

Hawai'i State Approved Teacher Education Program Updates June 2026



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STANDARDS BOARD

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Approved New Business Items

The Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) members approved the following New Business Items (NBI) on June 3, 2026.

- [NBI 25-22 Revised](#) Policy on Hawaiian Permit Requirements, Program Responsibilities, and Review.
- [NBI 25-26](#) License Affirmation (December 2025 and January 2026).
- [NBI 25-27](#) Standard Limited CTE Licensure Criteria to Meet Act 151.
- [NBI 25-28](#) The University of Hawai'i at West O'ahu's Early Childhood Education P-3 Add a Teaching Field Licensure Program Review Decision.
- [NBI 25-29](#) Leeward Community College's Special Education P-3 Initial Licensure Program Review Decision.
- [NBI 25-30](#) Approval of Leeward Community College's Special Education Praxis Exam Transition and Program Alignment Review.
- [NBI 25-31](#) Approval of the University of Hawai'i at West O'ahu's Special Education Praxis Exam Transition and Program Alignment Review.
- [NBI 25-36](#) License Affirmation (February 2026 and March 2026).
- [NBI 25-39](#) The Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board Meeting Schedule for 2026-2027.
- [NBI 25-43](#) Adoption of Elementary Education: Math Specialist K-6 Licensure Field.
- [NBI 25-44](#) Adoption of Praxis Licensure Exam for Elementary Education: Math Specialist (5037).
- [NBI 25-46](#) Results and Recommendations from HTSB Annual Educator Preparation Program Completer Audit School Year 2024-2025.
- [NBI 25-47](#) Teach For America Audit Findings Year 2.
- [NBI 25-48](#) Consideration of iteach-Hawai'i Letter of Intent to Plan Initial License and Add a Teaching Field Programs in Early Childhood Education.
- [NBI 25-49](#) Approval of Modifications to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's Literacy Specialist Add a Teaching Field Program.

Important Notices

- Sign up to receive HTSB Board Meeting information by clicking [here](#).
- Starting on July 1, 2026, acceptance of official records and documents (e.g., employment records, official transcripts) must be submitted using one of the following methods: (1) a third-party vendor, (2) mailed directly from the institution, or (3) direct submission from the issuing institution's secure email (see Hawaii Revised Statutes §302A-803, §302A-805, [New Business Item 25-15](#)).
- Share with your staff and faculty the [Hawai'i State Department of Education Subject Matter Standards](#) website to ensure teacher candidates are prepared to incorporate student standards adopted by the department ([Hawaii Administrative Rules](#) §8-54-19[3B]).
- Teacher candidates who accept Emergency Hire Teacher positions must complete their clinical experience/student teaching in the licensure field and grade level they will be recommended for upon program completion ([New Business Item 12-27Revised](#)).
- Please contact Licensing Specialist Dr. Jennifer Padua if you want vouchers for the ETS ProEthica online training modules or a licensing presentation for teacher candidates or faculty.

Professional Learning Opportunities

- [ETS Praxis Prep Partner Series](#), (virtual), August 4, 2026
- [ISTE](#), Orlando, FL, June 28 – July 1, 2026
- [ASCD](#), Orlando, FL, June 28 – July 1, 2026
- [WINHEC Research Education Conference](#), Alberta, Canada, July 6-10, 2026
- [CAEPCon Fall Symposium](#), Arlington, VA, September 17-18, 2026
- [Pacific Northwest Institute on Special Education and the Law](#), Portland, OR, September 21-23, 2026
- [AAQEP Institute](#), Las Vegas, NV, September 24-25, 2026

Upcoming HTSB Events

- HTSB Board Meetings:
 - 2026: August 14, September 11, November 13
 - 2027: January 15, March 5, April 23

Mahalo

- Participants who attended the Cooperating/Mentor Teacher Workgroup.
- The following EPPs for allowing HTSB staff to deliver presentations on licensure requirements, Model Code of Ethics for Educators, or Special Education Law: HPU, Kahuawaiola, LCC CTE/SPED, Teach for America, UH-Hilo, UHM COE, and UHWO.

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