DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
MAJOR FUNCTIONS

- Under the direction of the Board of Education, the Department of Education manages the statewide system of public schools.

- The scope of educational programs and services of the public schools regularly encompasses grades kindergarten through twelve, and such pre-school programs and community/adult education programs as may be established by law.

- In addition to regular programs of instruction and support services, public schools offer special programs and services for qualified students with disabilities, gifted and talented students, students with limited English language proficiency, and students who are economically and culturally disadvantaged, school-alienated, or institutionally confined.

- The Board of Education also oversees the Hawaii State Public Library System. The Hawaii State Public Library System operates the Hawaii State Library, the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, public libraries, community public and school libraries, and bookmobile services.

- The State Public Charter School Commission is placed within the Department of Education for administrative purposes. The Commission has statewide chartering jurisdiction and authority.

- The Executive Office on Early Learning is responsible for the performance, development, and control of programs and activities relating to a comprehensive early childhood system for children.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREAS

The Department of Education has programs in the following major program area:

Formal Education
EDN 100 School Based Budgeting
EDN 150 Special Education and Student Support Services
EDN 200 Instructional Support
EDN 300 State Administration
EDN 400 School Support
EDN 407 Public Libraries
EDN 500 School Community Services
EDN 600 Charter Schools
EDN 700 Executive Office on Early Learning