



'Aina Pono Hawai'i State Farm to School Program

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES BRANCH

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School Food Services Branch's Mission



To feed our keiki with healthy, nutritious, fresh food so they can achieve academic success



‘Aina Pono Overview

‘Aina = meal

Not to be confused with ‘āina (land)

Pono = righteousness; honorable;
doing things correctly;
being in a state of
balance and harmony



‘Aina Pono loosely translates to:

- “righteous meal” or “good meal”
- “pono” is about doing what’s right

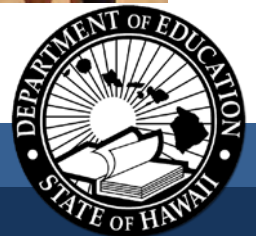
'Aina Pono

Includes:

- Farm to School
- Harvest of the Month
- Test kitchens
- Meal programs
- Menu planning
- Health and food education
- Nutrition
- School gardens



'Aina Pono Hawai'i State Farm to School



'Aina Pono Hawai'i State Farm to School Overview

2015

- Spearheaded by the Lieutenant Governor's Office, after Senate Bill 376 was signed into law as Act 218
- Introduced as the “Farm to School Initiative”

2016-2017 School Year

- Pilot program started in the Kohala Complex Area on Hawaii Island
- Kohala High serves about 600 meals a day to its students, as well as Kohala Elementary and Kohala Intermediate schools



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March 29, 2018: HIDOE and the Lt. Governor's Office unveiled a new logo and name



'Aina Pono Hawai'i State Farm to School Program Goals

1. Systematically increase HIDOE's **purchasing of local food** for school breakfast, lunch and snack programs. **Target:** 40% local food (grown and/or raised within the State of Hawaii).
2. Increase **student participation** in child nutrition programs (increase the number of students that eat school meals). **Target:** participation increases by 5%.
3. Increase **student consumption of healthy foods** in school meals. **Targets:** Processed food shall not exceed 40%; food waste declines by 10%.
4. The program will be **cost-neutral** over time (implementation costs will be covered by cost-savings generated by decreased waste and increased efficiencies). **Target:** Overproduction shall not exceed 5%.



Implementation

- Menu Development
- Training
- Data Tracking
- Waste Management
- Supply Chain Development
- Procurement Innovation
- Community Outreach
- Nutrition Education



'Aina Pono Hawai'i State Farm to School Program Timeline

January 2017: Kohala High

- Feeds Kohala Elementary and Kohala Middle

January 2018: Mililani High School

- Feeds Mililani Uka and Mililani Waena

May 2018: Possible expansion to other Oahu schools

Summer 2018: Staff training



‘Aina Pono Hawai‘i State Harvest of the Month Program



'Aina Pono Hawai'i State Harvest of the Month

- *Featuring an item from our local farmers and ranchers*
- *Monthly, statewide program*

2017

December: Local ground beef - Paniolo Beef Patty

2018

January: Banana - Fresh Banana Crumble

February: Papaya - Uncle Jeff's Papaya Bread

March & April: 'Ulu (breadfruit) - 'Ulu-licious Wraps

May: Soon to be announced on May 1



2018-2019 School Year

- Eliminate styrofoam products
- Develop hands-on staff training across the state
- Continue to expand the 'Aina Pono program to more schools
- Increase local produce from 32% to 35% statewide
- Incorporate more student voice into the menu





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