

HSDB offers a wide array of services to Deaf students!

- Bilingual instruction in ASL with a strong emphasis on literacy skills in reading and writing English
- Vocational training and work study experiences
- Post-secondary transition services
- Supervised residential program
- Paid flights to and from their home island
- Evaluation services including on-site audiological testing
- Adaptive media including captioned media, braille and large print
- Assistive technology
- Support for students with Cochlear Implants
- ASL interpreters for on and off-campus activities, events and athletics
- Related services - speech/language therapy, counseling, OT, PT and transportation

## Vision

HSDB, a community where all are empowered to succeed.

## Mission

The mission of HSDB is to create a community in which:

**H**igh achievement is expected and encouraged,

**S**tandard-based education promoting self-directed learners to

**D**evelop excellence in academics, communication, independence and civic responsibility, and where

**B**oth ASL and English are the language of instruction and communication.

## Visitor Policy

Visitors are welcome to schedule appointments for tours, observations, and meetings with staff.

Please schedule your visit by calling our school office at (808) 733-4999.

**NOTE:** Photographs or videotapes of students and staff may **ONLY** be taken with permission from the Principal.

# Hawai'i School for the Deaf and the Blind



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## FAST FACTS:

- HSDB is the only ASL immersion program in the State of Hawaii.
- HSDB was established in 1914.
- HSDB is on 5.1 acres located in the Kapahulu District of Honolulu, within walking distance of Waikiki Beach and the Honolulu Zoo.
- HSDB provides teachers and students with full access to technology in every classroom.
- HSDB promotes literacy through daily participation in reading and writing, including journals in all areas of the curriculum and Writer's Workshop.
- HSDB encourages families to sign with their children and supports this by offering Family ASL classes and the Shared Reading Project.
- HSDB provides a balance of deaf and hearing faculty.
- HSDB does not charge tuition as a public school.



### Who can attend the Hawaii School for the Deaf and the Blind?

Any Hawaii student between the ages of 3-20 who is deaf, hard-of-hearing, or deaf-blind and uses American Sign Language (ASL) for communication and instruction.

### Can students from other Hawaiian islands attend HSDB?

Yes. Students from other islands can reside in the campus dorm and will be flown to and from their home island at the end of the school week and return on Sunday. Parents of neighbor island students are also flown in for special events and IEP meetings.

### What is HSDB's philosophy?

All individuals can and do learn. We provide educational experiences and opportunities that allow students to develop their unique abilities and skills with high expectations of success, based on their communication, intellectual, emotional, psychological, social, cultural and physical needs as individuals.

### What are the benefits of attending HSDB?

Students can excel in academics and participate in a variety of activities, such as being a member of the Student Body Government, working on the school yearbook, planning the prom, hosting a news program and more by attending a school where communication and instruction are in the student's primary language of ASL.

### Does HSDB offer extracurricular activities?

Yes. Students can participate in sports both on campus and in collaboration with Oahu Interscholastic Association (OIA) through neighboring schools.

### What happens after graduation?

Ideally, students will leave HSDB with a broad base of knowledge and effective skills for daily living, decision-making and problem-solving to become contributing adult citizens.

