

## 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

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[www.connectionscharterschool.org](http://www.connectionscharterschool.org)

**Region:** East Hawaii

**DOE Complex:** Hilo

**Total enrollment:** 350

**Grades:** K-12

Elementary: K-6

Middle: 7-8

High: 9-12

**Accredited:** No

**Title I:** Yes

**High needs populations**

School

**SPED:** 16.6%

**FRL:** 70.9%

**ELL:** 4.0%

Statewide

**SPED:** 9.6%

**FRL:** 50.9%

**ELL:** 6.7%

### Academic Performance – School Year 2014-2015

#### 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>155</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>155</b>

	Elem	Middle	High
<b>Division API</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>148</b>
Enrollment	167	68	115
Weight	48%	19%	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

#### Strive HI Performance System

Hawaii Department of Education

Strive HI API Score (0-400 points)	Strive HI Classification
<b>186</b>	<b>Continuous Improvement</b>

#### Strive HI Steps



#### Automatic Classification Trigger

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### Financial Performance – School Year 2014-2015

Financial Performance Indicators	SY 2014-2015	Target/Standard
1. Current Ratio	1.47	1.1 or higher
2. Unrestricted Days Cash on Hand	45	60 days or more; 30 to 60 days AND positive trend from SY 2013- 2014 to SY 2014- 2015
3. Enrollment Variance	94.9%	95% or higher
4. Total Margin	6.0%	0% or higher
5. Debt to Assets Ratio	28.7%	50% or less
6. Cash Flow	\$115,239.28	\$0.00 or more
7. Unrestricted Fund Balance Percentage	29.0%	25% or higher
8. Change in Total Fund Balance	\$167,016.00	\$0.00 or more

### Organizational Performance – School Year 2014-2015

Organizational Performance Indicators	SY 2014-2015	Target/Standard
1. On-time completion rate for Epicenter tasks	98%	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. Satisfactory completion of Compliance Review tasks		n/a

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