

# Connections Public Charter School



**Mission:** Our mission is to create an 'ohana which is conducive to the recognition and development of individual talents. Thematic and experiential learning experiences are provided which focus on how students construct knowledge using creative and critical thinking. A forum for the development of the ability to recognize and differentiate a quality result or product is offered. Classroom experiences are connected to real life experiences so that students can grow in the understanding of themselves in relation to their community and the world.

**Board Chair:** Tierney McClary

**Director:** John Thatcher

**Year authorized:** 2000

174 Kamehameha Ave., Hilo, HI 96720

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**Region:** East Hawaii

**DOE Complex:** Hilo Complex

**Total enrollment:** 359

**Grades:** K-12

Elementary: K-6

Middle: 7-8

High: 9-12

**WASC accredited:** No

**Title I eligible:** Yes

**High needs populations:**

School

**SPED:** 17.5%

**FRL:** 78.3%

**ELL:** 3.3%

Statewide

**SPED:** 9.7%

**FRL:** 50.6%

**ELL:** 6.2%

## Academic Performance – School Year 2015-2016

### Academic Performance Framework (APF)

Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission

Weighted API Score (APF weight: 100%)	School-Specific Measure (APF weight: 0%)	APF Score (0-400 points)
<b>149</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>149</b>

	Elem	Middle	High
<b>Division API</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>199</b>
Enrollment	168	73	118
Weight	47%	20%	33%

### Acronyms

DOE = Hawaii Department of Education

API = Academic performance index

SPED = Special education students

FRL = Students eligible for free and reduced-price lunch

ELL = English language learners

WASC = Western Association of Schools and Colleges

### Strive HI Performance System

Hawaii Department of Education

Strive HI Classification
<b>Continuous Improvement</b>

### Strive HI Steps



Priority

### Automatic Classification Trigger

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### Financial Performance – School Year 2015-2016

Financial Performance Indicators	SY 2015-2016	Target/Standard
1. Current Ratio	3.72	1.1 or higher
2. Unrestricted Days Cash on Hand	119.30 days	60 days or more; 30 to 60 days AND positive trend from SY 2014-2015 to SY 2015-2016
3. Enrollment Variance	96.8%	95% or higher
4. Total Margin	16%	0% or higher
5. Debt to Assets Ratio	16%	50% or less
6. Cash Flow	\$488,810	\$0.00 or more
7. Unrestricted Fund Balance Percentage	49.8%	25% or higher
8. Change in Total Fund Balance	\$488,932	\$0.00 or more
<b>Annual Overall Rating</b>	<b>Meets Standard</b>	

### Organizational Performance – School Year 2015-2016

Organizational Performance Indicators	SY 2015-2016	Target/Standard
1. On-time completion rate for Epicenter tasks	100%	70% or higher
2. Number of Notices of Deficiency	0	1 or fewer
3. Number of incidents of non-compliance with governing board meeting requirements, as set forth in Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), Section 302D-12(h)	0	2 or fewer
4. Number of incidents of non-compliance with school policy requirements, as set forth in the Charter Contract, Section 11.4.1	0	1 or fewer
5. Number of Compliance Review tasks not completed satisfactorily	0	1 or fewer
<b>Annual Overall Rating</b>	<b>Meets Standard</b>	

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