to preserve, honor, and elevate the unique qualities that define and sets Hawai'i apart from the rest of the world.

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